

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
February 16, 2010

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, Folsom and Thurm were present, quorum. In addition, City Administrator, Richard Downey and City Attorney, Jim Reese was present.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. Ordinance 2010-2383; ORDINANCE ENACTING AND IMPOSING A TAX UPON PERSONS ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF DISTRIBUTING, SUPPLYING, FURNISHING, OR SELLING GAS FOR USE OR CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS.

Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Second: Ald. Snow to accept the ordinance as presented for first reading. Vote: (8 ayes), motion carried.

Ordinance: Adoption

1. Ordinance 2010-2380; SIMPLIFIED MUNICIPAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX RATE

Motion: Ald. Thurm, Second: Ald. Vandersnick to adopt ordinance in current form. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2010-2381; ELECTRIC RATE ORDINANCE

Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Schuneman to adopt ordinance in current form. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes from February 2, 2010
2. Approve Special Meeting – Public Hearing Minutes # 1, February 3, 2010
3. Approve Special Meeting – Public Hearing Minutes #2, February 3, 2010
4. Approve Bills as presented
5. Resolution 2010-571; Proposing Amendment to Zoning Ordinance
6. Approve the recommendation of the Electric and Public Works Committees for the refund of deposits from eligible customers, totaling \$6,058.39.

Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the consent agenda as presented, minus item #5. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Following a discussion on item #5 of the consent agenda which was removed prior to approval of consent agenda, it was agreed to table the item for additional review and considerations. Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Folsom. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

City Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey reported that he will be out of town February 22-26, 2010 attending seminars and training in regards to the Housing grants program.

Department Heads:

Electric- Mr. Jakubczak presented the following for consideration:

1. Request the City Council grant authorization to the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency (IMEA) to allow non-dedicated capacity totaling 3,633 kW from units #6 and #7 to be placed into the PJM ILR program for the program year June 1, 2010 through May 31, 2011.
Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Reitzel to authorize the City to enter into the agreement for the time period identified. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Water and Street – Mr. Padilla made the following requests of the Council:

1. Request authorization of the Council to accept the proposal, for Well #4 Rehabilitation from Layne –Western, Aurora, Illinois at a cost of \$43,898.00 per the recommendation of the Public Works Committee for the Water Department.
Motion: Ald. Thurm, Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve Well #4 Rehabilitation as presented, following review of the contract by the City Attorney. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.
2. Request authorization from the Council for the purchase of a new 2 ton “patch buggy” for the Street Department from Bonnell Industries, Inc. of Dixon, Illinois for \$15,500.00.
Motion: Ald. Reitzel, Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the purchase as presented.
Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Building Inspector- Mr. Searing presented the following information to the Council:

1. The City of Rock Falls will be hosting a US EPA Lead Renovators’ Certification Class for area contractors to comply with the new Lead Law which will become effective April 22, 2010. Due to new Federal Regulations pertaining to Renovation, Repair and Painting Lead Law, all contractors will be required to be compliant with the new law before obtaining permits after the effective date.

Police- Chief Kuelper reported to the Council that Axel, the City’s K-9 died on February 10, 2010 following 7 years of service. Axel was give a diagnosis of prostrate cancer and his condition rapidly deteriorated. Leading to the animal being put down. The Department will be pursuing avenues to seek funding for a replacement in the future.

Ward Reports:

Alderman Kuhlemier informed the Council that the Rock Falls Tourism Office will be hosting a Customer Service Seminar on March 10, 2010 at the Holiday Inn in Rock Falls. Two sessions will be held to accommodate as many as possible. There will be a morning session 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and an afternoon session 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m... The training is free to all participants.

Alderman Schuneman encourage all of the Council members to attend the concert being presented at the Sterling Centennial Auditorium on Saturday, February 20,2010, The Concert will feature the Clinton Symphony Orchestra and feature Dillon Schuneman in a Piano, performance.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton request that Alderman Glen Kuhlemier be named Mayor Pro-Tem for the period of February 20-26, 2010 during his absence from the City. Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the request. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Executive Session:

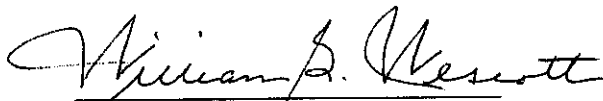
Mayor Blanton request that the Council enter into executive session for Pending or threatening litigation-Section 2(c) (11). Motion: Ald. Thurm, Second: Ald. Snow to enter into executive session. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:11 pm)

Motion to return to regular session by Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm, Vote (8) ayes, motion, carried. (OUT: 7:31 pm)

Adjournment

With no further business for the Council to consider, motion Ald. Folsom, seconded Ald. Reitzel to adjourn. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

For approval at the March 2, 2010 Council Meeting.



William B. Wescott, City Clerk