

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
September 7, 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., September 7, 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 present.

New Employee:

Police Chief Michael Kuelper introduced the newest member of the Police Department effective September 1, 2010, Mr. Eric Gronlund. He was welcomed by the Mayor and Council members.

Audience Requests:

Ms. Kathy Ramirez, owner of Jim's No Slack Saloon addressed the Council, presenting a request to have special parking areas designated for a Motorcycle event being sponsored by her business on Saturday, September 11, 2010. The request is for all parking spaces on both the east and west sides of W. 2nd Street, between 3rd Avenue & 4th Avenue to be reserved for motorcycle parking only between the hours of 0900-1200 and 1500- 2000. Following a short discussion and input from the Police Chief, **a motion was made by Ald. Snow and seconded, Ald. Vandersnick to approve the request presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.**

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption:

1. 2010-2415; Conduct a Public Auction of surplus and abandoned and confiscated personal property items, September 18, 2010
Motion: Ald. Snow, second: Ald. Reitzel to approve ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2010-2416; Authorization for sale of miscellaneous surplus phone equipment.
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, second: Ald. Thurm to approve ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
3. 2010-2417; Section 12.5-13. Temporary Signs
Motion: Ald. Thurm, second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve ordinance as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, (1) nay, Ald. Schuneman, motion carried
4. 2010-2418; Ordinance Providing for Pick Up of Contributions to Police Pension Fund.
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, second: Ald. Reitzel to approve ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
5. 2010-2419; Ordinance Providing for Pick Up of contributions to Fire Pension Fund
Motion: Ald. Snow, second: Ald. Reitzel to approve ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
6. 2010-2420; Ordinance; Sale of surplus City property
Motion: Ald. Snow, second: Ald. Thurm to approve ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of August 17, 2010
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve expenditure of \$23,000.00 to Ringland Johnson+Design, Inc. for preconstruction schematic design services under the ARRA Community Development Block Grant. # 09-281004.
4. Approve Proclamation for CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WEEK 2010.
5. Approve the expenditure of \$5,123.00 to Schmitt Plumbing-*Heating Inc., Dixon, Illinois for work in clearing the blockage in sludge line between the pump building and the digester.

6. Approve Pay request No. 3 in the amount of \$48,147.97 to Murray & Sons Excavating of Sterling, Illinois for the Rock Falls Electric Department Parking Lot Improvements.
7. Approve request of the Electric Committee for bid received from five (5) sealed bids for a ¾ ton truck with attached snow plow from Pete Harkness Chevrolet, Sterling, Illinois in the amount of \$38,295.00.
8. Approve request of the Electric Committee to award the bid for light fixtures in City Hall to Power Line Supply, Chicago, Illinois in the amount of \$28,913.00.
9. Approve payments to Willett, Hofmann & Associates in the amount of \$13,421.45 for Dog Pound Rehabilitation Engineering; and \$24,000.00 for pump station rehabilitation.
10. Approve Electric Department requests for payment of \$6,975.00 to HD Supply Utilities LTD, Dallas, Texas for 45 wood utility poles for inventory.
11. Approve Electric Department requests for payment of \$15,250.00 to HD Supply Utilities LTD for miscellaneous wire for inventory.
12. Approve Electric Department requests for payment of \$23,375.00 to HD Supply Utilities LTD for 500 electric meters.
13. Approve Electric Department requests for the sale of two (2) relays to the City of Peru; Illinois for \$2,000 per relay, total cost \$4,000.00.
14. Approve Public Works request for Repair and Resurfacing of the road - Avenue B Project; by Burger Brothers Trucking & Excavating, 303 Dixon Avenue, Rock Falls, Illinois at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00.
15. Approve a 3 year maintenance contract for Wastewater Treatment Plant generators, with Altofer, Inc. in the amount of \$6,000.00

Motion: Ald. Hand, second: Ald. Snow to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Mr. Downey informed the Council that the City had received a final payment of \$192,000.00 from the USEPA for work at the Reliant Site. This is the final expected payment, and brings to the end the cooperative effort of the City, Illinois EPA and US EPA on the clean up of this property. The relationship and cooperative effort has been outstanding.

Information /Correspondence

City Clerk Wescott presented the following:

1. A thank you letter to the Fire Department from Ryan Venema, Director of CGH Emergency Services for the logistical support provided to CGH EMS during the recent DC-3 Fly-In in July.
2. Reminder of the City Auction, scheduled for Saturday, September 18, 2010 beginning at 8:00 am at the Rock Falls Electric Utilities Building in the Industrial Park.

City Engineer Frickenstein reported to the Council that the 12th Avenue striping is complete. A few punch items remain to complete the project.

Department Heads:

Fire Chief J. W. Larson requested authorization for the expenditure of \$17, 429.00 to the Illinois Fire Service Store, Amboy Illinois to purchase ten (10) sets of new bunker gear for the paid-on-call firefighters, with \$16,000.00 of the cost coming from a FEMA grant awarded to the Department.

Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm to authorize the expenditures presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Jakubczak- Electric Department presented the following:

1. **Request the Council award the bid for the Outdoor Switchgear for the 14th Avenue Generation Project to Pederson Power Products, Omaha, Nebraska at a cost of \$384,308.00.**

Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Reitzel to award the bid as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

2. Reminded the Council of the Annual IMEA Conference in Springfield, Illinois on October 22-23, 2010.

Ward Reports:

Members of the Council all made comments concerning the Reliant Site Clean-up. The demolition is near completion and the trees along the river are being removed. As a result the whole area presents a much improved appearance to the entrance of our City.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton reported on the following:

1. Northern Illinois Mayor Association will be holding its next meeting on September 16th in Steward, Illinois.
2. It was reported at the Department Heads Meeting that the new hand held GIS Unit has arrived and personnel are undergoing training at this time on its use.
3. Building permits for the month of August showed in excess of \$500,000 worth of work being completed in the City, mostly in repairs.
4. August 13th, the Mayor and several members of the Planning and Zoning Committee attended a workshop.
5. Fiesta Parade is scheduled for Saturday, September 11th.
6. The Personnel Committee at there last regular meeting had a lengthy discussion concerning the possibility of dropping the crossing guard program in 2011-2012, however no formal action or vote on the matter was taken.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request motion to enter into executive session with Police Chief Kuelper being included for the purpose of Collective Bargaining –Section 2(c)(2) and Pending Litigation- Section 2(c)(11). Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm to enter into executive session as requested by Mayor Blanton. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:05 p.m.)

Motion: Ald. Snow and second: Ald. Vandersnick to return to regular session. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (Out: 7:51 p.m.)

Motion Alderman Folsom and second Alderman Reitzel for adjournment, with no other business to come before the Council. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried. (7:53 p.m.)

These Minutes will be considered for approval at the September 21, 2010 Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

