

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
March 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 Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, and Folsom were present, making a quorum. Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel and Thurm were absent. In addition, City Administrator, Richard Downey and City Attorney, Jim Reese were present.

Community Affairs:

Ms. Dawn Duncan, Manager of the Country Inn & Suites who serves on the Rock Falls Chamber Board was present to present for the Chamber. She presented a listing of upcoming Chamber events.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption

1. Ordinance 2010-2384; AN ORDINANCE APPROVING 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: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Hand to approve Ordinance as presented. Vote (5) ayes, motion carried.**
2. Ordinance 2010-2385; AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICT ELIGIBILITY STUDY, REDEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PROJECT FOR THE ROCK FALLS DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA  
**Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve Ordinance as presented. Vote (5) ayes, motion carried.**
3. Ordinance 2010-2386; AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE ROCK FALLS DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA.  
**Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve Ordinance as presented. Vote, (5) ayes, motion carried.**
4. Ordinance 2010-2387; AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING TAX INCREMENT FINANCING  
**Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Folsom to approve Ordinance as presented. Vote,(5) ayes, motion carried.**
5. Ordinance 2010-2389; AMENDING SECTION ; SECTION 5-126  
**Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Snow to approve the Ordinance as presented. Vote, (5) ayes, motion carried.**
6. Ordinance 2010-2390; ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 8-287. RESTRICTIONS ON ISSUANCE, SUB-PARAGRAPH (13)  
**Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Second: Ald. Schuneman to table this Ordinance until the April 6, 2010 Council meeting. Vote, (5) ayes, motion carried.**
7. Ordinance 2010-2391; AMENDING SECTION 9-168. RESIDENT PARKING  
**Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Hand to table this Ordinance until the April 6, 2010 Council meeting. Vote, (5) ayes, motion carried.**
8. Ordinance 2010-2392; ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN BUSINESS LICENSE FEES  
**Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Second: Ald. Snow to approve the Ordinance as presented. Vote, (5) ayes, motion carried.**
9. Ordinance 2010-2393; AMENDING SECTION 9-163(d)  
**Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Hand to approve the Ordinance as presented. Vote, (5) ayes, motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Minutes from March 2, 2010
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve Contract Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and Sterling Environmental, LLC, of Sterling, Illinois for asbestos inspection on boilers at the former Reliant Building, West Side, at a cost of \$760.00.
4. Approve Privacy Policy as required of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program under the Illinois Housing Development Authority for the Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program (SFOOR).
5. Approve Privacy Policy as required of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program under the Illinois Housing Development Authority for the Small Rental Properties Program (SRPP).
6. Request approval of Resolution 2010-572; A Resolution Approving Agreement with Rock Falls Community Development Corporation.
7. Recommend to the Planning and Zoning Committee an application for a variance/interpretation of zoning map/special exception at 413 East 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, Illinois. Petitioners request variance to build a family residence with detached garage. Lot size is 50' x 150' and that is non-conforming to R-2 by 10'.
8. Approve request from the Planning & Zoning Commission for an amendment to the zoning ordinance petition for properties located in the 900 block of Avenue D from M-1 to R-2, excluding parcel #11-27-384-001 as presented.
9. Request approval of Resolution 2010-573; a Resolution requesting the Governor of the State of Illinois to reconsider his plan to reduce the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) to municipalities by 30%.
10. Approve Gas Main Extension Advance Deposit Agreement with NICOR Gas, for the Rock Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant, Metro Project #907-A-2 at a cost of \$19,592.73.

Motion: Ald. Hand. Second: Ald. Kuhlemier to approve the Consent agenda as presented. Discussion was brought to the table by, Ald. Snow, in regards to item #8. He inquired as to the impact of current business owners located in the area in question. Current Zoning would not change for the business currently in place and operating with the passage of this item. It was explained, if the property was sold by the current owners the M-1 business transferring the M-1 zoning, as long as the parcels in question were not abandoned for a period more than 12 months. In that event; or if the business was destroyed by 50% or more the parcels would then lose M-1 status and become R-2. Vote, (5) ayes to approve the consent agenda as presented, motion carried.

**City Administrators Report:**

Mr. Downey presented the Council with (3) three garbage bag quotes for consideration for the purchase of 120 cases of product. AmSam.com; (\$0.2003 per bag); Flexsol (\$0.2079 per bag) and Waste Zero (\$0.2242 per bag). Mr. Downey requested the Council accept the low bid presented by AmSam.com for 120 cases @ \$24.03 per case for a total of \$12,015.00. Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Schuneman to accept the low bid of AmSam.com as presented. Vote, (5) ayes, motion carried.

**Information/Correspondence:**

City Clerk Wescott presented the following (2) items:

1. Presented the Alderman with a "how to" packet for gaining access to the Illinois Attorney General Homepage for the purpose of registering and completing the mandatory Open Meetings Act training.

2. Requested from the Council in his capacity as the Risk Management Coordinator, that the Council take the necessary action to suspend Bucket Brigade solicitation for a period of one year. The traffic problems at the Health Department, the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Road Project scheduled for this year, as well as, the increased traffic expected on 1<sup>st</sup> avenue as a result of the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue Project all of which contribute to an all ready unsafe condition. Attorney Reese stated that the Council has the authority to do so, with the adoption of an Ordinance. Following a discussion, Alderman Hand requested that the matter be referred to the Ordinance Committee at there next meeting. A recommendation is to be brought back to the Council on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Department Heads:

Electric- Mr. Jakubczak presented the following:

1. Reported on the Bids that were let for the Parking Lot improvements at the Electric Utility property in the Industrial Park. A total of five (5) bids were received for the project. Murray & Sons Excavating, Inc. \$63,912.50; Martin & Company Excavating, \$84,722.40; Northwest Illinois Construction, LLC., \$74,103.05; Stenstrom Excavation & Blacktop Group, \$74,796.60; Stichter Construction Co., \$70,069.00. It is the recommendation of the Electric Committee and Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. to accept the low bid submitted by Murray & Sons Excavating Inc. Motion; Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Snow, to accept the bid of Murray & Sons Excavating Inc. for \$63,912.50. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.

Water/Street- Mr. Padilla presented the following:

1. Presented an overview of the April/May activities scheduled for the Street Department.
2. Spoke about the Groundwater Education program that is merging with Electric this year, to provide more information to our school age children about the environment and energy conservation.

Building- Mr. Searing informed the Council that the Water Tower located at the old Limestone Building is scheduled for demolition on March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1000 hours. A plaque was located in the concrete of the base, placing the erection of the structure in 1928.

Standing Committee Dates/Reports:

Alderman Kuhlemier, Chairman of the Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee informed the body that his committee will be having Special Meetings on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:30 p.m., for the purpose of reviewing budgets for the 2010-2011 year. The Alderman were all encouraged to attend.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton reported to the Council that work on the new Wastewater Treatment Plant is picking up steam and with the better weather, we should see a lot of progress. The 12" Forcemain is being laid at this time, as well.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the body, Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Ald. Folsom, Second: Ald. Snow. Vote (5) ayes, motion carried.

Minutes will be presented for approval at the April 6, 2010 meeting.

