

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
September 1, 2009

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls 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 Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm were present representing a full quorum. In addition, City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

Community Affairs:

- Doug Wiersema, President/CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council. He provided information on the many upcoming events that are scheduled in the near future. He told the Council that the recent Harvest Fest was a huge success and will be held again next year. The local Chamber will be celebrating CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK, September 14-18. The week will conclude with an outdoor cookout on the loan of the Municipal Complex for Chamber members, as well as, employees of the City. Mayor Blanton presented Mr. Wiersema a Proclamation identifying Chamber of Commerce Week in Rock Falls.
Motion: Snow, Second: Folsom Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. 2009-2354, Section 15-76. Single-Family Residential Dwellings, Commercial and Industrial
2. 2009-2355, Section 15-266. Basis, Rates and Charges for Sewerage Service.
3. 2009-2356; Article XI to Chapter 6. Cable/Video Provider Service Fee
4. 2009-2357, Annual Fee for Operation of A Video Gaming Terminal

Mayor Blanton requested that Ordinance 2009-2357, be pulled and tabled until after the upcoming IML Conference to be able to gather more information in regards to the Video Gaming; and that all other Ordinances be approved for first reading.

Motion: Vandersnick, Second: Snow; Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption

1. 2009-2358, Section 9-168. Resident Parking
Motion: Vandersnick, Second: Thurm, Vote (8) ayes, motion carried
2. 2009-2359, Sale of Miscellaneous Equipment of the City
Motion: Vandersnick, Second: Snow, Vote (8) ayes, motion carried
3. 2009-2360, Section 15-170. Same-Placement, Manner of Construction – Trace Wire.
Motion: Vandersnick, Second: Thurm, Vote (8) ayes, motion carried
4. 2009-2353, Ordinance Requesting Transfer of Real Estate owned by Coloma Park District
Motion: Vandersnick, Second: Hand, Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Council Minutes August 18, 2009
 2. Approve Bills as presented
 3. Approve AGREEMENT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, between the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation, a non-profit corporation "RFCDC" and the City of Rock Falls. Terms: May 1, 2010-April 30, 2012 for compensation at \$100,000.00 a year payable monthly.
 4. Approve Engineer's Pay Estimate No. 2 and Final for the Rock Falls/Sterling Power Dam Bank Stabilization Project to Northwest Illinois Construction, LLC, Rock Falls, Illinois for \$5,958.31 (Remaining Retainage).
 5. Approve Engineer's Pay Estimate No. 5 for the West Third Street Project to Twin City Construction Company, Sterling, Illinois for \$1,130.50.
 6. Approve P.O. # 20072915 from RESCO for \$6,696.00 for six (6) Kva Pole Mount Transformers at the request of the Electric Department.
 7. Approve P.O. # 20072914 from RESCO for \$56,776.00 for two (2) 2500 Kva Pad Mount Transformers at the request of the Electric Department.
 8. Approve Resolution No. 2009-556 to enter into an agreement with NI Solutions of Carmel, Indiana to determine future requirements for maintenance and expansion of the City's fiber optic network, and for development of a design for utilization and/or extension of the fiber optic network at a cost of \$30,700.00.
- Motion: Hand, Second: Folsom, Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

City Administer Report:

Mr. Downey presented the following items to the Council:

1. Reported that the City has received its Notice of Removal of Grant Conditions for the Small Rental Properties Program (SRPP) as of August 20, 2009. There is \$74,000.00 available for work on (5) units. This is the City's second year in the program.
2. Requested the City Council accept the low bid of \$15,979.00 from Northwest Illinois Construction, LLC for the NICOR Gas Project at the intersection of 5th Avenue & West 10th Street.
Motion: Snow, Second: Folsom, Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.
3. Request the City Council approve entering into a contract with NICOR Gas for coordination of catch basin replacements at 10th Street & 11th Avenue, Dixon Avenue & Allen Street and West 15th Street & 7th Avenue at a quoted \$12,136.26. City Attorney Reese has reviewed the contract.
Motion: Snow, Second: Thurm, Vote (8) ayes motion carried.

Department Heads:

Building Inspector – Mr. Searing addressed the Council on the work of the Census 2010 Committee. Rock Falls and Sterling Committees are working together on this important project, which is important to both communicates in regards to future funding. Mr. Searing will be addressing the Chamber of Commerce Breakfast tomorrow morning.

Police – Chief Kuelper advised the Council that the Fiesta Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, September 12, 2009 would be having a new route through Rock Falls due to the construction project on First Avenue (Illinois Route 40). The parade will enter Rock Falls off the First Avenue bridge and turn west onto 2nd street and proceed (9) blocks and terminate at the intersection of West 2nd St. and Grace Avenue.

Wastewater – Mr. Cox requested that the Council direct the City Attorney to draft the necessary documents for a loan from the Sewer Department to the Water Department for \$168,950.00 to cover the cost of installation of a Watermain from the new Sewer Treatment Plant south on Clearwater Drive. The loan will be 0% interest for a period not to exceed 10 years.
Motion: Snow, Second: Vandersnick, Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton reported to the Council on the following:

1. Mr. Jakubczak and the Mayor recently attended the IMEA Board Meeting in Springfield. Electrical users could see increase in cost in the coming years if Washington has it's way. We will all have to remain vigilant in what happens with the industry.
2. Mayor reminded the Council that the IMEA Banquet and Yearly meeting will be held in Springfield on October 23-24, 2009. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Mr. Jakubczak.
3. Fisher Construction has been granted permission to utilize the south end of the parking lot at the Reliant property for a staging area for there equipment during the First Avenue Project. They will be removing a section of the fence to facilitate an entrance off East Third Street.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, a motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried. (7:15 p.m.)

For approval at the September 15, 2009 regular meeting.

