

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
March 18, 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 Thurm, Folsom, Hand, Kuhlemier, Snow, Reitzel and Vandersnick were present. City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese attended. Alderman Arduini was absent.

Community Affairs:

Sandy Henrekin, Executive Director, Rock Falls Community Development Corporation spoke briefly to the Council about the recent trip to Moline, Illinois to hear about there Renew Moline project. The purpose of which is to bring about better communications between the City and the RFCD. In addition, she presented a confidential report to the Mayor and Alderman in there Council packets.

Terry Shansi, Manager of the Country Market Store was representing the Chamber of Commerce. He reminded the Council of a couple of upcoming events that will be upon us fast, first the City Wide Garage Sale on Saturday, May 3, 2008. Secondly, he informed the Council that the annual Chamber Golf Outing will be Friday, May 30, 2008 at the Rock River Country Club. The date has been changed from late August with the hopes of increasing participation.

Ordinance/First Reading:

1. Ordinance 2008-2267; Changes to Sec.8-387; Sec.8-389; Sec.8-411; Sec.8-746; Sec.15-58;Sec.13-60;Sec.13-61; Sec.13-97; Sec.5-53.
2. Ordinance 2008- 2268; Lease Agreement with Rock Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau.
3. Ordinance 2008-2269; Section 6-124. Use of funds Generated
4. Ordinance 2008-2270; Hotel Tax Agreement

Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Hand. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve March 4, 2008 Council Minutes
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approve Task Order Proposal for Reliant Fastner Asbestos Services to perform environmental services proposal # 0708030, not to exceed \$8,000.00
4. Approve emergency repair costs for a 500 KVA polemount transformer at Dekalb Feeds from Power Supply line at cost of \$7,225.00.
5. Approve the following bucket brigade requests for 2008:

a) April 5, 2008	American Red Cross
b) April 19, 2008	Elks Club
c) May 3, 2008	Rock Falls Rotary
d) May 24, 2008	American Legion Post
e) June 7, 2008	Sterling-Rock Falls Jaycees
f) June 21, 2008	Big Brothers/Big Sisters
g) July 12, 2008	Sauk Valley marines
h) August 9, 2008	Jerry Celletti VFW Post
i) August 23, 2008	Rock Falls Fireman MDA Drive
j) September 6, 2008	Kiwanis
k) September 20, 2008	Knights of Columbus
l) October 4, 2008	Lions Club
6. Approve the recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission to honor request of Teresa Liccoci-owner to rezone property at 1306 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls from B-1 to R-2
7. Approve recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission for annexation of Properties located at 800 East Route 30, Rock Falls and rezoning request from R-1 to B-2

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the consent agenda as presented. City Attorney Reese then addressed the Council and spoke briefly about item 6 in regards to rezoning the one parcel of land at 1306 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Historically, the land was zoned B-1 as part of a time consuming and costly comprehensive plan that the City

developed. He has concerns that this action could akin to spot zoning. His recommendation is that the Council not accept the recommendation on the Planning and Zoning Commission in regards to there findings in this matter.

In addition, during discussion Alderman Folsom raised the matter of no representation by the Big Brothers /Big Sisters organization and asks that the approval of the bucket brigade for that organization, be tabled from the motion until such time a representative is present. Following discussion; Motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Folsom to table items 5(f) and 6 until more information is presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.  
Alderman Hand with concurrence of Alderman Snow amended there original motion to accept the consent agenda as presented too; accept as presented without item 5(f) and 6. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

#### Administrative Report:

Mr. Downey presented (2) two items for the Council consideration:

1. Request Council accept the bid of AmSam.com for the purchase 500 cases of garbage bags at a per bag cost of \$0.1896/120 bags per case/\$22.75 per case, total costs of order \$11, 375.00. Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Folsom to accept the bid as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.
2. Mr. Downey reported on the recommendation from the Public Works and Electric committee to enter into a contract with Intellipay for the purpose of on line bill paying for our utility customers. City Attorney Reese, has been given, a copy of the contract for review and considerations. He reported to the Council, that he feels, that the contract given to the City puts the entire burden onto the City and leaves Intellipay not responsible for any liability. Following a short discussion, motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier, to have Attorney Reese communicate our concerns in regards to the contract language or lack thereof to Intellipay. If they are not willing to accept the changes, the City will not sign the contract. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

#### Department Heads:

Mr. Padilla addressed the Council regarding hydrant flow testing which will be beginning on April 1, 2008 and continue until such time that the process is completed. The Fire Department will be conducting the hydrant flow test as per NFPA 291; between the hours of 8:00 am and 3:00 pm. Discoloration of water may affect different areas of the system. The City requests that laundry not be done until after 6:00 p.m. or when the water is clear. The process could take 3-4 weeks. Residents are being informed in the utility bills and information will be on Channel 5.

#### Information/Updates:

City Clerk Wescott presented the following for Council consideration:

1. Request Council approval of Amendment #3 to the current Health Insurance Plan which shall be retroactive to June 1, 2007. Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

#### Mayors Report:

Mayor Blanton requests a motion, for appointing himself and Alderman Reitzel, as the Council Representatives to the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation Board, with terms effective 05.01.2008 to 04.30.2009. Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve the mayoral request. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.

#### Executive Session:

Mayor request executive session for the purpose of Personnel-Section 2(c)(1). Motion to enter into executive session made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Folsom. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes. (IN: 7:04 pm)

Motion by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:24 pm)

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Motion made by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried. (7:26 pm)

For Approval at the April 1, 2008 Council Meeting.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk