

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

April 7, 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 Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm were present. Alderman Folsom was absent. City Administrator Downey and City Attorney Reese were present.

Ordinance/Second Reading – Adoption:

1. 2009 – 2237; Ordinance Granting Special Use Permit and Zoning Variance. Motion by Alderman Vandernick, seconded Alderman Snow to approve as presented. Roll Call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2009 -2238; Ordinance Directing the Advertisement For Bids to Sell Surplus Real Estate. Motion by Alderman Snow, seconded Alderman Arduini, to approve as presented. Roll Call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. (7) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of March 17, 2009 City Council Meeting
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve renewal of License No. 3089 between the City of Rock Falls (Electric Utilities) and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, for a parcel of land at the Hennepin Canal for operation and maintenance of electric wires and three (3) poles. Cost of renewal is \$115.00/per year for a total of \$575.00. This will secure a five (5) year agreement beginning on July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2014.
4. Approve Proclamation recognizing National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week, April 12-18 2009.
5. Approve payment of \$1102.50 to Paul Jakubczak for reimbursement of costs for MBA program, Course # BUS 616, (3) Credits; Grade A, Reimbursement per the Tuition Reimbursement Policy and recommendation of the Personnel Committee.

Motion by Alderman Snow and seconded Alderman Hand to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. (7) ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

Mr. Downey presented the first reading of the 2009-2010 Budget to the Council for review and consideration. The following totals by department and fund:

General Fund: \$6,345,552.94	GIS/IT Technician: \$88,000.00
Broadband Fund: \$59,998.00	Industrial Dev. Comm. \$30,174.99
Electric Department: \$8,521,547.00	Sewer Department: \$1,816,554.84
ESDA: \$3,398.04	Utility Office: \$330,745.60
Garbage Fund: \$590,152.50	Water Department: \$1,270,898.92
Total Expenditures: 19,054,022.83	

Following a brief discussion, motion to accept the first reading as presented made by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Vandersnick. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. (7) ayes, motion carried.

Information/Correspondence:

Mr. Brian Frickenstein of Willett, Hofmann and Associates, Inc. the City Engineer, presented information to the Council on the recent bid opening for the West Third Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue project for this year. Engineers estimate for the project was \$356,519.25. The following bids were received: Twin City Construction, Sterling, Illinois \$297,184.81, Northwest Illinois Construction, Rock Falls, Illinois, \$303,149.45; Stichter Construction Co., Erie, Illinois; \$321,861.90, Martin & Co. Excavating, Oregon, Illinois, \$337,416.30. Recommendation from Mr. Frickenstein following review of all bids is to accept the bid of Twin City Construction, Sterling, Illinois. Motion made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Reitzel to award the bid to Twin City Construction. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. (7) Ayes, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton addressed the Council on the following items:

1. Requested the appointment of Pam Erby, U.S. Bank as an additional member of the 2010 Census Count Committee. Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded Alderman Snow to approve the appointment. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. Mayor asks the Alderman to fill out the standing committee worksheets that he had distributed. This will help him to realign the committees for the coming year.
3. Reported briefly on the recent E-Zone conference held in Decatur, Illinois. He and Alderman Kuhlemier attended the conference, taking in many of the presentations on topics of current interest and enjoyed many networking opportunities.
4. Reported briefly on the recent Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development Associations yearly meeting. This years meeting was held at the Candlelight Inn in Rock Falls. It marked the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the organization. Alderman Kuhlemier was recognized and received a plaque for his 15 years of membership in the organization.

Adjournment:

Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded by Alderman Reitzel ot adjourn the meeting with no other business to come before the body. Roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand and Thurm voted aye. (7) Ayes, motion carried. (6:53 pm)

Approved : April 21, 2009

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk

