

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
May 20, 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, Hand, Folsom and Thurm were present. City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese attended. Alderman Reitzel and Arduini were both absent.

PUBLIC HEARING #1

- ***Public Hearing for the proposed agreement for exchange of Real Estate between the City of Rock Falls and Ronald Hoffman, as trustee of the Henery Hoffman Residuary Trust and as agent for Laurine Hoffman.***

Mayor David H. Blanton called the Public Hearing to order at 6:37 p.m... Present for the hearing were Attorney William R. Shirk, representing the City of Rock Falls in the proposed matter, and Mr. Ronald Hoffman, trustee of the Henery Hoffman Residuary Trust and as agent for Laurine Hoffman. No parties requested to speak for or against the matter presented. Hearing no objections, the Mayor called for the closure of the hearing at 6:38 p.m...

PUBLIC HEARING # 2

- ***Proposed Annexation Agreement with Ronald Hoffman as trustee of the Henery Hoffman Residuary Trust and as agent for Laurine Hoffman and the City of Rock Falls.***

Mayor David H. Blanton called the Public Hearing to order at 6:39 p.m... Present for the hearing were Attorney William R. Shirk, representing the City of Rock Falls in the proposed matter, and Ronald Hoffman, trustee of the Henery Hoffman Residuary Trust and as agent for Laurine Hoffman. No parties requested to speak for or against the matter presented. Hearing no objections, the Mayor called for the closure of the hearing at 6:41 p.m...

Audience Requests:

Ms. Serenia Bielema, Assistant Executive Director, Good Neighbor Care of Sterling address the Council and presented information concerning there new facility opening at 2705 Avenue E, Sterling, Illinois.

Proclamations:

1. American Cancer Society Relay for life Day of Whiteside County; June 7-8, 2008.
2. Emergency Medical Services Week; May 18-24, 2008
3. American Legion & Legion Auxiliary "Poppy Day" Proclamation; May 24, 2008

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to accept the Proclamations as presented. Betty Clementz and Johanna Groharing represented the Relay for Life members and Paramedic Mike McAlvey and EMT Sarah Johnson represented the EMS Week Proclamation. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.

Community Affairs:

Doug Wiersema, President /CEO, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce presented an overview of upcoming chamber events. In addition, he informed the Council that the Chamber had received its grant for the Farmers Market that was previously awarded.

Ordinance/Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2008 – 2269; Section 6-124. Use of Funds Generated.
2. Ordinance 2008 – 2270: Hotel Tax Agreement
3. Ordinance 2008 – 2274; Adopting Revised Zoning Map

Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Folsom to accepting the adoption of all Ordinances as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve May 6, 2008 Council Minutes as presented.
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve Resolution 2008-523: Resolution accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Single Family Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program, HO-2840.
4. Approve recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission for rezoning of property to A-1, upon annexation of 42.06 acres-Antec Road, Owner Henery Hoffman Residual Trust.
5. Approve recommendation of the Recreational Trail Committee for the long term bike Path Trail; Phase 1 – West of the Canal to Dixon Avenue, Phase 2 – East of Canal to McNeil Road, Phase 3 – Lower Dam to Upper Dam.
6. Approve cost for IP phone system by each department as follows: Police \$9,563.59, Fire \$9,563.59, Street \$4,472.10, Water \$5,185.65, Sewer \$1,165.05, Public Property \$10,389.18.
7. Approve recommendation from Electric Committee to send \$1,324.00 to collections from (January-February 2008)
8. Approve requests for repairs to the old rooftop on the Fire Station. Work to be completed by John A. Loos & Sons, Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$7,696.00
9. Request approval for purchase of 2009 International Model 7400, 4x2 Dump Truck; at a cost of \$83,410.00 per State of Illinois Bid. Prairie/Archway International Trucks, Springfield, Illinois.
10. Request approval of emergency repairs to Vactor truck at a cost of \$5,633.03 from Standard Equipment Company of Chicago, Illinois.
11. Approve Joint Committee (Public Works, Public Property and Finance) recommendation for chip sealing the Lower Dam Parking Lot and the Farmers Market Parking Lot and Adjacent Alley at a cost not to exceed \$54,000.00, following secured signed agreements with Northwest Illinois Construction, Murray Excavating and Whiteside County Highway Department to be signed by the Mayor.
12. Approve Joint Committee (Public Works, Public Property and Finance) to accept the single bid submitted by Northwest Construction for \$39,430.00 to complete the Rock Falls/Sterling Power Dam Bank Stabilization Project.
13. Approve Joint Committee (Public Works, Public Property and Finance) recommendation to accept the single bid submitted by Sterling Commercial Roofing to make repairs to the roof of the Community Building at a cost no to exceed \$35,6000.
14. Direct the City Attorney to draft an agreement with the Chamber of Commerce to take over the duties of the Community Building.

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve the Consent Agenda with noted changes. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried.

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey presented the following items:

1. Update on the naming of the New Sewer Plant Road Contest. The proposed names received from the students, were passed out to the Council members for review. At the direction of the Mayor, Alderman are to review the lists and bring back there top (5) five names for the next Council Meeting.
2. Mr. Downey passed out the RFP for the Garbage Hauling and Collection Bid. Council members are to review the documents and make any suggestion changes to Mr. Downey, so that the contract can placed for bid.
3. Mr. Downey reported that the final documents are being formulated for the SFOOR grant for the coming year.

Department Heads:

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak introduced to the Council the newly hired GIS/IT Coordinator, Ms. Megan Grevas who comes to the City of Rock Falls following employment at the City of Moline, Illinois. Her first official day of work was 5.19.2008.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton requested that the Council go into executive session for the purpose of:

1. Personnel – Section 2 (C)(1)
2. Litigation – Section 2(C)(11)

Motion made by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick to enter into closed session and to include Commander Tammy Nelson and Commander Mike Kuelper in the Personnel session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes motion carried. (IN: 7:19 pm)

Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Thurm to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried. (Out: 7:39 pm)

Motion made by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Hand to adjourn. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 6 ayes, motion carried. (7:40 pm)

For Approval at the June 3, 2008 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

