

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
April 15, 2008

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:00 p.m., in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Pro Tem Glen Kuhlemier.

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

Mr. Laimutis A. Nargelenas, a representative of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, presented a report on the procedures utilized by IACP when contracted by a municipality for conducting a search for a Police Chief. The IACP cost for conducting such a search is \$8,000.00.

Audience Requests:

Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier presented a Proclamation recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicators Week, April 13-19, 2008 to Becky Gomez and Stacey Dinehammer of CGH Emergency Services Twin Com Communications Center. Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve the Proclamation. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom, Thurm and Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Community Affairs:

Sandy Henrekin, Executive Director, Rock Falls Community Development Corporation spoke briefly and reminded the Council of the RFCDC Annual Business Meeting to be held on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 at 7:00 a.m., in the upstairs meeting room of the US Bank.

Doug Wiersema, President/CEO, Rock falls Chamber of Commerce informed the Council that the Chamber has been named the recipient of a \$4000 Federal grant administrated thru the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The grant is for promotion of the Farmers Market by use of advertising and signage for the area.

Ordinance/Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2008-2272; Ordinance Annexing certain territory comprising 13.08 acres, owned by Jonathan A. Gieson and Linda D. Gieson, with a zoning classification of B-2, located at 800 East Route 30, Rock Falls, Illinois. Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to accept the Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom, Thurm and Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of April 1, 2008 minutes.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Refer application from the Whiteside County Health Department to the Planning and Zoning Commission for considerations. Health Department is requesting a variance to build there new 920 square foot expansion to the north end of there existing dental clinic. They are requesting a variance to build within (5) five feet of the Northern property line.
4. Resolution 2008-520; Adopting the APPA Safety manual, 14th edition, as the safety manual for the operations of the Rock Falls Electrical Utilities.
5. Approve the Utility Write Offs as presented from May 1, 2008 through March 30, 2008.

6. Approve recommendation of the Electric Committee to purchase a generator for use at the Hydro Electric Plant from Cummins at a cost of \$39, 153.00.
7. Approve recommendation of the Electric Committee to purchase switchgear/transformer for use at the Hydro Electric Plant from Square D at a cost of \$98,589.00.
8. Approve recommendation from the Electric Committee to purchase a fiber optic splicer trailer from Dekalb Fiber Optics at a cost of \$18, 500.00.
9. Approve recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission Board of Appeals to approve the final plat for Zemke Airport Subdivision (within 1.5 miles of the city limits)
10. Approve recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the preliminary plat for the PA Addition (7) seven lots.
11. Approve recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals to approve the preliminary and final plat for the Reliant Subdivision # 2 (13) thirteen lots.

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve all items of the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom, Thurm and Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Administrators Report:

City Administrator, Downey presented the final 2008-2009 Budget document for approval by the City Council. Alderman Arduini made a motion and Alderman Vandersnick seconded the acceptance of the documents. Following a short discussion in which several of the Aldermen thanked Mr. Downey and the Finance Committee for there work on the Budget. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom, Thurm and Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier voted aye, Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads:

Mr. Cox, Supt. of the Wastewater presented (2) two items for the Councils consideration and requested action:

1. Request approval for Emergency Repairs to an 8" leaking pipe in the wall of the PBR pit at the wastewater plant, by Schmitt Plumbing-Heating Inc., not to exceed \$5,010.00. Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve the emergency repairs identified, not to exceed \$5,010.00. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom, Thurm and Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.
2. Request approval for the purchase of (2) two new pick-up trucks obtained through State bid at Reynolds Ford, East Moline, Illinois. (1) 2008 Ford F-150 at a cost of \$20,891.40, (1) F-250 at a cost of \$22,390.64. Monies for purchase of both vehicles will come from the 2008-09 Sewer Department budget. Motion by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the purchase of the two vehicles as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom, Thurm and Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier voted aye. Vote 8 ayes

Executive Session:

Motion by Alderman Vandersnick to enter into executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining-Section 2(c)(2), seconded by Alderman Thurm. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom, Thurm and Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier voted to approve the motion. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried. (IN:7:00 p.m)

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Motion by Alderman Vandernick and seconded by Alderman Thurm to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom, Thurm and Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:07 p.m.)

Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Arduini to adjourn the Council Meeting. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom, Thurm and Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, motion carried.

Approved at the May 6, 2008 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk