

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROCK FALLS  
August 17, 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 17, 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, as well as, City Attorney Jim Reese and Attorney Matt Keegan were present.

PUBLIC HEARING

City Administrator Richard Downey began the Hearing with an explanation of the purpose for the hearing. The Hearing is being held to solicit comments on the Mobility and Accessibility Rehabilitation Services (MARS) Grant that the City has been awarded by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) . The MARS Program was created by DECO to provide direct assistance to households where a disabled individual resides. The focus of the program is to provide grants for rehabilitation assistance to individuals through their local unit of government in order to eliminate barriers for persons with mobility impairments. Specifically, it allows individuals to stay in their homes and community, and not be displaced by restrictive barriers which could otherwise force them out of their homes. Mr. Mark Searing, Building Inspector, Alderman Glen Kuhlemier and Mayor David H. Blanton all spoke to the positive in regards to the City's participation in the MARS Program. Key references were made in regards to an improvement in the individuals sense of pride in their home, the true feeling of independence, the ability to stay in their homes and not in a residence program somewhere away from family and friends. As of this hearing, only (2) homes have benefited from the program, however, a waiting list has now been established, as the availability and value of this program is spreading, due to the cooperative effort between the City and the local office of Northwestern Illinois Center for Independent Living. Attached to these minutes are attendance sheets for the individuals that attended the hearing. With no other individuals wishing to rise and speak to this concern, and no correspondence to be entered into the record, Mayor Blanton adjourned the hearing at 6:42 p.m.

Audience Request:

1. Jennifer Witmer addressed the Council request permission for a 5K run on City Streets in the West end of the City on Saturday, October 16, 2010 on behalf of Christ Lutheran School. Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Hand to authorize the event as presented. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.
2. Mindy Teske, Rock Falls High School Student Council representative addressed the Council and requested permission to conduct the Annual Homecoming Parade on City streets, Thursday, September 23, 2010. Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to authorize the Homecoming parade as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. 2010-2415; Conduct a Public Auction of surplus and abandoned and confiscated personal property items, September 18, 2010

2. 2010-2416; Authorization for sale of miscellaneous surplus phone equipment.
3. 2010-2417; Section 12.5-13. Temporary Signs
4. 2010-2418; Ordinance Providing for Pick Up of Contributions to Police Pension Fund.
5. 2010-2419; Ordinance Providing for Pick Up of contributions to Fire Pension Fund  
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve all ordinances as presented for first reading at this time. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

#### Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of August 3, 2010
2. Approve bills as presented
3. Approve Resolution No. 2010 – 590; Intergovernmental Agreement between Sterling, Illinois and the City of Rock Falls, Illinois for the purpose of establishment of Code Enforcement Department; contract with Municipal Systems, Inc; Hearing Officer Appointment, Hearing Officer Charges for an initial 36 month period.
4. Approve the expenditure of \$5,300.00 for the purchase of tires for the pay loader from Bushman's, Milledgeville, Illinois.
5. Approve the expenditure of \$19,849.25 for the purchase of GPS unit and Mapping Software from The Stillwell Company, GPS Solutions, St. Charles, Illinois.
6. Approve Resolution 2010-587; Hometown Holidays Parade, November 20, 2010.
7. Approve Resolution No. 2010 -589 ; a design agreement with Ringland Johnson Company of Rockford for the preparation of construction drawings, designs and cost estimates for possible reconstruction of the former office building at the Reliant Site.
8. Approve Resolution 2010-588; Revisions to the City of Rock Falls Personnel Policy and Employment At-Will-Handbook

Mayor Blanton requested item 7 be removed from the consent agenda and addressed during executive session. Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the exception that item 7 is to not be considered. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

#### Information/Correspondence:

1. City Engineer, Brian Frickenstein reported that the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue road project is complete, with the exception of the striping. In addition, the seal coat work to be completed by agreement with Whiteside County Highway Department is scheduled for the upcoming week, aside from weather delays.

#### Department Heads:

##### Building Inspector- Mr. Searing

1. Request the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign contract between the City of Rock Falls and Municipal Systems, Inc. for the implementation of an Administrative Building Code (ABC) and Municipal Ordinance Violation Enforcement (MOVE) adjudication system, Collection Contract and a Municipal Offense System (MOS) adjudication system in relation to the Hearing Officer implementation.  
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the necessary documents regarding the implementation of the Hearing Officer. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

##### Fire- Chief J. W. Larson

1. Informed the Council of our Departments participation as part of the MABAS Division 30 Task Force, that will be responding to a simulated Tornado Exercise in the Chicago

Western Suburbs on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup> in connection with the International Fire & Rescue Conference which is being held McCormick Place. The purpose of the exercise is to demonstrate the MABAS systems ability to have 90 Divisions respond in 90 minutes.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request that the Council enter into executive session for the purpose of:

1. Sale or Lease of Real Estate-Section 2(c )(6), and to include Sandy Henriken, Executive Dir. Of the RFCDC in the session.
2. Collective Bargaining- Section 2(c )(2)

Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to enter into executive session as requested and include individuals requested as well. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried, (IN: 7:12 p.m.)

Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to return to open session. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (Out: 7:25 pm)

Motion: Alderman Vandersnick and seconded Alderman Hand to approve Resolution No. 2010-589; a design agreement with Ringland Johnson + Design, Inc. of Rockford, Illinois for the preparation of construction drawings, designs and cost estimates for possible reconstruction of the former office building at the Reliant Property Site. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton requests a motion to adjourn. Motion by Alderman Thurm and seconded Alderman Vandersnick to adjourn. Vote, (8) ayes, motion carried. (7:32 p.m.)

For approval on September 7, 2010

*William B. Wescott*

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk