

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
May 18, 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., May 18, 2010 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David Blanton.

City Clerk, William B. Wescott, called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. Alderman Snow was absent.

Audience Request:

Mr. Todd Jones, 610 Avenue A, Rock Falls, Illinois addressed the Council in regards to the recent heavy rains and flooding in several basements located in the 500-600 block of Avenue A. He realized that the rains recently in the area were more excessive than normal, however, he points out a problem even in matters of less rain and drainage near E. 6th St. & Ave. A. He has lived in his home for 14 years, and this has remained a constant problem. The Council acknowledges a problem with the Stormwater drainage in the area related to First Avenue. Mr. Cox, Sewer Supt. will have his crews in the area tomorrow morning to clean out the catch basins and look into the problem. Mr. Jones thanked the Council for their time.

City Clerk Wescott read a Proclamation which recognizes the value and accomplishments of members of the EMS Team within the Community, designating May 16-22, 2010 as Emergency Medical Services Week in the Community. **Motion: Hand; Second: Folsom; Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Proclamation of recognition read into the record recognizing the recent accomplishments of a Rock Falls Artist, Mrs. Valerie Butcher. Ms. Butcher was the recent recipient of the Ronald Regan Award for the Best Regional Scene for "Pelican on the Rock River," at the 63rd Annual Phidian Art Show. She was recognized by the Council designating Thursday, May 19, 2010 as **Valerie Butcher Day** in Rock Falls. **Motion: Thurm; Second: Vandersnick; Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Kaleen Church, 2010 Rock Falls American Legion Auxiliary Poppy Queen was present and addressed the Council and asked their support in getting out the word about the upcoming Poppy Day. Kaleen sold the first Poppy to Mayor Blanton and members of the Council.

Community Affairs:

Mr. Jim Wickert, Vice-Chairman of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council concerning upcoming events of the Chamber. Friday, May 21st is the Annual Gold Outing at Deer Valley Golf Course and June 2nd there will be a meeting of the Route 30 Coalition at the Odell Library in Morrison, Illinois starting at 6:00 p.m.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. 2010-2402; Section 9-84. STOP INTERSECTION DESIGNATION
2. 2010-2403; ORDINANCE RECLASSIFYING CERTAIN TERRITORY UNDER THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

Motion: Vandersnick; Second: Thurm to accept the Ordinance as presented for first reading. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: Adoption

1. 2010-2400; AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION CODE
Motion: Vandersnick; Second: Folsom to accept the Ordinance for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2010-2401; SECTION 5-353. HEIGHT REGULATIONS
Motion: Vandersnick; Second: Thurm to accept the Ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes from May 4, 2010
2. Approve bills as presented
3. Approve at the request of the Electric Committee a contract with Stellar-Rad, St. Charles, Mo. for fiber optic network software package at a cost of \$54,150.00 pending review of the contract from the City Attorney.
4. Approve at the request of the Electric Committee, Phase I change order for the parking lot upgrades at a cost of \$12,772.00 to Murray & Sons Excavating for additional work along the south side of the building.
5. Approve at the request of the Electric Committee, Phase II for parking lot upgrades from the mid-point on the south side of the building to Industrial Park Road at a cost of \$67,758.60 to Murray & Sons Excavating.
6. Approve expenditures related to the Community Development Block Grant-ARRA Construction Grant # 09-281004: Gary Gehlbach - \$2,675.20; Willett, Hofmann & Associates - \$4,965.30; Rock Falls Community Development Corporation - \$7,403.23 for a total of \$15,043.73.
7. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and Whiteside County Highway Department for Prime and Double Sealcoat of the following roads: Ada St. – Avenue B to E. 2nd St.; E. 6th St. – 1st Ave to Ave. A; 8th Avenue – W. 2nd St. to LeRoy Ave. at a cost of \$16,000.00
8. Adopt amendment to City of Rock Falls PERSONNEL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT AT WILL HANDBOOK, as Article 4.6
9. Approve Engineer's Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$62,007.66 to Murray & Sons Excavating for work on the West 24th Street Improvements, Section # 09-00132-00-RS.
10. Request preliminary plat of Reliant Property be sent to the Planning & Zoning for review and recommendation.
11. Approve at the request of the Public Works Committee permission for the Water Department to enter into an agreement with Premier Insulation, 234 East McClure Street, Kewanee, Illinois for insulation of the well houses and filter rooms at a cost of \$10, 957.00.
Motion: Hand: Second: Schuneman to accept the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads:

Wastewater- Mr. Cox presented an update on the progress being made on the new Waste Water Treatment Plant. All aspects of the project are back on schedule as of this presentation.

Police- Chief Kuelper:

1. His Department received a Tobacco Grant in the amount of \$1500.00 for the 8th consecutive year. This will be utilized for the enforcement of Tobacco related issues.
2. The Chief publicly thanked the citizens and business of the City for there generosity in making contributions towards the purchase of a new K-9 Officer. The \$10,000 goal necessary is about to be achieved.

Water/Street- Mr. Padilla

1. The installation of the new 6" water main to replace the old 2" is complete on Ave B from E. 2nd St. to E. 3rd St. Water flow and sampling will be finished this week and all is expected to go well.
2. Remind the Public that starting during the month of June, the Fire Department will be doing hydrant flushing in combination with the annual flow testing for the hydrant ratings. Citizens need to be aware that they may experience some discoloration in the water system during these periods, however, it will be short lived.

Ward Reports:

Ward 2 – Mr. Kuhlemier will be attending the Louie Bellson Headstone Dedication Program to on May 20th at the Riverside Cemetery in Moline , Illinois. Louie was a true son of Rock Falls, authoring and arranging over 1,000 musical pieces, while performing with every Big Band throughout the world. The Bellson's were truly a musical family. We were very fortunate to have such a person who called Rock Falls his hometown.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton reported to the Council on the recent Northern Illinois Mayor's Meeting. Several representatives from the State Senate were present and could shed no light on what is happening in Springfield with the budget. In essence, the statements made were that the bills were left on the desk of the Governor and when he decides what to do; he can call the house and senate back into session.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton requested a motion to enter into executive session for :

1. Collective Bargaining – Section 2(c) (2)
2. Setting a Price for Sale of Real Estate – Section 2 (c)(6)
3. Personnel – Section 2 (C)(1)

Motion: Vandersnick; Second: Reitzel to enter into executive session as requested. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (In: 7:12 pm)

Motion: Reitzel; Second: Schuneman to return to regular session: Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (Out: 8:39 p.m.)

Motion Ald. Folsom and seconded Ald. Reitzel to adjourn, with no other business to come before the Council. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.

Minutes for approval at the June 1, 2010 meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk