

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
June 17, 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 Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom were present. City Administrator, Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese attended. Alderman Vandersnick, Snow and Thurm were absent.

Audience Request:

- Fire Chief, J.W. Larson introduced Kyle Sommers, the newest Firefighter for the City.
- Asst. Coach Austin Krone, Taylor Eikenberry and Tyler Johnson members of the 2008 Rock Falls High School Varsity Baseball Team were present to receive recognition and a Proclamation from the City, for there second place finish in Class 3A State Baseball Tournament recently held at Silver Cross Stadium in Joliet, Illinois. This is the first Baseball team in the history of the High School to advance to the finals at the State Tournament.
- Steve Mosher, Illinois Department of Natural Resources attended to recognize the Rock Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau with a 2008 IDNR Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award. The RFCVB was recognized for there work at creating the 100th Anniversary of the Henepin Canal last year, and all of there efforts towards bring recognition to the Canal as a Tourist point.

Ordinance/Adoption:

- Ordinance 2008 – 2280; Establish Prevailing Wage.
- Ordinance 2008 – 2281; Authorizing identified miscellaneous equipment of the City of Rock Falls to be sold for scrap.

Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve Ordinances as read. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried**.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve June 3, 2008 City Council minutes
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve request from Electric Department for purchase of rod for the boring machine. (20) twenty items at \$301.84 each, total \$6,036.80 from Vermeer Midwest, Aurora, Illinois.
4. Requests from the Sons of the American Legion, to block off a portion of 4th avenue for a Car Show on Saturday, July 5, 2008 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm. South end of Legion property to the South edge of the North parking lot entrance.
5. Approve purchase of (2) two 10” insta-valves for placement at the Reliant Properties at a cost of \$13,600.00 from Mid-West Chlorinating.
6. Approve Electric Committee request to send \$573.77 to collections for unpaid Electric bills.
7. Refer petition to change classification under Whiteside County Zoning to the Planning & Zoning Commission for consideration. Property is located outside of the City limits, but within the 1.5-mile radius requiring City consideration on the issue. Request is to change County classification from R-2 to B-2.
8. Refer petition requesting a special use under Whiteside County Zoning to the Planning & Zoning Commission for consideration. Property is located outside of the City limits, but is within the 1.5-mile radius requiring City consideration on the issue. Request is to maintain County R-2 designation, but adding Special Use provisions consistent with the business operations currently in place.

9. Approve request from Wastewater for replacing (5) 4" flanged turn plug valves and (2) 6" flanged quarter turn plug valves both with lever operators at a cost of \$10,064.42 for all materials, labor and equipment. Work to be completed by Schmitt Plumbing-Heating, Inc., Dixon, Illinois.

Motion by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Folsom to accept the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried**.

Administrators Report:

- Mr. Downey reported to the Council on the recent audit conducted on the SFOOR Grant received last year. In addition, he reported that the City will receive another \$210,000.00 next year which will allow the City to continue the program and remodel (5) five more homes at \$40,000.00 each.

Department Heads:

- Mr. Jakubczak, Electric Supt. reported to the Council that the work being done on along 7th Avenue is nearing completion. When done the landscaping will be completed to restore the area. This project was included this year to improve the reliability of the electric supply to the City Hall complex.
- Mr. White, Street Department Supt. requested approval for the purchase of a **Kubota ZD326P-60 Diesel zero-turn commercial lawn tractor with a 60" deck. The tractor comes with a 2 year warranty Total price is \$10,210.00. Unit will be purchased from Polo Agri Systems, Polo, Illinois.** This item was a budget item for the 2008-2009 year. **Motion** by Alderman Reitzel and seconded by Alderman Arduini to make purchase. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried**.

Information/Correspondence:

- City Clerk Wescott asked the Alderman to review the information in regards to the IML Conference and let him know their intent on attendance no later than July 1, 2008.
- Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer reported on the following items:
 1. In regards to the 2008 Street projects, Twin City Construction will begin work on Rocket Drive and Marsha Lane Tuesday or Wednesday of next week.
 2. The Lower Dam stabilization project is being delayed due to the high water currently present on the river. Rock is being stock piled at the Lower Dam Parking lot by Northwest Construction. They have reported theft of some of the rock already. It was asked that the Police make some extra patrols into the area.
 3. Report presented on the Dixon Avenue Canal Bridge project. Bids were let and opened. Bids were much higher than engineer's original estimate of \$365,000. **The low bid received for the project by the of Illinois was from Civil Construction of Freeport, Illinois. Their bid of \$511,000 would have the cost divided at the following estimate; Construction; State (80%) \$408,800.00; County \$37,500.00; City \$64,700.00. Engineering and Construction Observation; County \$18,000.00; City \$18,000.00. Total city share of the project is estimated to be approximately \$82,500.00.** **Motion** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Arduini to approve the bid received for the **Dixon Avenue Bridge Project BHM-5062, Section 01-00125-00-BR.** Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried**.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Blanton had (3) three request of the Council requiring action:

1. **Request appointment of Doug Wiersema, to the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation Board, to fill the vacancy existing until 4-30-2009. Motion** by Alderman Reitzel and seconded by Alderman Hand to accept the appointment as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried.**
2. **Request re-appointment of Carol Fitzgerald to the Police-Fire Commission, for a term from 6.30.08 to 6.30.2011. Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the recommendation as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried.**
3. Mayor Blanton reports that he is going to be out of town attending the APPA conference in Florida next week and would like to appoint **Alderman Kuhlemier to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem from 6.21.08 to 6.28.2008 in his absence. Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Arduini to approve the mayors request. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voting aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried.**

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton is requesting an executive session for the purposes of Personnel-Section 2(c)(1) and that Mr. Paul Jakubczak, Electric Director be included in the session. **Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Arduini to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlmeir, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried. (IN 7:13 p.m.)**

Motion by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried. (Out 7:23 p.m.)**

Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Alderman Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote 5 ayes, **motion carried.**

For approval at the July 1, 2008 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk