

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
February 3, 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 City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2009 – 2315; Section 15-178. Building Sewers; Pipe Specifications.

Motion to approve, Alderman Snow, seconded Alderman Folsom. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2009 – 2316; Section 15-76. Single Family Residential Dwellings, Commercial and Industrial.

Motion to approve, Alderman Vandersnick, seconded Alderman Arduini. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Alderman Folsom voted nay. Vote (7) ayes – (1) nay, motion carried.

3. Ordinance 2009 – 2317; Section 16 -306. Storage Containers – Prohibited.

Motion to approve, Alderman Snow, seconded Alderman Kuhlemier. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

4. Ordinance 2009 – 2318; Section 9 -152. Prohibited areas between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Sub paragraph (d).

Motion to approve, Alderman Hand, seconded Alderman Vandersnick. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

5. Ordinance 2009 – 2319, Ordinance Directing Sale of Real Estate (226 Avenue E).

Motion to approve, Alderman Snow, seconded Alderman Arduini. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of January 20, 2009 Council Meeting
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve Supplemental Resolution 2009-539 for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008.
4. Accept the Contract Proposal from Layne-Western of Aurora, Illinois for Reliant Fastener – Well No. 1 Abandonment at a cost of \$16,120.00 with an additional cost of \$4,500.00 for media to fill well. Total cost of project \$20,620.00.

Motion to approve, Alderman Kuhlemier, seconded Alderman Folsom. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads:

Police – Chief Kuelper

- Chief Kuelper spoke to the Council requesting that the City take action to approve the **Northwest Illinois Major Case Squad, Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Agreement**. Law Enforcement Agencies consisting of County State's Attorneys, County Sheriff Departments, Municipal Police Agencies and the Illinois State Police of Northwest Illinois would compromise the Member Departments entering into this agreement.

This would allow the participating agencies to provide comprehensive investigative assistance to Member Departments in murder cases, and other such offenses as deemed necessary when requested by the Sheriff or Chief of Police of a Member Department. City Attorney Reese had some concerns with the original draft of the Agreement, but has since been able to speak with the City Attorney of Dixon that drafted the document and most of the issues have been resolved.

Motion to approve the Agreement, following the final review and acceptance by City Attorney Reese was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Hand. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak

- Mr. Jakubczak spoke to Council and requested that the City of Rock Falls enter into an agreement with the IMEA, as been done in the past for dedicating the City's Generating Units # 6 & # 7 into the market for supplemental power as needed. The agreement would be from June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010.

Motion to enter into the agreement; following the review of documents by the City Attorney, made by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Reitzel. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

Council Committee Reports:

- Building Code Committee, Chairman Snow requested the Council approve the recommendation of the Committee for the sale of City owned property at 226 Avenue E, Rock Falls, Illinois to low bidder, Frank Fritz at a cost of \$6,5600.00 and to sign the necessary sales contract.

Motion to approve recommendation, by Alderman Kuhlemier, seconded Alderman Reitzel. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

- Ordinance/License Committee Chairman Vandersnick brought the matter of "obstructive vision" to vehicle entering onto West 2nd Street at the intersections of 2nd Avenue/Third Avenue/Fourth Avenue. This matter was discussed at the last Committee meeting and was brought to the Council for discussion and directive action. At each of this intersections, the traffic traveling to the North from the South is met with "obstructive vision" when attempting to turn onto West 2nd Street, either to the East or West. It was though that making the parking stalls already in place for "compact cars" only might help to alleviate the problems. Following discussion, Alderman Vandersnick made a motion to have the City Attorney review the matter and suggest possible changes to current Ordinance, seconded Alderman Snow. City Attorney Reese in turn requested that the Street Supt. Mr. White provide measurements of the areas in question so that he can draft a document. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton requested approval of the Council for the establishment of (2) two new Ad Hoc Committees, which shall remain in place until such time that there work is completed.

1. Establish an AD HOC Committee, City Comprehensive Plan to include the following appointments as members: Mayor Blanton, City Administrator Downey, Sandy Henriken, Keith Adams, Debi Burke, Dave Leonard, Jim Wick and Matt Lillpop.

Motion to approve, Alderman Hand, seconded Alderman Folsom. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

2. Establish an AD HOC Committee, Riverfront Improvement to include the following appointments as members: Mayor Blanton, City Administrator Downey, Jack Spencer, Roger Hoffman, representative of the Rock Falls Convention and Tourism Board and Sandy Henriken to serve as Chairman. Motion to approve, Alderman Thurm, seconded Alderman Snow. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into executive session for Threatened or Pending Litigation, Section 2(c)(6).

Motion for executive session, Alderman Thurm, seconded Alderman Snow. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried. Time (7:10 pm)

Motion to return to regular session, Alderman Thurm, seconded Alderman Folsom. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried. Time (7:30 pm)

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

For approval at the February 17, 2009 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk