

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

June 2, 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 Thurm. City Administrator Downey and City Attorney Reese were also present.

Audience Request:

- Pam Erby, Chairman of the Rock Falls Convention and Visitors Bureau introduced to the Council Catherine Brunner the new Executive Director of Rock Falls Tourism. She invited the Council members to attend an Open House scheduled for June 17, 2009 from 5-7 pm. Council welcomed Ms. Brunner.
- Bethany Bland, Amped Productions addressed the Council on the upcoming AMPALOOZA to be held at the lower dam parking lot on Saturday, August 8, 2009. She requested utilization of the City property at the lower dam, specific street closures and an extended amplifier permit until 11:00 p.m. as opposed to 10:30 p.m... In addition, she requests a meeting with the Department Heads as in the past to solidify all of the plans. The City Council is appreciative of its relationship with AMP Fest and looks forward to this year's event and the positive impact that it has had on the City. **Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded Alderman Snow to approve the request as presented for this year's event. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**
- Mike Walton, Project Manager for Volkert & Associates along with Dawn Perkins and Bill James from Illinois Department of Transportation presented an informational Project update on the preliminary engineering for the proposed highway construction of Route 30 from Fulton, Illinois to Illinois Route 40/Route 30 in Rock Falls. At present, the study is reviewing Affected Environmental and Alternatives. The next scheduled Public Informational Open House is scheduled for January 2010.

Ordinance: Second Reading Adoption

1. 2009 – 2342; Section 15-298. Security Deposit.
Motion Alderman Vandersnick seconded Alderman Hand to approve Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2009 – 2344; Prevailing Wage
Motion Alderman Vandersnick seconded Alderman Thurm to approve Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried
3. 2009 – 2345; Section 8-850. Same-Exceptions.
Motion Alderman Vandersnick seconded Alderman Thurm to approve Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried
4. 2009 – 2346; Sale of Municipal Property.
Motion Alderman Vandersnick seconded Alderman Thurm to approve Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.

5. 2009 – 2347; Public Auction for sale of surplus, abandoned and confiscated personal property. **Motion Alderman Vandersnick seconded Alderman Thurm to approve Ordinance as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of May 19, 2009
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve request from Electric Department for the expenditure of \$31, 470.00 to purchase (6) 150 KVA pad mount transformers at \$5,245.00 each from RESCO.
4. Approve recommendation of the Finance/Insurance Committee to transfer \$46,000.00 from the demolition line item in the Public Property budget to pay for the new T.I.F. Expenses.
5. Approve the request for Engineer's Payments Estimate # 1 for \$103,283.72 to Twin City Construction Company for work from April 27, 2009 to May 31, 2009 on West Third Street Project.

Motion to approve as presented, Alderman Hand seconded Alderman Kuhlemier. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion approved.

City Administrator Report:

1. Request the Council to Approve **Resolution 2009-547** for making application to the State of Illinois for a Community Development Assistance Program grant. The grant is for \$350,000.00 and the City would need to provide \$60,000.00 in matching funds. The grant would be utilized in the Charles/Arland/Division Street neighborhoods. (55) surveys were sent out to the residences and we need to receive 75% of those back, as well as, have 51% of the respondents be in the low to moderate income bracket to be considered for the grant. **Motion Alderman Snow seconded Alderman Hand to approve the Resolution as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**
2. City received word today, from State Senator Tim Bivens office that additional funds for road repairs has been made available under an **Emergency Repair Program grant**, which contains no matching funds requirement. Applications need to be filed, no later than Friday, June 5th for consideration. The two primary criteria for road selection are: system preservation only and must have a minimum cost of \$300,000.00. Following a short discussion, the Council requested Mr. Downey make application for 14th Avenue (Buell Road) South from U.S Route 30 to the City limits, approximately 3,850 feet of roadway. **Motion Alderman Kuhlemier seconded Alderman Hand to make application for the grant as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Department Heads:

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak had (2) items for the Council:

1. Results of the bids let for the **Vegetation Management for the 2009** year based on time and materials only. Wilkins Tree & Land, Erie, Illinois \$2,400.00 per week and Grover's Nursery Landscaping & Tree, Inc, Chana, Illinois \$5,480.00 per week. **Recommendation to accept Wilkins Tree & Land, Erie, Illinois as the low bidder. Motion Alderman Hand seconded Alderman Snow to accept low bid as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**
2. Mr. Jakubczak informed the Council that effective June 10, 2009 he was ordering his employees to enforce the City Ordinance concerning placement of signage by others than the City on utility poles within the City. Any signage found on municipal owned poles will be removed immediately.

Committee Reports:

Public Works – Chairman Reitzel presented (2) items for the Council to consider:

1. Request the Council approval for the purchase of a **2009 – T7500 injection Patching Machine from the Hampton Equipment Company, Raymond, Illinois at a cost of \$55,000.00. Motion Alderman Reitzel seconded Alderman Thurm to approve the purchase as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**
2. Request the Council to approve the purchase of a **2009 – Total Tank Emulsion Storage System, 6000 gallon Model at a cost of \$39,000.00 from Hampton Equipment Company, Raymond, Illinois. Motion Alderman Reitzel seconded Alderman Vandersnick to approve purchase as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Finance/Insurance – Chairman Kuhlemier requested Council action on the following:

1. At the May 19, 2009 meeting of the Council, approval was given for the payment of \$41,250.00 for CDC Project 630-000-111 under item # 7 of the consent agenda. The Finance Committee is requesting the Council approve the **transfer of \$41,250.00 from Sewer Reserves to Sanitary Sewer Extensions for the payment of that project. Motion Alderman Kuhlemier seconded Alderman Vandersnick to approve the transfer of funds as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried**

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton requested the Council approve the appointment of Alderman Kuhlemier, to serve the City as **Mayor Pro Tem from June 13- June 18, 2009. Motion Alderman Thurm seconded Alderman Snow to approve the appointment as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into executive session for Personnel- Section 2(c)(2).**Motion Alderman Thurm second Alderman Vandersnick to enter into executive session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried. (7:20 p.m.)**

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Motion Alderman Snow seconded Alderman Vandersnick to return to regular session. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried. (7:54 p.m.)

With no other business to come before the Council, **motion Alderman Thurm seconded Alderman Reitzel to adjourn the meeting. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand and Thurm voted aye. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

For Approval June 16, 2009.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk