

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
September 21, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., September 21, 2010 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David Blanton.

Deputy City Clerk, Michelle Conklin, called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. Alderman Snow being absent.

Julie Jacobs, Executive Secretary from Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development awarded the City of Rock Falls with approximately \$115,000.00 in Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants. The grant award will be used for City Hall lighting upgrades, Community Building lighting upgrades and window replacement, Electric Department lighting upgrades and a solar panel for the Electric Department.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Vandersnick to accept the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants from Blackhawk Hills Resource Conservation and Development. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Marty Kapp addressed the City Council with concerns that he has with the ordinance regarding storage containers. After discussion, Mr. Kapp was advised to contact Building Inspector Mark Searing to answer any questions that he may have.

Brody Henson, Boy Scout Troop 902, Drew Henson and Collin Jakubczak, Cub Scout Pack 323 addressed the City Council and informed them that the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts are continuing their collection of food for the food pantry's in town. On Saturday, October 9, 2010 they will be going door to door in the City of Rock Falls to distribute bags and door knockers and on October 16, 2010 they will be going door to door to collect any donations of food.

A motion was made by Alderman Thurm and second by Alderman Reitzel to approve the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts going door to door to collect food to stock the food pantry's. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye, Alderman Kuhlemier abstained. Vote: 6 aye, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

Paul Jakubczak, representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce informed the City Council of the upcoming events in the City of Rock Falls.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandernick and second by Alderman Hand to approve the first reading on Ordinance:

1. 2010-2421; An Ordinance revising and fixing penalties for violations of various provisions of the municipal code and International Codes, and establishing time requirements for payment of penalties.
2. 2010-2422; Section 9-84. Stop intersections designated; Section 9-85. Yield intersections designated.
3. 2010-2423; Section 16- 306. Storage containers-prohibited; Section 16-307 Temporary Structures and Uses.

Upon roll call Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Folsom to approve consent agenda items 1 - 12:

1. Approve Minutes of September 7, 2010
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve the Electric Department request for expenditure of \$7,200 for Geotechnical Engineer Services for the South 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Generation to Testing Services Corporation, Pewaukee, WI.
4. Approve the Electric Department request for expenditure of \$7436.00 for (4) 75 KVA pad mount transformers for inventory, to Border States Electric Supply.
5. Approve the Electric Department request for expenditure of \$13,236.00 for (4) 50 KVA pad mount transformers and (10) 25 KVA pad mount transformers for inventory, to Brownstown Electric Supply Company of Brownstown, Ind.
6. Approve the Electric Department request for expenditure of \$7,289.50 for 1500' of permafex cable, wire rope clamps, barrier float-orange and freight for River markings to Roylan Buoys, Cedarburg, WI.
7. Approve the Electric Department request for expenditure of \$11,294.00 equipment repairs at the Industrial Park and Avenue A Gen stations to Edler Power Supply Inc. of Lena, Ill.
8. Approve the Electric Department request for expenditure of \$28,913.00 to Power Line Supply, Chicago, Illinois.

9. Approve the Sewer Department request for expenditure of \$52,335.00 for plant replacement engineering services to Willet, Hofmann and Associates of Dixon, Illinois.
10. Approve the Electric Department request for expenditure of \$19, 879.25 for new Promark 500 GIS equipment to The Sid Well Company of St. Charles, Illinois.
11. Approve preliminary Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax Funds in the amount of \$56,000.00 to Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. for East Second Street, Avenue A and soil survey by TSC.
12. Approve expenditure of \$5,000.00 from the Industrial Development Commission to the I-88 West Marketing Group for payment of the second of three year obligation.

Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

Paul Jakubczak, Electric Department Supervisor informed the City Council that a Broadband Grant had been received in the amount of approximately \$68,000,000.00 which is for 9 counties in the Northern Illinois area. The City of Rock Falls will received between \$600,000.00 and \$700,000.00. Mr. Jakubczak also informed the Council that October 3, 2010 through October 9, 2010 is Public Power Week.

Mark Searing, Building Inspector presented the City Council with a plaque from the U.S. Census Bureau thanking the City for their participation in the 2010 Census. Mark Searing stated that the Complete Count Committee had been disbanded but he would like to thank everyone on the committee for their hard work.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Folsom to approve the closure of East 3rd Street from 1st Avenue to Avenue A on Saturday September 25, 2010 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for the annual NICIL Walk and Roll. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Alderman Thurm to approve the appointment of Alderman Lee Folsom as Mayor Pro-Tem from September 22, 2010 until September 26, 2010. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Thurm and second by Alderman Vandersnick to enter into executive session for the purposes of:

1. Personnel-Section 2(c)(1)
2. Collective Bargaining-Section 2(c)(2)

Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried. (7:09 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and second by Alderman Vandersnick to return to regular session. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried. (8:19 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Thurm and second by Alderman Vandersnick to confirm the dismissal of a probationary employee. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Reitzel to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 7 aye. Motion carried.

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Michelle Conklin, Deputy Clerk