

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

May 19, 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, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom were present. City Administrator Downey and City Attorney Reese were also present.

**Audience Requests:**

Betty Clementz, Cheryl Faber and Cheryl Farwell representing the Relay for Life were present, and accepted a Proclamation on behalf of the Mayor and City Council recognizing American Relay for Life Day in Whiteside County on June 6-7, 2009. **Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded Alderman Folsom to approve Proclamation. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**Community Affairs:**

Sandy Henrekin, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation informed the Council that the RFCDC has completed compiling the Retail Recruitment Research and is making it ready for a presentation to the Council at the COW Meeting in June. Ms. Henrekin commented that (2) two interesting markets were identified in the research and she looks forward to the presentation in June. The data will allow us to aggressively seek business based on identified need vs. perceived "want".

Terry Shouse, Store Manager for the Rock Falls Country Market was present as the new Chairman of the Chamber to present the upcoming Chamber events.

**Ordinance: First Reading**

**1. 2009 – 2342; Section 15 – 298. Security Deposit.**

**Motion by Alderman Snow and seconded Alderman Vandersnick to approve Ordinance for first reading as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote, (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption:**

**1. 2009 – 2341; Section 15-29 Bills generally; delayed payment (h)**

**Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded Alderman Hand to accept Ordinance as presented for passage. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**2. 2009 – 2343; Directing the Advertisement for demolition at 702 First Avenue, Rock Falls, Illinois.**

**Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance as presented for passage. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Minutes of May 5, 2009 Meeting
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve reimbursement for \$1102.50 to Paul Jakubczak for completion of Course # BUS 642, Business Research Methods & Tools with a grade of (A); in accordance with the City Employee Tuition Reimbursement Policy and recommendation of the Personnel Committee.
4. Approve Resolution 2009 – 545; A Resolution accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Single Family Owner – Occupied Rehabilitation Program, HO – 50069 in the amount of \$250,000.00.

5. Approve request from the Sewer Department for the purchase of a 2009 F250 Truck, regular cab, 4WD, Plow and Tow package for \$20,800.00 from Reynolds Ford, Moline, Illinois as part of the Illinois State Bid package program.
6. Approve the acceptance of a \$5,300.00 grant from the Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation for energy efficient upgrades to indoor lighting systems in our public safety buildings (Police-Fire).
7. Approve the payment of \$41,250.00 to the Capital Development Board of the State of Illinois for the City share of CDB Project 630-000-111, Alternate Bid #2, for replacement of a 6" sewer line with a 12" line currently under East US Route 30, south of the Industrial Park near the IDOT Maintenance Garage. Funds from the Sewer Capital Account will be used to pay for this project.

**Motion by Alderman Hand seconded Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote, (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**City Administrator:**

Mr. Downey spoke briefly on the Housing grant projects that the City continues to work with, SFOOR/SRPP and a new one for next year MARS. Collectively we are nearing \$1,000,000.00 in home repairs and upgrades within the City.

**Department Heads:**

Wastewater – Mr. Cox presented the following:

1. Request for expenditure of \$19,850.00 for the sewer lining of the 12" main that runs approximately 15'-18' deep under the Reliant Property and is 380 linear feet in length. The work is to be completed by Visu-Sewer Clean & Seal, Inc, Pewaukee, WI. **Motion by Alderman Reitzel and seconded Alderman Vandersnick to approve the request. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote, (7) ayes, motion carried.** Motion
2. Mr. Cox introduced Bob Gasper, P.E. from Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. to present the Bid results on the Infrastructure improvements opened on May 15, 2009. A total of (6) bids were received for Contract No. 1 –Water Reclamation Facilities. The low bidder was Sjostrom & Sons, Inc., Rockford, Illinois at a cost of \$20,046,721.00. The engineer's estimate for this contract was \$23,000,000.00, resulting in a under estimate of \$2,953,279.00 or 12.84%.

A total of (4) bids were received for Contract No. 2 – Forcemain, Watermain and Pump Station. The low bidder was Sjostrom & Sons, Inc., Rockford, Illinois at a cost of \$3,210,547.00. The engineer's estimate for this contract was \$3,000,000.00, resulting in an over estimate of \$210,547.70 or 7.20%. Several bidding irregularities were noted, however, none of which caused any effect on the final order of bidders.

***Mr. Gasper recommended the CITY CONDITIONALLY award both the City of Rock Falls, Illinois Infrastructure Improvements – Contract No. 1 and Contract No. 2 to Sjostrom & Sons, Inc., 1129 Harrison Avenue, Rockford, Illinois 61104. Motion by Alderman Reitzel and seconded Alderman Vandersnick to approve Resolution 2009 -546 for the conditional Award of both contracts to the Firm of Sjostrom & Sons, Inc., Rockford, Illinois upon the approval and award of an IEPA Low Interest Loan. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.***

Water – Mr. Padilla presented a brief update on the work being completed as part of the West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Road Project and the new water main on Ada Street. In addition, he reported on the Groundwater education programs that he continues to be involved in.

Building Department – Mr. Searing presented the results of the bids received for consideration on the **sale of the City owned property at 1208 West 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, Illinois.** (4) bidders responded with the following offers: George Alcantar, Rock Falls \$23,750.00; Don Peppers, Rock Falls \$20,000.00; Mike Sterba, Rock Falls \$10,008.00; Everything Property LLC, Sterling \$10,000.00. Mr. Searing requested that the bid of George Alcantar be excepted for the sale of the property. **Motion by Alderman Snow and seconded Alderman Vandersnick to accept the bid of Mr. Alcantar as presented for \$23,750.00. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak presented the following to the Council:

1. Request approval of contract with Engle Electric, Sterling, Illinois for the Traffic signal work required to be completed each year. Engle Electric is a certified provider with IDOT. Cost of the contract is \$6,800.00. **Motion by Alderman Hand seconded Alderman Reitzel to accept the contract as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**
2. Presented the results of the bids received for the 2009 Dump Truck W/Plow. Bids: River City Truck, Davenport, Iowa \$38,989.00; Brenneman Commercial Vehicle, Park Ridge, Illinois \$41,876.00; Gem City Ford, Quincy, Illinois \$41,510.00; Reynolds Ford, East Moline, Illinois \$41,537.03; Ken Nelson Auto Plaza, Dixon, Illinois \$43,990.00; Advantage Chevrolet, Hodgkin, Illinois \$43,990.00; Sterling Chevrolet, Sterling, Illinois \$44,956.01. In reviewing the bids, the low bidder River City Truck did not meet bid specifications on several requirements; therefore, the request is to accept the bid of **Brenneman Commercial Vehicle at \$41,876.00. Motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded Alderman hand to accept the bid of Brenneman Commercial Vehicle. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**
3. Mr. Jakubczak reported that the City of Rock Falls was the recipient of a Safety Award from the APPA (American Public Power Agency) for no reported able loss time in the Electric Department for the year 2008.

Fire – Chief J. W. Larson presented a bid for approval from Lectronics, Inc, 1305 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls for a **Fire Alarm system to be installed in the Rock Falls City Hall Building for a cost of \$16,486.00.** In addition to the installed system, a fee of \$28.00/month for monitoring the alarms 24/7 and a fee of \$11.00/month for a 24 hour test timer that is required by NFPA 72 and ADA. **Motion by Alderman Hand seconded Alderman Folsom to accept the bid of Lectronics following the review of the contract by the City Attorney.**

**Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Police – Chief Kuelper reported that he received notice from the Justice Assistance Grant, that the City of Rock Falls would not be a recipient this year. As a result, the Police Department Budget will support the purchase of only one new squad. Chief Kuelper requested permission to begin the bid process for a new vehicle. **Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier seconded Alderman Snow to grant the chief authorization to proceed. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**Information/Correspondence:**

Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer presented an invoice for approval. **Twin City Construction Co. Sterling, Illinois final pay invoice for \$9,740.00 for the work completed on E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street near the Hydro plant.** The original approval was for up to \$10,000.00, the ½-cent sales tax will be utilized to pay for this work. **Motion by Alderman Snow seconded Alderman Folsom to pay the invoice. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion approved.**

**Ward Reports:**

Alderman Kuhlemier brought to the attention of the Council, that the mail drop box located on W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street near the library has a notice attached, that it will be removed from service on June 6, 2009. It is an apparent attempt to cut costs within the Postal Service. Mr. Kuhlemier requests that anyone that feels that this box should not be removed notify the local Postmaster immediately.

**Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Blanton acting on a request from the Police Pension Board request the City Council to re-appoint **John Hoffmiller to another (2) two year term** on the Board with an effective date of June 1, 2009 through May 31, 2011. **Motion by Alderman Reitzel seconded Alderman Folsom to approve the appointment requested. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**Executive Session:**

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into executive session for the purpose of:

1. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1)

**Motion by Alderman Vandernick seconded Alderman Snow to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:12 p.m.)**

**Motion to return to regular session by Alderman Reitzel and seconded Alderman Folsom. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 8:14 p.m.)**

**Motion to approve the evaluations and pay raises as presented by Alderman Snow seconded Alderman Vandernick. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**Adjournment:**

With no other business for the Council to consider, **Alderman Folsom presents a motion to adjourn, seconded Alderman Reitzel. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Folsom voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Minutes for approval at the June 2, 2009 Meeting.

