

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
MAY 6, 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, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom were present. City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese attended. Alderman Thurm was absent.

Audience Requests:

Craig Ripley, Scoutmaster representing Cub Scouts Troop 323, spoke to the Council and requested two items for Council consideration and action:

1. Request permission to conduct a First Avenue "Clean Up" day from Culvers, 1901 Harley Davidson Drive to the intersection of First Avenue and 2nd Street on June 1, 2008 from 1-3 p.m... The scouts will all be wearing safety vests and the trash collected will be disposed of. **Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to approve the request. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
2. Request permission to conduct a "Make a Difference" Food Drive with the food collected going to the Rock River Christian Church Food Bank in Rock Falls. The Scouts will be going door to door in Rock Falls on October 18, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. distributing flyers and sacks for pick-up. They will return to canvas the City of October 25, 2008 during the same period for pick-up. **Motion** by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve request as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Proclamations:

1. Proclamation: Letter Carrier Food Drive Day: Saturday, May 10, 2008
2. Proclamation: National Police Week and Peace Officers Day, May 12-17, 2008
3. Proclamation: National Nursing Home Week, May 11-17, 2008
4. Proclamation: Public Service Recognition Week, First Week of May Annually
5. Proclamation: Municipal Clerks Week, May 4-10, 2008

Motion made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Hand to accept the Proclamations as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.** The Mayor presented Proclamations following there readings to Mr. Dennis Haag and Mr. Cal DeGroot representing the Rock Falls Letter Carriers; Chief Beto Perez and Commander Michael Kuelper representing the Rock Falls Police Department: Linda Elmendorf and Petra Rodriquez representing Transitions Nursing Home.

Community Affairs:

Sally Scanlon, representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce informed the Council of upcoming events being sponsored by the Chamber. Reminder of the Golf Outing scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2007 at the Rock River Country Club

Ordinance/Adoption:

1. **Ordinance 2008 – 2273;** Authorizing execution of Collective Bargaining Agreement with Rock falls Firefighters Association #3291, covering period of May 1, 2008 through April 30,2011. **Motion** by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Snow to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Upon role call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

2. **Ordinance 2008 -2268**; Lease Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and the Visitors Bureau. **Motion** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adopt the Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of April 15, 2008 Council Minutes
2. Approval of Bills as presented
3. Resolution 2008-521; Rescheduling of Public Hearing on Petition for Annexation and for approval of Annexation Agreement; and on a Petition for exchange of real estate.
4. Resolution 2008-522; Approve request from the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce for the 2008 Hometown Holidays Parade on Saturday, November 22, 2008 with temporary closure of Route 40. a State Highway in the City of Rock Falls from the intersection of East/West 3rd Street to East/West 10th Street from 12:30 p.m. till 2:00 p.m...

Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

Administrators Report:

City Administrator Downey reported to the Council on the birth of his son, Maximilian Alexander Downey, born April 24, 2008 , vital statistics, 8 lbs.-12 oz., 22 inches. Council offered there congratulations.

Department Heads:

Wastewater- Mr. Downey reported for Mr. Cox, that bids were received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Dewatering project. **Low bidder at \$0.0390 per gallon was Fluid Technology, Inc. of Oxford, Ohio. Motion** by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Snow to accept the bid of Fluid Technology, Inc... Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

Building- Mr. Searing presented to the Council a newly revised City Zoning Map. Renderings completed by Willett, Hofmann & Associates show all revised and corrected zoning detailing current zoning status and classification of all lands and properties within the City limits of the City of Rock Falls. City Attorney Reese will draft an Ordinance for approval at the next regularly scheduled Council meeting to approve the mapping.

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak presented the following items for the Council:

1. The Rock Falls Electrical Utilities have been awarded the Platinum Award for the second consecutive ratings period. The prestigious award is presented by the Illinois Municipal Utilities Association.
2. Megan Grevas has been hired as the new GIS/IT Technician for the City. Her first day of work is scheduled for May 19, 2008.

Information/Correspondence/Updates:

Clerk Wescott introduced a request received from the Sons of the American Legion, to hold there Second Annual Car Show on Saturday, May 10, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m., on 4th Avenue in front of the Legion Hall. They wish to close 4th Avenue for the period of the show barricading the street on the south and north ends of there properties. **Motion** by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to allow the request. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer presented the bid results for the **2008 Road Projects (Marsha Lane & Rocket Drive)**. A total of (4) contractors bid on the project with **Twin City Construction being the low bidder at \$119,882.90**. Mr. Frickenstein recommends to the Council approve the bid of Twin City Construction. **Motion** by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Snow to accept the Twin City Construction bid as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

Mayors Report:

Mayor presented (2) two items for Council consideration and action:

1. Request per agreement with the Rock Falls High School that the City cover the cost related to Attorney fees for the recent Utility Easement Agreement. Fees are at \$153.00. **Motion** made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Vandernick to have the City pay the legal fees presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, and Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.
2. **Mayor request the Council approve his appointment of Michael Mohr, Resource Coordinator for the Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living (NICIL) to the ADA Review Committee.** **Motion** by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve the appointment requested. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

Executive Session:

Mayor request the Council enter into executive session for the purpose of:

1. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate-Section 2(c)(6)
2. Personnel-Section 2(c)(1)

Motion by Alderman Vandernick and seconded by Alderman Arduini to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**. (7:20 p.m.)

Motion by Alderman Vandernick and seconded by Alderman Snow to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**. (8:44 p.m.)

Motion by Alderman Vandernick and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve the proposed increases for Department Heads as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Hand for adjournment of the proceedings. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**. (Out: 8:45p.m.)

Minutes for approval at the May 20, 2008 Council Meeting.

