

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
January 19, 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 Folsom were present. In addition, City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese were present. Alderman Thurm was absent.

Audience Request:

Ms. Renee Morris of the Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Mississippi Valley was present to accept a proclamation on behalf of her Organization. The Proclamation declared the month of January 2010 as National Mentoring Month in the City of Rock Falls. **Motion: Hand, Second: Schuneman to approve proclamation. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Introduction of new Employees:

The following new employees were introduced to the Council: Susan Wolf, Patrol Office, Police Department; Matt Kobbeman, Firefighter, Fire Department, John Kegel, Lineman, Electric Utility. The Mayor and Council welcomed all of the new employees to service.

Community Affairs:

Sandy Henrekin, Executive Director of the RFCDC, presented an update to the Council on the voting currently underway to name the Riverfront Area. To date over 5000 people have voted, deadline for voting is January 30, 2010.

Ordinance: First Reading:

1. Ordinance 2010-2379; Ordinance providing authorization for Generation and PJM Market.  
**Motion: Kuhlemier, Second: Schuneman to accept the first reading. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Ordinance: Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2010-2378; Ordinance authorizing the execution of a contract and by-laws and the commencement of the Northern Illinois Health Insurance Initiative.  
**Motion: Kuhlemier, Second: Snow to accept the Ordinance with the condition, that the Village of North Riverside who with the City of Rock Falls makes up the NIHII Sub-pool, passes there acceptance at there February 1, 2010 scheduled Village meeting. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of January 5, 2010
2. Approve the Bills as presented.
3. Approve contract with Sterling Environmental, LLC. of Sterling, Illinois for Asbestos Inspection at the Limestone Building on West 1<sup>st</sup> Street and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue for a price of \$760.00.
4. Approve Resolution No, 2010-568; Resolution Proposing Amendment to Zoning Ordinance
5. Approve Intergovernmental Law Enforcement Agreement # 1 to the Northwest Illinois Major Case Squad.
6. Approve contract with Payment Service Network-Agreement for Service.

**Motion: Hand, Second: Folsom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

City Administrator Report:

Mr. Downey provided the following information to the Council:

1. Demolition at the Reliant property continues, and those that have not been up to exam the site should do so, the results are highly visible.
2. On Friday, Mr. Downey and Mayor Blanton will be attending the Illinois Development Housing Authority Meeting in Chicago. The City of Rock Falls presence was requested in regards to additional funding to be received for both the SFOOR Program, as well as, the Rental Program. It is anticipated that having been requested to attend, there is a good probability, for us to be in line to receive additional funding for our programs.
3. Those departments which fall under the General Fund Budget will begin to have there 2010-2011 budgets' presented for initial review and consideration at the Finance Meeting on January 26, 2010.

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Wescott informed the Council that he was putting together an informational packet in regards to the required training for both Open Meetings Act and Freedom of information Act that is required to be completed on the Illinois Attorney Generals Website.

Mr. Frickenstein, City Engineer presented the following items for approval of the Council:

1. Presented the results of the General Maintenance bid for 2010. Northwest Illinois Construction Company (Bituminous Patching Materials; 200 Ton @\$63.00/Ton; Fisher Excavating (Aggregate Surface Course; 200 Ton @ \$4.20/Ton & Seal Coat Aggregate, Class C; 150 Ton @ \$7.00/ Ton) No bids were received for the Bituminous Materials (Cover and Seal Coat).  
**Motion: Reitzel, Second: Schuneman to accept the proposals as recommended by Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**
2. Presented information on the IDOT Bid Letting results in regards to the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue, ARRA Road Project No. # ARA-5062-(027); Section: 09-00130-00-RS; Job C-92-165-09. Northwest Illinois Construction was the low bidder on the project at a cost of \$320,840.85. Request made to have the City approve the results of the IDOT bid letting with the start date of the project to be after Memorial Day as to not conflict with the High School being in session.  
**Motion: Snow, Second: Vandernick to accept the letting results as presented. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Department Heads:

Electric- Mr. Jakubczak made the following requests for approval:

1. Request the Council take necessary action for renewal of the contract with Element Markets, Houston, Texas for the sale of renewable energy credits for the Hydro Electric Plant, Resolution No. 2010-569.  
**Motion: Hand, Second: Vandernick, to approve Resolution as presented and allow the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**
2. Request permission to allow a student enrolled in the Northern Illinois University Communications Degree Program to complete a 120 hour Intern Program in the Electric and GIS/IT Department. There is no cost to the City, and it allows us to participate in a very worthwhile program. The Intern will be working on the City website, as well as, other projects related to the Electric Department. **Motion: Hand, Second: Reitzel, to authorize the City to participate in the NIU Intern Program. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Mayor's Report:

- Mayor Blanton presented his **2009 State of the City address**. A copy of the address is attached and made part of the written minutes of this meeting.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton requests a motion to adjourn. **Motion: Folsom, Second: Reitzel, Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (7:34 p.m.)**

Minutes of this meeting will be approved at the February 2, 2010 Council Meeting.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk