

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
January 20, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 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 and Thurm were present. City Administrator, Richard Downey and Attorney Tom Sanders were present.

Audience Requests:

A Proclamation, by CGH Health Foundation to recognize February 2009 as American Heart Month was presented for Council action. **Motion** by Alderman Hand; seconded Alderman Snow to approve the Proclamation. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried**, Clerk Wescott read The Proclamation into the record, and Mayor Blanton presented a copy to Joan Hermes, Executive Director of the CGH Health Foundation.

Mr. Kevin Melberg, representing the Sauk Valley Marine Corps spoke to the Council concerning the possibility of a Parade on Saturday, May 16, 2009 to coincide with Armed Forces Day. He has spoken to the City of Sterling concerning the possibility of having such an event, and wanted to address the same to the City of Rock Falls. Mayor moved to have the item tabled until the next Council meeting, so that the matter could be looked into. **Motion** by Alderman Snow; seconded Alderman Vandersnick to table. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried**.

Ordinances; First Reading:

1. 2009-2315; Section 15-178. Building Sewers; Pipe Specifications
2. 2009-2316; Section 15-76. Single Family Residential Dwellings, Commercial and Industrial Users.
3. 2009-2317; Section 16-306. Storage Containers – Prohibited.

Motion for first reading, Alderman Vandersnick; seconded Alderman Hand. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried**.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of January 6, 2009 Council Meeting
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve five (5) year License Agreement No. 3096 with the IDNR for a parcel of land at the Hennepin Canal utilized by the Electric Utilities for the operation and maintenance of aerial electrical lines. Lease amount is \$75.00/year for a total of \$375.00. Lease effective date February 1, 2009-January 31, 2014.
4. Approve Resolution 2009-535; Authorizing Conveyance of Real Estate to Rock Falls Elementary School District # 13
5. Approving sending forward and application for Variance to the Planning and Zoning Commission from Leslie E. and Paulette M. Funderberg; for the purpose of tearing down and re-building the current garage on the premises into a double car garage. Action requires a variance in setback on the lot line. Property is located at 324 East 2nd Street, Rock Falls, Illinois.
6. Approve Resolution 2009-536; appropriating the sum of \$126,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways under the applicable provisions of the Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009.
7. Approve the 2009 Committee Meeting Schedule.

Motion by Alderman Snow; seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried**.

Department Heads:

Building Department – Mr. Searing

- Mr. Searing reported that himself and Clerk Wescott had opened bids received for the sale of real estate by the City of the property located at 226 Avenue E. A total of three (3) bids were received: Everything Property, LLC. Owner: Vernon Ellis \$1,100.00; Frank Fritz \$6,500.00; Don Peppers \$5,000.00. The Council referred the bids to the Building Code Committee for review and recommendation at the next Council meeting. **Motion** by Alderman Kuhlemier; seconded Alderman Snow to refer the matter. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried**.

Council Committee Meetings:

Building Code will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at 5:15 p.m. to review the bids for 226 Avenue E.

Ward Reports:

- Alderman Kuhlemier spoke to the Council and encouraged participation in the upcoming IDOT Public Informational Open House scheduled for Thursday, January 29, 2009 from 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Morrison, Illinois. This is but yet another in a series of meetings to review the U.S. Route 30 Environmental Impact and Phase I Design Report.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton request approval of the Declaration of Official Intent to redevelop a certain area located within the corporate limits of the City for commercial, industrial and public uses with the implementation of tax increment financing. In addition he would include the approval of Inducement and Feasibility Study for the Riverfront TIF 2, **Resolution 2009-538**. **Motion** made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve the request, and allow the Mayor and City Clerk to sign whatever, documents necessary to complete the action. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried**.

Mayor Blanton requests approval of **Resolution 2009-537**; Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission. **Motion** by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Hand to approve Resolution. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried**.

Mayor Blanton asked the Council to pass a motion in support of a Resolution drafted by the Northern Illinois Mayors' Association in support of maintaining local automobile dealership franchises in smaller and rural markets. **Motion** by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the request. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried**.

Mayor Blanton presented his *STATE OF THE CITY REPORT FOR 2008*. A copy of the text will remain part of the City record as a separate document.

Executive Session:

Enter into executive session for the purpose of Personnel – Section 2 (c)(1). **Motion** to enter session by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Thurm. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried.** (7:16 pm)

Motion to return to regular session by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Thurm. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried.** (7:28 pm)

Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk sign the revised contract for Operations Commander Tammy Nelson. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried.**

Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, **motion carried.** (7:36 pm)

For approval at the February 3, 2009 Council meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk