

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROCK FALLS
July 20, 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., July 20, 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.

Audience Request:

Mr. Cheyenne Covell, President of Northern Illinois Council on Independent Living (NICIL) addressed the Council to request approval for the Annual Walk-N-Roll which is scheduled for Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon; including blockage of East 3rd Street from 1st Avenue to Avenue A. Hearing no objections: Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the request as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. 2010-2411; Amending Section 9-141. Definitions.
2. 2010-2413; Ordinance authorizing and providing for the issue of \$1,555,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2010, of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois, for the purpose of defraying cost of improving the electric system of said City, prescribing the details of said bonds, and providing for the imposition of taxes to pay the same, and for collection, segregation and application of the electric system revenues to pay said Bonds.

Motion by Alderman Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Hand to place the following ordinances on file for public inspection and first reading preliminary to adoption and passage at the next or a subsequent meeting: Ordinance 2010-2411 and 2010-2413. Vote: Ald. Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm (ayes). (8) Ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption

1. 2010-2408; Amending Section 15-164. Private Sewage Disposal, subparagraph (c) (g); Section 15-165. Toilet facilities required; Section 15-166. Connections; permit application fees.
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Thurm to approve Ordinance 2010-2408 as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.
2. 2010-2409; Appropriations Ordinance Fiscal Year 2011
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve Ordinance 2010-2409 as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.
3. 2010-2410; Amending Section 13-37. Surface restoration, subparagraph (g); Section 15-183. Same-Joints, materials, subparagraph (d).
Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm to approve Ordinance 2010-2410 as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.
4. 2010-2412; An Amendment to an Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone within the Illinois Counties of Whiteside and Carroll. { This is for the addition of territory to the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone, for Wahl Clipper Corporation North of Sterling for a ten (10) acres parcel and a small business park East of the City of Morrison involving (11.25) acres.
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Second: Ald. Folsom to accept Ordinance 2010-2412 as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Blanton following conversation with Attorney Reese directs removal of items #3 and #4 from approval on the consent agenda pending further review.

1. Approve minutes of July 6, 2010
2. Approve bills as presented
4. Approve Pay request #3 & Final in the amount of \$13,530.34 to Murray & Sons Excavating of Sterling, Illinois for the 24th Street Storm Sewer.
Approve Pay request #2 in the amount of \$36,143.78 to Murray & Sons Excavating, Inc. for the Electric Department Parking Lot Improvements.
5. Approve Resolution 2010-585; Obligation Retirement Resolution for 99-00001-00-GB, General Obligation Bond retired with MFT Funds.
6. Accept the Auditor's Certificate for Audit Report No. #63 as it pertains to the receipt and distribution of Motor Fuel Tax Funds of the City of Rock Falls for the period beginning January 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2009.
7. Approve the following expenditures from the DCEO Program ARRA Economic Development Grant: Rock Falls Community Development Corporation for General Administration: \$1,130.90; Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. \$53,317.20 and Ringland Johnson+ Design, Inc. \$5,000.00 for Rehab expenses for a total outlay of \$59,448.10.

Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the consent agenda with items #3 and #4 removed as presented on the agenda. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator Report:

- Mr. Downey presented to the Council for consideration the revised City Logo that the Branding Committee has been working on for use on signage that is being developed for future placement around the City, identifying Municipal Buildings, points of interest, recreational trails and historical sites. Since the revised logo would be come very recognizable around town as signage begins to be placed, he wanted the Council to take a vote of support and approve the logo. Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the revised City Logo as presented. Ald. Kuhlemier addressed the Council and spoke about the current Logo which adorns our stationary which has long been a part of identification in regards to the City of Rock Falls. While he supports the new Logo, he would like to see the current Logo of the City be maintained on correspondence and such, and the new Logo be utilized on the signage being developed or advertising layouts and even placed on the bottom portion of City stationary. Following discussion, **Ald. Snow and Ald. Thurm amended the motion to approve the new Logo developed by the Branding Committee to be utilized on signage and advertisements, but to retain the current Logo on stationary of the City. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.**

Department Heads:

Electric- Mr. Jakubczak informed the Council that there are tours to be provided by the IEMA at Prairie State the new generation location on Thursday, September 9, 2010. Anyone interested in making the trip should contact Mr. Jakubczak.

Mayor's Request:

Mayor Blanton presented the following request to the council for consideration and action:

1. Request Council approval for a wastewater Treatment Loan under the provisions of the EPA in the amount of \$5,481,355.00 at a 1.25% simple annual interest rate for a period of 20 years. In accordance with the procedures for issuing loans from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program, Title 35 (loan rules) \$1,370,339.00 of the loan amount will be forgiven by the State of Illinois leaving a repayment of \$4,111,016.00 plus simple interest. Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Seconded: Ald. Snow to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documents to proceed with the loan process. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
2. Request Council approval to enter into a contract with Michael Reibel, Comprehensive Plan Consultant, of Byron, Illinois at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00 for development of a comprehensive plan for the City. Payment for this work will come from Planning and Zoning line items. Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Schuneman, to enter into the agreement for the requested limit. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
3. Request Council approval for the appointment of Doug Wiersema to the Industrial Development Commission for a term (08-30-2010-04-30-2015). Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the appointment and term as requested. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton requests a motion for adjournment. Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Reitzel for adjournment. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Minutes will be approved at the August 3, 2010 meeting of the Council.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk