

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROCK FALLS
June 15, 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., June 15, 2010 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

City Clerk, William B. Wescott, called the roll following the pledge of allegiance, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. In addition, City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese were also in attendance.

PUBLIC HEARING

The first order of business of the Council was for the purpose of conducting a hearing to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the City in the amount not to exceed \$1,555,000.00 for the purpose of improving the Electric System of the City, including the installation of an additional 4 to 6 megawatts of diesel electricity generation, including, in connection with said improvements, all land or rights in land, mechanical, electrical and other services necessary, useful or advisable to the improvements, and incidental to such improvements, to pay bond discount, bond interest, bond reserve account funding, legal, financing, and administrative expense.

There were four (4) individuals present in addition to the members of the Council and Department Heads: Harry Temple, 1114 W. 23rd Street; Sally Scanlon, 29486 Plautz Road; Sylvia Frey, 1003 Avenue C Apt. D; Yolanda Thurm, 203 W. 23rd Street.

Mr. Paul Jakubczak the Director of Electrical Utilities for the City spoke to those assembled. The total cost of the project will be in the vicinity of \$3,000,000.00 and in addition to the new generation units and building to house the same, pollution control measures will be added to the other generation stations in the City which are required by the EPA. The project is being overseen by SEGA, INC. from Stillwell, Kansas which is the same firm that has done the other generation units that the City currently has in place. The costs for the bonds that are to be issued will not require and increase in current electrical utility rates, and the bonds will be retired in 7 years. The construction and generation project should be up and running by May 2011.

He told the gathering that the additional generation and containment building for the generators will be placed inside the current South 14th Avenue Substation located on Buell Road and will require no additional property to be utilized. It will provide additional power for times of outages, when dropped by suppliers, and will be instrumental in providing emergency generation for the new Wastewater Treatment Plant currently under construction, as well as, allowing for expansion on the West end of town.

The audience member's nor Council members had any questions or comments concerning the Bond issue. Hearing no other voices requesting to speak to this matter, Mayor Blanton called for the closure of the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

Community Affairs:

Sally Scanlon representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Council and presented and overview of the upcoming week's events planned by the Chamber, and reminded the general public and Council about the Annual Chamber Cookout in July.

Ordinance: Second Reading and adoption of:

1. 2010-2404; Section 15-51. METER INSTALLATION; BYPASS PROHIBITED
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

2. 2010-2405; AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ELECTRIC SYSTEM ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE) OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS, WHITESIDE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,555,000.00, FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING THE ELECTRIC SYSTEM OF THE CITY.
Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Kuhlemier to accept the ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
3. 2010-2406; Section 15-297. DELAYED PAYMENT
Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Vandersnick to accept the ordinance as presented, Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried
4. 2010-2407; PREVAILING WAGE ORDINANCE
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the ordinance as presented, Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes from June 1, 2010
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve Treasurer's Report for May 2010 as presented.
4. Approve request of the Electric Department for expenditure of \$8,472.00 to HD Supply Utilities, LTD., Dallas, Texas for (24) 120-480V F15-165 meters to inventory at \$353.00 each.
5. Approve request of the Electric Department for expenditure of \$7,060.00 to HD Supply Utilities, LTD., Dallas, Texas for (20) 120-480 CL20 F8/95 meters to inventory at \$353.00 each.
6. Approve request of the Electric Department for expenditure of \$6,776.00 to HD Supply Utilities, LTD., Dallas, Texas for (56) Form 12S meter w/ERT module to inventory at \$121.00 each.
7. Approve payment to Willett, Hofmann & Associates for engineering services on West 24th Street Storm Water Extension in the amount of \$8,724.00.
8. Approve payment to Willett, Hofmann & Associates for engineering services relating to Lift Station Improvements at a cost of \$30,000.00.
9. Approve Resolution 2010-580; A Resolution authorizing the execution of a License Agreement for the installation of Public Art.
Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Snow to accept the consent agenda as presented, Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

Mr. Downey informed the Council that the Sierra Club's Cool Cities Program has named the City of Rock Falls as a "Cool City", for its work in implementing clean energy solutions that save money, create jobs, and help curb global warming. The cities accomplishments and those of other cities in the U.S. can be found on the website: www.coolcities.us/.

Department Heads:

Building Inspector- Mr. Searing request the Council direct the City Attorney to draft the necessary intergovernmental agreement and contract between Sterling and Rock Falls for the Hearing Officer Program which is nearing implementation. **Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Vandersnick to so direct the City Attorney to draft the necessary documents. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.**

Fire- Chief J. W. Larson presented the following two items for Council consideration:

1. Request Council approve the submittal of an application for a **FEMA grant totaling \$16,000.00 for the purchase of safety equipment and installation of a fire alarm system in the Fire Department. Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm to move forward with the application process as requested. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.**

2. Request Council approve the **purchase of twenty-two (22) Motorola Minitor V Pagers at a cost of \$8,176.00 from Lectronics Inc., Rock Falls, Illinois. Motion: Folsom, Second: Thurm to approve the purchase as requested. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.**

Electric- Mr. Jakubczak request Council approval for the **expenditure of \$17, 800.00 for the maintenance agreement renewal and updates to the SCADA system to be completed by Survalent Technology Corporation of Ontario, Canada. Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve the request as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.**

Ward Reports:

2nd Ward Alderman Kuhlemier noted to the passing of two (2) long term local Mayors from our neighboring communities. Former Mayor Ted Aggen of Sterling and former Mayor Don Sheets, of Dixon, Illinois, both passed away on the same day. Both men served there communities and the surrounding area for many years. On behalf of the City of Rock Falls, both families are extended our deepest sympathy's for there losses. A moment of silence was observed in there memories.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton requested that the Council approve the **naming of Alderman Kuhlemier as Mayor Pro Tem for the period of June 20-28, as he and Alderman Hand will be in Florida attending the Electric conference. Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the Mayors request as presented. Vote (7) ayes, (1) abstention, Ald. Kuhlemier, motion carried.**

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton requested a motion for adjournment. **Motion: Ald. Folsom, Seconded: Ald. Reitzel; Vote (8) ayes, motion carried. (7:12 pm)**

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

William B. Wescott, City Clerk