

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROCK FALLS
August 3, 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., August 3, 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, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm; Ald. Reitzel was absent. In addition, City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese were also in attendance.

Community Affairs:

Doug Wiersema, President/CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Council about the upcoming Circus sponsored by his organization to be held Monday, August 23, 2010 with two (2) shows (4:30 pm & 7:30 pm) in the Industrial Park. The Circus is to be held on City owned property and Mr. Wiersema would like the Council to approve the use of the land. Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the request of the Chamber for use of the City owned lots in the Industrial Park for the Circus. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. 2010- 2414 ; Ordinance approving the collective bargaining agreement covering and effecting the Telecommunicators and Community Service Officers of the police department of the city for the period from May 1, 2010 through April 30, 2013.
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Kuhlemier to approve the Ordinance as presented and to wave the second reading of the document. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption

1. 2010-2411; Amending Section 9-141. Definitions.
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the Ordinance as presented for final approval. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.
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: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the Ordinance for the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$1,555,000. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of July 20, 2010
2. Approve bills as presented
3. Approve Request of the Water Department for the expenditure of \$18,600.00 to Northern Illinois Waterworks for the purchase of the necessary pipe, fittings and fire hydrant for the Ave. A 10" main project between E.2nd St. and E. 3rd Street.
4. Approve Resolution 2010-585, allowing Wendler Engineering Services of Dixon, Illinois to apply to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a grant under the Illinois Transportation Enhancement program in the amount of \$300,000.00 for the construction of a river walk and bike path along the south bank of the Rock River, and to stretch from the lower dam to Seward Park.
5. Approve Resolution 2010-586 in support of regional actions being taken to attain long-term pension sustainability in the State of Illinois.
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carries.

Information/Correspondence:

- City Clerk Wescott informed the Council that recent changes to Illinois Election Laws have changed the number of days prior to the elections for circulation of petitions and filing dates. These changes will affect the consolidated elections to be held on April 5, 2011, by moving the timetable up by five weeks. The 2011 Elections will see four (4) aldermanic positions open, one from each ward. The first day for circulating petitions will be September 21, 2010. The filing period will be December 13-20, 2010.
- Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer reported that the Sealcoat projects will take place starting Tuesday of next week if weather permits. In addition, he reported that the 12th Avenue project is complete except for lane markers. Northwest Construction, the General Contractor has filed a request for a 30-60 day extension, due to the unavailability of product to complete the project. The State has yet responded to the request.

Department Heads:

- Mr. Searing, Building Inspector informed the council that he has been asked to be a speaker at the Region 5, USPA Conference in Chicago in regards to the successful implementation of the Lead Laws and specific training programs that were organized here in Rock Falls by the Building Department.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton provided the following information and request of the Council:

- On September 13, 2010 before and after the regular news broadcast on CNN Headline news, he will be featured speaking about the City and progress that is being made in these difficult economic times.
- He reported that Channel 6 News out of the Quad Cities was in town today and taped a piece on the Riverfront Area at the Reliant Site.
- Mayor request the Council give initial approval to the expenditure of an additional \$150,000 from the DECO Grant for projects at the Riverfront Property. The expenditures of said monies will come through the normal Council procedures when final approval is received from Springfield identifying expenditures. Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to give initial approval for the draw of \$150,000 from the DCEO Grant. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining-Section 2(c)(2). Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Schuneman to enter into executive session as requested. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried. (In: 7:00 pm)

Motion Ald. Thurm and seconded by Ald. Schuneman to return to regular session. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried. (Out: 7:14 p.m.)

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council for consideration Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Thurm; Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.

Minutes for approval at the August 17, 2010 regular meeting of the Council.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk