

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
July 1, 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 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 and Thurm were present. City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese attended. Alderman Hand and Folsom arrived to the meeting at 6:25 p.m., Alderman Arduini was absent.

Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative:

Mr. John Brimeyer, Environmental Department Manager for Terracon Consulting Engineers & Scientists presented an update on the City of Rock Falls Brownfields Redevelopment Initiative. He reviewed the site assessment timelines for both the Reliant Fastener Site, as well as, the Parish-Alford Site. He then presented proposed remedial actions and future projected activities for both sites as well. Mr. Brimeyer reminded the council that the process that we are involved in has to be coordinated with both the Illinois and Federal EPA agencies. The reporting process is demanding, time consuming and costly. While at times, it would appear that not much is being accomplished, both of the projects are moving along very well given the magnitude of the problems that are being dealt with.

Audience requests:

- Mr. Jim McPherson, of Edward Jones and Associates serves as a member of the Tour De Health annual Bike Ride Committee. He addressed the Council in regards to this years Bike ride, which is scheduled for Saturday, July 19th in Rock Falls, starting at the Rock Falls Middle School. He presented an overview of the many activities, which includes a 50 mile-27 mile and 7-mile Family ride on the Hennepin Canal between Rock Falls and Tampico. He requested from the Council assistance with barricades, temporary road closures on Roberts Street from 7:30 am to 10:30 am to insure safety of the participants. All proceeds generated by the even go to the CGH Health Foundation. **Motion by** Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the request. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
- Mr. John Carrillo, Co-Chairman of the 2008 Mexican Fiesta Annual Parade addressed the Council. This year's parade will begin in Sterling and end at the intersection of 1st Avenue and 10th Street in Rock Falls. The parade is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m., and Mr. Carrillo requested that the City of Rock Falls file the necessary Resolution with IDOT for the Parade. **Motion by** Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the request presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
- Mr. Jim Buzard, 1013 Arland Street, Rock Falls, Illinois served as spokesperson for a group of approximately 8 residences of Arland Street who were present in the gallery. He presented a petition to the Council containing 35 signatures of residents. The petition was requesting the City to fix Arland Street drainage and street problems. Mr. Buzard spoke of the many years that the street has went without repair and expressed the group's opinion on its condition in comparison to other streets, which are having repairs made this year. He asked if the City had considered other forms of repair that may be less costly in order to make the dollars go farther, such as, muro paving or rap repair. Mayor Blanton and Street Supt. White both answered in the affirmative. These alternatives have been looked into; however, both of those processes require that the road have a good base in place. Following his presentation, Mr. Buzard was thanked by Mayor Blanton ,for coming forth and expressing the concerns of the Arland Street residents.

Community Affairs:

- Mr. Wiersema of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce reminded the Council of the following upcoming Hometown activities. On Wednesday, July 9th, the Carson & Barnes Circus will be in town for (2) shows. On Saturday July 12th will be the Rock Falls Chamber Summer Cookout from 10:00 am to 4:00 p.m. with activities centered around the County Market Grocery Store.

Ordinance/Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2008 – 2282; Section 9-163 Handicapped Parking

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve June 17, 2008 Council Minutes
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve Resolution 2008 – 526; Fiesta Day Parade
4. Approve Resolution 2008 – 527; Authorizing Transfer of Real Estate to Whiteside County.
5. Approve Reimbursement for Paul Jakubczak in the amount of \$864.00, for the completion of course related to Masters in Business Administration in accordance with the Tuition Reimbursement Policy.
6. Approve recommendation of the Public Property Committee to complete needed repairs to the roof of the Rock Falls Community Youth Building at a cost not to exceed \$35,600.00; with the work to be completed by the Sterling Commercial Roofing Company.
7. Refer to City Attorney Reese at the request of the Ordinance/License Committee the following items: Operation of golf carts on streets, roads, highways, and requirements for exterior storage of Recreational vehicles in residential zoning districts for drafting of Ordinance to be enacted.

Motion by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the Consent Agenda as presented with the exception of item #7. Item #7 is to be removed and may be re-considered later. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Department Heads:

- Mr. Jakubczak, Electric Supt. gave a brief report on his attendance at the Annual APPA Conference held this year in New Orleans.
- Commander Kuelper spoke to the Council about the terrible tragedies (4 homicides) that occurred in our Community. He outlined briefly the ongoing work being done in the case and encouraged the citizens to continue to come forward with any information that they may have in regards to this case.

Information/Correspondence:

William B. Wescott, City Clerk presented the following to the Council:

1. Request approval of Resolution 2008 – 528; Obligation Retirement Resolution for \$118,274.59 in regards to Section 99-00001-00-GB, to comply with MFT audit request. **Motion by** Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve Resolution as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
2. Request for expenditure of MFT Funds totaling \$103,381.19 to comply with MFT audit request. **Motion by** Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve request as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
3. Advised the Council of an upcoming Public Information Open House, sponsored by IDOT in regards to Illinois Route 40 upcoming bridge project. Meeting to be held in the , Community Building, Wednesday, July 16, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m...

City Attorney Jim Reese presented the following for Council consideration and approval:

1. **Ordinance 2008-2283**; Execution of Contract, between the City of Rock Falls and Moring Disposal Company of Rock Falls, Illinois. **Motion by** Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote, 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
2. **Ordinance 2008-2284**; Exclusive Rights of City Collection. **Motion by** Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Alderman Reports:

- Alderman Hand presented a brief report to the Council on the classes that he attended while attending the APPA Conference.

Mayor's Request:

1. Request the re-appointment of Terry Gisi to the Police Pension Board for the term of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2010. **Motion by** Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**
2. Mayor will be out of town on City business in Washington, D.C., from July 11 thru July 17 and request that Alderman Glen Kuhlemier be appointed Mayor Pro Tem in his absence. **Motion by** Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Thurm to confirm the appointment. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom voted aye. Alderman Kuhlemier abstained. Vote 6 ayes, 1 abstention, **motion carried.**

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request that the Council enter into executive session for the purpose of Personnel- Section 2(c)(1). **Motion by** Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Thurm to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.** (In: 7:12 pm)

Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Snow to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.** (Out: 7:22 pm)

Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried.**

Minutes will be approved at the July 15, 2008 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk