

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
October 5, 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., October 5, 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.

Employee Recognition:

Water Supt. Ted Padilla introduced Water Department Employee Tony Poci to the Council. Tony was recently named the 2010 Distribution System, "Operator of the Year", by the Illinois Portable Water Supply Operators Association of Illinois. Mr. Poci competed against over 100 other operators throughout the State of Illinois which had been nominated for this award. Tony has been employed with the City since April 3, 2000. Since that time he has been an outstanding employee advancing himself with completion of the requirements for Class D Operator in October 2001 and Class A Operator June 2009. He was nominated for this award by Mr. Padilla, who shared with the Council how proud he is of Tony's accomplishments, as well as, all of the members of his Department. Mr. Padilla presented a plaque in the shape of the State of Illinois to Tony, as well as, the City receiving a traveling trophy. Mr. Padilla was a recipient of this award in 2007.

Audience Request:

Ms. Justice Bell, a sophomore at Sterling High School addressed the Council and shared with them that she has made it through the preliminary selection committee and will be competing in the upcoming Miss Teen Illinois USA Pageant in Chicago, Illinois November 19-24, 2010 at the Trump Hotel. Participation in the pageant is very costly and Ms. Bell has been working very hard to gather support.

Community Affairs:

Mrs. Sally Scanlon, Board Member of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce was presented and shared several upcoming Chamber events with the Council. The Hometown Holidays will occur November 16-20, 2010.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. 2010-2425; An Ordinance Providing for Hearing Proceedings and Enforcement of Building, Housing and Zoning Violations.
2. 2010-2426; An Ordinance Providing for Administrative Adjudication of Municipal Code Violations

Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to accept both ordinances for first reading as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption

1. 2010-2421: An Ordinance revising and fixing penalties for violations of various provisions of the municipal code and International Codes, and establishing time requirements for payment of penalties. Motion: Ald. Vandersnick Second: Ald. Snow to adopt Ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2010-2422; Section 9-84. Stop intersections designated; Section 9-85. Yield intersections designated. Motion: Ald. Snow Second: Ald. Thurm to adopt Ordinance as presented. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.
3. 2010-2423; Section 16- 306. Storage containers-prohibited; Section 16-307. Temporary Structures and Uses Motion: Ald. Vandersnick Second: Ald. Snow to adopt Ordinance as presented. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried.

4. 2010-2424: Amendatory Ordinance; Debit Certificates, Series 2005A in regards to the mandatory redemption provisions of Ordinance No. 2005-2124, dated February 15, 2005. Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier Second: Ald. Vandersnick to adopt Ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of September 21, 2010
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve Resolution No. 2010-591; Resolution requesting allocation of Recovery Zone Facility Bonds
4. Approve Proclamation; Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9, 2010; "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!"
5. Approve Pay request #4 & Final in the amount of \$27,632.00 to Murray & Sons Excavating, Inc., Sterling, Illinois for the Rock Falls Electric Department Parking Lot Improvements Project.
6. Approve pay request for \$77,000.00 to Ringland Johnson+Design, Inc., Cherry Valley, Illinois for work on site plans and multiple design options. Payment from the DCEO Program ARRA Economic Development Grant.

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

City Administrator:

Richard Downey, ICMA-CM, PHR

The following two (2) items were presented:

1. A reminder that the Finance Committee will be hosting a Public Finance Presentation – Wednesday, October 13, 2010 @ 6:30 pm, Community Building. The program will review the Finances of the City, as well as, upgrades on the Reliant Site Project and Wastewater Treatment Plant.
2. Mr. Downey presented two (2) bids received for the purchase of 500 cases of green garbage bags. AMSAM-Peoria, Illinois presented a price of \$31.10/Case for a total of \$15,550.00; Waste Zero-Murrells Inlet, S.C. presented a price of \$31.40/Case for a total of \$15,700.00. The difference in the product of both companies is that Waste Zero bags have a drawstring component. Following a short discussion in which Mr. Downey informed the Council that he has heard from citizens that they would like the drawstring bags. Mr. Kuhlemier raised the issue of purchasing from an Illinois company in this economy. Motion: Ald. Schuneman; Second: Ald. Snow to accept the bid of Waste Zero at a cost of \$15,700.00. Vote: Ald. Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Schuneman, Hand, Thurm aye; Ald. Kuhlemier, Folsom nay. Motion carries 6-2.

Department Heads:

Fire Chief J. W. Larson

1. Informed the Council on his Departments community activities upcoming this week in connection with Fire Prevention Week. The Department will be working with the local schools conducting Fire Drills, as well as, visiting the schools with the Fire Safety House.

Police Chief Mike Kuelper

1. Announced that the Halloween Trick or Treat Night will be once again coordinated throughout Whiteside County. Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm has been identified for the as the recognized hours of Trick or Treating. Residents are encouraged to turn on there porch lights if they wish to have children stop, Parents are encouraged to travel with there children and insure that costumes are reflective and children carry some sort of light, all motorist are urged to use extra caution when traveling the streets during the established hours.

Electric Director Paul Jakubczak

1. Reminded the Council that October 3-9 is National Public Power Week. The City Electric Utilities will be hosting a luncheon for City Officials and Employees on Friday from 12:00-1:00 pm at the Industrial Park Offices. In addition, they will be conducting an Open House from 1:00-3:00 pm for the general public, touring the generation buildings and demonstrations of equipment and vehicles of the Department.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton requests a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining-Section 2(c)(2). Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Thurm to enter into executive session for the purpose identified. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:10 p.m.)

Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to exit executive session and return to regular session. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:39 p.m.)

Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Thurm for the council to approve an agreement with the Telecommunicators and Community Service Officers for the donation of accumulated and bank sick leave to assist a fellow employee. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Reitzel to adjourn the meeting of the Council having no further business to address. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (7:44 p.m.)

Minutes will be presented for approval at the October 19, 2010 regular meeting of the Council.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk