

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
June 3, 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 Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm were present. City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese attended. Alderman Folsom was absent.

Audience Requests:

Bethany Bland of Amped Productions addressed the Council in regards to the Annual Amp Fest, which is scheduled for Saturday, August 9, 2008. The Festival is to be held in the parking lot at the Lower Dam. The following requests were made of the Council for approval:

1. Following street closures: W. 1st Street just west of the Sterling-Rock Falls Clinic and Municipal Parking Lots; W. 1st Street just east of Kapp's Banquet Facility's Parking Lot; W. 1st Street westbound lane from barricade @ Kapp's to 4th Avenue; 2nd Avenue & the corner of W. 1st Street.
2. Request partial closure of the City parking lot located between W. 1st St and W. 2nd Street, specifically the West end for use of setting up a second stage.
3. Extend the amplifier Permit to cover the event to the hour of 11:00 p.m.

Motion made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Vandernick to approve the request as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Community Affairs:

- Sandy Henrekin, Executive Director, Rock Falls Community Development Corporation introduced Mr. Don Falls of the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO). Mr. Falls presented an informational program on his Departments Competitive Communities Initiative program designed to assist local communities in their business and community development efforts. The CCI staff would be available to provide assistance by facilitating a community's development process. The assistance provided is free to participating communities. The finished product of this effort would result in a locally developed written action plan that outlines the steps needed to strengthen the community's business and community development efforts.

Ordinance/Adoption:

1. **Ordinance 2008 – 2275; Section 9-148 (3); Ninety-minute areas between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m..** Motion by Alderman Vandernick and seconded by Alderman Hand to accept ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, motion carried.
2. **Ordinance 2008 – 2276; Section 8-846. License. Motion** by Alderman Vandernick and seconded by Alderman Thurm to accept ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
3. **Ordinance 2008-2277; Authorizing the Execution of an Annexation Agreement of approximately 42.06 Acres lying westerly and contiguous to the City of Rock Falls. Motion** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Hand to accept the ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

4. **Ordinance 2008 – 2278; Authorizing exchange of Municipally-Owned Real Property for Privately-Owned Real Estate Interests.** Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Snow to accept the ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve May 20, 2008 Council Minutes
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve purchase of Traffic Signal Control Cabinet to replace the existing cabinet at 1st Avenue and East 2nd Street, to include all material, labor, equipment from Engle Electric Contractors at a cost of \$12,610.00.
4. Approve purchase of (2) 2008 Police packaged Squad cars from Sutton Ford of Matteson, Illinois on State bid with trade in at a cost of \$23,118.00 each. Total expenditure of \$42,236.00 (2008-2009 budget items)
5. Resolution 2008 -524; Resolution accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority, for the Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program.
6. Recommend acceptance of the low bid for the 2008 Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance Program Bid to AAA Concrete, Rock Falls, Illinois, PCC sidewalk, 4” \$4.3 S.F./ADA Detectable Warnings \$30.00 S.F., Combination Curb \$22.00 L.F..

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

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey presented a report on a variety of issues for the Council information.

Department Heads:

- Mr. Jakubczak, Electric Supt. presented the following items for the Councils consideration and action:
 1. (2) 300 KVA Pad Mount Transformers @ \$8,205.00 each, total \$16,410.00 **Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to approve purchase. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
 2. (2) 167 KVA Ole Mount Transformers @ \$3,053.11 each, total \$6,106.22. **Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to approve purchase. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
 3. (1) #86353 Arceditor License for GIS operations @ \$6,300.00. **Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve purchase. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Information/Correspondence/Updates:

- City Clerk Wescott presented **Ordinance 2008-2279. Section 3-51. Running at Large – Prohibited.** This is at the request of the Rock Falls Animal Control Board, to make the fines pursued by all of the cooperative members the same in regards to this matter. **Motion** by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Thurm to accept the ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

- City Attorney Reese presented the following two items for Council considerations and action:
 1. **Resolution 2008 – 525; Authorizing Execution of Amendment to Consent Order.** **Motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve the Resolution as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
 2. **Ordinance 2008 – 2280: Agreement with Martin and Timothy Kyger for the necessary easements and /or rights of way required to install underground sewer lines to the proposed new sewage disposal plant.** **Motion** by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow to accept the ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Mayors' Report:

Mayor Blanton reported on a recent informational meeting with IDOT that he and City Administrator Downey had attended, in regards to the 1st Avenue Bridge project. At that meeting, they were told by IDOT that a section of the Reliant Fastner Building on the Southeast side of Route 40 just off the Rock Falls side of the bridge would need to have a section 27' x 65' x 60' removed to accommodate the bridge project. The cost for the removal and or repair would be accommodated by IDOT, with an approximate cost of \$250,000 - \$300,000 dollars.

A discussion ensued in regards to this matter; and consensus of the Council did not support the plans as outlined. A **motion** was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Thurm to have the Mayor draft a letter on behalf of the City of Rock Falls and sent to the Secretary of Transportation, outlining there objections to the proposal that was presented in regards to the 1st Avenue Bridge project and properties owned by the City. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Mayor Blanton presented the Standing Committees for the 2008-2009 year for Council approval. **Motion** by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Arduini to approve the Committee's as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Executive Session:

Mayor request that the Council enter into executive session for the purpose of Fixing a Sale Price for Real Estate-Section 2 (c)(6). **Motion** by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Snow to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried. (In: 7:27 pm)**

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 Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried. (Out 7:39 pm)**

Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye, Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried. (7:43 pm)**

Minutes to be approved at the June 17, 2008 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk