

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

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 Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm were present, representing a quorum, Ald. In addition, City Administrator Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. 2009 – 2372; Ordinance Establishing Standards For The Construction of Facilities on the Rights of Way.
2. 2009 – 2373; Ordinance 2010 Tax Levy
3. 2009 – 2374; Ordinance abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the year 2009 to pay debt service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Alternate Bonds (Motor Fuel Tax Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2005 of the City of Rock Falls Whiteside County, Illinois.
4. 2009 – 2357; Ordinance Imposing an Annual Fee for the Operation of a Video Gaming Terminal

Motion : Vandersnick, Second: Snow, Vote (8) ayes to approve Ordinance for first reading as presented.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption:

**** Prior to action on the following Ordinances, Alderman Reitzel reminded the Council that he was removing himself from discussion on the Ordinances or any vote due to a conflict of interest previously read into the records of the City.**

1. 2009 -2369; Ordinance Fixing the Time and Place of a Public Hearing with respect to Amendment No. 1 to the Tax Increment Financing District Eligibility Study, Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Rock Falls Riverfront Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

Motion: Snow, Second: Vandersnick, Vote: (7) ayes, (1) abstention motion carried.

2. 2009 – 2370; Ordinance Fixing the Time and Place of a Public Hearing with Respect to the Tax Increment Financing District Eligibility Study, Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Rock Falls Downtown Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Project Area.

Motion: Hand, Second: Folsom, Vote: (7) ayes, (1) abstention motion carried.

3. 2009 – 2371; Ordinance Authorizing the Establishment of Tax Increment Financing “Interested Parties” Registries and Adopting Registration Rules for such Registries.

Motion: Kuhlemier, Second: Thurm, Vote: (7) ayes, (1) abstention motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Council Minutes of November 17, 2009
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve at the recommendation of the Personnel Committee Policies and Procedures for City Identification Cards.
4. Approve a request from the Water Department to purchase metering equipment for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant from Northern Water Works Supply, Dekalb, Illinois at a cost of \$5,518.52.
5. Approve Resolution No. 2009 -560; Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Real Estate (Whiteside County Health Department)
6. Approve invoice # R 89909 from RAMSCO for the month of October on the Reliant Fastner Property for asbestos abatement for \$35,146.82.

7. Approve contract between the City of Rock Falls and Burke Excavating, Inc. for Environmental Site Remediation of the former Parish-Alford Site for \$379,920.00.

Motion: Hand, Second: Thurm, to approve the consent agenda as presented, table item # 7 until the next Council Meeting. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

City Administrators Report:

- Richard Downey, ICMA-CM, PHR

Information/Correspondence:

- William B. Wescott, City Clerk
 1. Informed the Council that arrangements were completed with the IMLRMA to conduct Snow Plow Safety Courses for our employees on Wednesday, December 16, 2009.
 2. Read correspondence from Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church thanking the City of Rock falls Street Department for there prompt response to getting the curb area on 8th Avenue painted white for identification of the handicapped stalls in front of the church.
- Jim Reese, City Attorney
 1. Attorney Reese informed the Council that notice had been served that the terms of the loan previously executed between the City and the IEPA, on August 4, 2009 for a loan for \$20 million repayable over a period of 20 years, were being revised. In order for the City to accept the revisions to funding sources provided under the loan agreement the Mayor and City Clerk would need to execute a new agreement on behalf of the City. **Ordinance 2009-2375, An Ordinance Approving Amendment to Loan Agreement** is presented for approval.

Motion: Folsom, Second: Thurm, Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads:

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak spoke to the Council regarding the following items:

1. Utility customers will find a mailing in there next utility bills. This mailing will provide information which will give directions to go to the City's webpage and utilize the link which will allow residents to complete a free home energy audit online.
2. Mr. Jakubczak announced that through a cooperative effort of the City of Rock Falls Utilities and T-6, broadband wireless internet is available free in two areas along the first avenue corridor. The two sections completed are at (2nd St. & 1st Avenue) and Dixon Ave, & 1st Avenue). In the future, this service will be extended down the first avenue corridor to the south.

Street – Mr. Downey reported that the Street Department has completed work with the new patcher and have taken the necessary steps to winterize the machine and storage tank. Currently both street sweepers are out trying to get the curbs and gutters cleaned of leaves and other debris.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion: Folsom, Second: Reitzel, Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. Out: 6:53 p.m.

Minutes will be presented for approval December 15, 2009.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

