

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
April 6, 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 and Thurm were present. Alderman Folsom was absent (hospitalized). City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

**Audience Requests:**

City Council presented a plaque to Mr. Thomas J. Myers recognizing his years of service as a member of the Police-Fire Commission.

Proclamation recognizing National Public-Safety Telecommunications Week, April 11-17, 2010 was presented to; Rock Falls Telecommunicator Amy Stoeckel, Twin Com Telecommunicators Brandon Miller and Theresa Craft were representing CGH.

Acting Street Supt. Ted Padilla presented employees, Larry Spinka, Toni Poci, Dennis Phillips, Al Briggs, Andrew Behrens and Paul Lawyer and recognized the efforts of all the crews responsible for keeping the streets cleared during the winter season. The Council recognized the efforts of the employees.

**Community Affairs:**

Keith Grell of Brothers Flooring, a member of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce Board informed the Council of upcoming events planned by the Chamber for the month of April and May 2010.

**Ordinance: First Reading**

1. Ordinance 2010-2394; SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
2. Ordinance 2010-2395; ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AMENDEMENT OF ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP

**Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the Ordinances as presented for first reading. Vote: seven (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**Ordinance: Adoption:**

1. Ordinance 2010-2396; SUSPENSION OF "BUCKET BRIGADE" SOLICITATIONS  
**Motion: Ald. Vandersnick to give approval to the Ordinance as presented because of the potential emergency nature of this ordinance, suspending the effectiveness of permits for bucket brigades, that the ordinary rules of the council requiring a first and second reading of the ordinance be suspended. Second: Ald. Schuneman.** During discussion, Ald. Snow spoke to the idea that by eliminating these types of solicitations for a one year period, we are taking away 35-45% of many local charity's incomes for the year. While he fully agrees with and understands the reason for the action, he would like to see the City look as some other location for the organizations to be able to carry out there solicitations. Ald. Hand in addition, objected to the ordinance approval. **Vote: Ald. Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman and Folsom voted aye, Al. Snow and Ald. Hand voted nay. 5-2 motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Minutes from March 16, 2010
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve Resolution 2010-574; Illinois Housing Development Authority Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program (\$370,000.00)

4. Approve Resolution 2010-575; Illinois Housing Development Authority Grant, HOME Investment Partnership Program (\$129,000.00)
5. Approve purchase from Brownstown Electric Supply Co., Brownstown, Indiana for (4) 50 Kva Pad Mount Transformers at a cost of \$1,469.00 each; total expenditure \$5,876.00.
6. Approve purchase from RESCO, Milwaukee, Wisconsin for (50) 15478B-HETB-N-N-N Fault indicators at a cost of \$156.15 each; total expenditure \$7,807.50
7. Approve purchase from Innerduct.Com, Cedar Rapids, Iowa for (4,000) 3” SDR 13.5 Conduit Orange W/Tape at \$1.55 each; total expenditure \$6,200.00
8. Approve expenditure of \$6,000.00 to Willett Hofmann & Associates, Dixon, Illinois for Lift Station Contract #3 – Plant Replacement- Engineering.
9. Approve the addition of \$80,000.00 to the Public Property Demolition line item in the 2009-2010 budget.
10. Approve the contract with RAMSCO, St. Charles, Illinois for additional asbestos abatement of the interior boiler insulation at the former Reliant Fastner, Boiler Room Building 15 at a cost of \$68,285.00.

**Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Snow to approve the consent agenda as presented with the provision that the City Attorney review the contract with RAMSCO in #10 of the agenda and approve before the Mayor signs the document. Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried.**

**City Administrators Report:**

Mr. Downey presented to the members of the Council the first draft of the 2010-2011 Budget. On a **motion by Alderman Kuhlemier, Chairman of the Finance Committee and seconded by Ald. Schuneman the Council approves the first reading of the proposed Budget document. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**Information/Correspondence:**

William B. Wescott, City Clerk read into the record a thank you card received from the Ken Fox Family, for the memorial sent in memory of Ken’s mother who died recently.

In addition, Clerk Wescott read correspondence from the following individuals:

1. Officer Howard M. Melchi, Patrolman with the Police Department submitted his retirement letter, with July 15, 2010 being his official last day as a Patrolman for the City of Rock Falls, which will conclude a 30 year career with the Department.
2. Officer Kristian D. Montanez submitted his formal notice of resignation from the position of Patrolman with the Rock Falls Police Department. He thanked the Department, as well as, the City for the opportunities that he has had during his service. His last official day of duty was March 31, 2010.
3. Mr. David E. Erby tenders his resignation from the Planning and Zoning Commission effective immediately, and thanked the City for providing the opportunity to serve. Personal time constraints due not allow for his continued service.

**Department Heads:**

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak presented the following items for the Councils information and action:

1. Informed the Council, that the Rock Falls Electric Utilities were recognized by the American Public Power Association at the organizations annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Omaha, Nebraska on March 29, 2010. Rock Falls was one of ninety four of the nation’s more than 2,000 public utilities to have earned the Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3) recognition, which recognizes those entities providing consumers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service. The City owned Utility earned a 96% rating and was awarded the Platinum Award.

2. Requested the Council approve a General Services Agreement with SEGA Inc., for Engineering Services in regards to the West Side Generator Station, following review by the City Attorney.  
**Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve the request as presented, following review by the City Attorney. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Water- Street – Mr. Padilla presented the following for approval and information:

1. Mr. Padilla informed the Council that Mr. Jakubczak and himself have been out in the schools presenting their Electrical Safety and Groundwater Education classes to the area schools. These programs have been very well received and are a big success.
2. Mr. Padilla requested the council approve the purchase of a new F-350 Utility Truck at a cost not to exceed \$24,000.00 from Reynolds Ford.  
**Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the request as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**
3. Mr. Padilla reported that the water department will begin a project on Avenue B, between E. 2<sup>nd</sup> and E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. The project will be to change out a 2 inch main which serves this area and replace it with a 6 inch main. The project is scheduled to run through May 15, 2010. The area will be barricade from time to time during construction.

Building Inspector- Mr. Searing who is serving as coordinator for the City Census Campaign presented the following information for the Council. Early information from the Census Bureau indicates that the City of Rock Falls has had a 76% return of the forms that were mailed out to residence for completion. This return is compared to other Illinois communities which are averaging 64%. Those residents who have not returned their forms will be contacted by Census teams.

Ward Reports:

Ward 2, Ald. Kuhlemier informed the Council that the local RRDA will recognize Dick and Kathy Stinson on April 12<sup>th</sup> with a reception from 6-7 pm at the US Bank for their years of service to the organization. Dick and Kathy will be moving in the near future from the community. Aldermen are encouraged to attend and thank Dick and Kathy for their years of service.

#### **Mayor's Report:**

Mayor Blanton presented the following:

1. Aldermen were presented with a Standing Committee request form for the upcoming fiscal year. They were encouraged to identify the areas where they would like to serve. The Mayor will make the appointments for next year's committees at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting.
2. On February 16, 2010, the City Council tabled Resolution 2010-571; proposing an Amendment change to the Zoning Ordinance as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission.  
**Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Reitzel to deny the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, as it is the Council's consideration that this would be approving spot zoning. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of Personnel-Section 2(c)(1), and request that Acting Street Supt. Ted Padilla, Mr. and Mrs. Doug Robbins and Police Chief Mike Kuelper be included in the session. **Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Snow, Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried (In: 7:16 p.m.)**

**Motion: Ald. Hand, Seconded: Ald. Thurm to return to open session. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:48 p.m.)**

**Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Seconded by Ald. Schuneman, to uphold the Termination of Douglas Robbins as recommended by the Personnel Committee with an effective date of February 19, 2010. Vote: Ald. Vandersnick, Ald. Reitzel, Ald. Snow, Ald. Kuhlemier, Ald. Schuneman, Ald. Hand and Ald. Thurm voted aye. Motion carried (7) ayes.**

With no other business to come before the Council, **motion by Ald. Thurm and seconded Ald. Reitzel to adjourn. (7) Ayes, motion carried.**

Minutes for approval at the April 20<sup>th</sup> 2010 meeting.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk