

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
March 4, 2008**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

City Clerk, William B. Wescott, called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. Upon roll call, Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom were present. City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese attended. Alderman Reitzel and Thurm were absent.

Audience Requests:

Mrs. H. A. DeBord, 706 7th Avenue addressed the Council with concerns about the manner in which the snow is plowed on the end of 7th Avenue which is a dead end. As the snow melts, the run off has nowhere to go, since the old drainage ditch was lost when the National Guard Armory put in a parking lot. As a result, the water runs into Mrs. DeBord property causing excessive water into her basement to the point that sump pumps cannot keep up with the flow. She is aware of the excessive winter, but asks if something can be done to facilitate the runoff or not push the snow into the area. Kim Wright, granddaughter of Mrs. DeBord shared photos of the areas in question. Following the presentation, the Mayor asked the Street Department Supt. to check on the situation in the morning and Alderman Hand requested that the matter be referred to the Public Works Committee at there next meeting.

Community Affairs:

Doug Wiersema, President/CEO; Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council in regards to many issues including, development of an intern scholarship program, "New to Town packet" and development of POD cast on the internet for those smaller businesses that can not afford the cost of maintaining WEB Sites.

Ordinance/First Reading

1. Ordinance 2008-2266. **Section 2-76. Standing Committees.** At the request of the Mayor, this item was tabled for further review and consideration.

Ordinance/Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2008-2263; **Section 15-76. Single – family residential dwelling, commercial and industrial users. (corrected Copy) Motion** by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Arduini to approve this Ordinance adopted last Council meeting with several changes in verbiage only. Uppo, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini and Hand voted aye. Alderman Folsom voted nay. Vote 5 ayes, 1 nay, **motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of February 19, 2008 Council Minutes
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approve Lease Agreement No. 3146, for the period of (5) years beginning, May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2013 for a lease fee of \$60.00/per year (total lease \$300.00). The property identified, is utilized by the City for operating and maintaining a public storm water drainage facility, located on the eastern edge of Centennial Park.

Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, **motion carried.**

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey had several items for the Council:

1. Request that members of the Garbage Hauling Ad Hoc Committee schedule a meeting to discuss the upcoming contract renewal.
2. Addressed the work, which continues in regards to necessary filings with the U.S.E.P.A. in regards to the Brownfield Clean-up. Requests for extensions to our (2) two grants have been approved. The River Front Assessment Grant will be extended 6 months, and the Reliant Clean – Up Grant will be extended (2) years.
3. Reported that following discussions with the IDNR in regards to possible Grants for the Bike Path Extension, it was determined that it would be in our best interest to hold off and file for grant monies next year, when the proposed local plan and finances are better resolved.

Department Heads:

- Mr. Padilla gave a brief overview of the Educational pathway that the Groundwater Committee is going to work towards during the coming year. He stressed that all of the efforts will be directed towards the education of our youth, to establish the importance of maintaining our water supply and keeping it safe. Programs will include, Tours of the water Pant for second graders at Dillon School, Ground water flow model demonstrations for the 5th graders at Merrill school, Flow model demonstrations and discussions for the sophomore classes at the High School and continuing the work with testing at the rural schools.
- Mr. Jakubczak, Electrical Director presented (2) items for Council action:
 1. **Request approval of work order in the amount of \$4,073.00 to Engle Electric for the replacement of (2) traffic signal Heads at the intersection of 12th Ave & 2nd St.. Money to cover the costs for the project will come from secured grants. Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the requests. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, **motion carried.**
 2. Request Council action to authorize the Mayor to sign an **agreement, requested by the IMEA in regards to allowing the City of Rock Falls to utilize non-dedicated capacity totaling 3,639kW from generator units #6 and #7 for the program year June 1, 2008 through May 31, 2009 to be placed into the PJM (Reliability Pricing Model) and realize revenues from the ILR (Interruptible Load for Reliability Program).** Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier to authorize City's participation in the program. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, **motion carried.**
- Chief Perez requested authorization from the Council to submit the following (2) two grant applications for consideration:
 1. **Camera Grant Application through the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board for the purchase of (4) four in car cameras. Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Folsom to allow application for consideration. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, **motion carried.**

2. Grant through the Illinois Department of Transportation; Project Title: Integrated Mini-Grant Enforcement Program (Image). Value of the Grant is \$17,939.25 to be used for reimbursement of wages paid out for special safety details conducted by the Department. Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve the submittal of this application. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, **motion carried**

Information/Updates:

City Clerk Wescott presented (2) two items for Council consideration and action:

1. **Proclamation calling for declaration of Local Government Week, March 2-8, 2008. Motion** by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Hand to enter the Proclamation into record. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, **motion carried**.
2. Recommendation from the Personnel Committee to approve tuition reimbursement requested by Mr. Paul Jakubczak upon successful completion of the courses presented, as outlined in the City of Rock Falls Tuition Reimbursement Policy. Course: MBA-Business 610-Organizational Behavior (6) weeks beginning March 5, 2008. **Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve the recommendation. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, **motion carried**.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blanton removed items on the agenda in regards to committee appointments for further consideration and deliberation before recommendation later. He then gave a brief report on the recent attendance of himself, Alderman Hand and Mr. Jakubczak at the recent IPPA conference held in Washington D.C... They had an opportunity to speak with many of our representatives about a variety of topics relating to the City, as well as, the region, which have an impact of the City.

Alderman Folsom made a **motion** for adjournment that was seconded by Mr. Snow. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, **motion carried**. (OUT: 7:17 p.m.)

Approved March 18, 2008 by Council Action.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk