

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
October 19, 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 19, 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 and Thurm. In addition, City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

Employee recognition:

Captain William S. Milby of the Rock Falls Fire Department was presented with a Proclamation honoring him for his actions of October 14, 2010. Captain Milby while off duty found a residence on East 7th Street with the entire rear of the home engulfed in flames, as well as an unattached storage garage. He notified 9-1-1 and then proceeded to insure that all of the residences were out of the home. A mother and her two sons were still inside of the residence unaware that the home was on fire. The Mayor and City Council presented the Proclamation and gave Captain Milby a standing ovation in recognition of his actions.

Audience Requests:

Members of the Rock Falls Optimist Club were present to kick off there 2011 "Pride Calendar Sales". This is a major fund raising activity for the Club each year, with the proceeds going to fund programs and scholarships for the youth of Rock Falls. Yearly the Optimist Club awards nearly \$12,000 in scholarships to area students. Representing the Club were President Bob Bubbers, Vice President Tom Starr, Calendar Chairman George Logan and Don Stindt.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. 2010-2427; Ordinance Making Technical Corrections in the Municipal Code.
Motion: Alderman Snow; Second: Alderman Vandersnick to accept the ordinance for first reading as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption

1. 2010-2425; Ordinance Providing for Hearing Proceedings and Enforcement of Building, Housing and Zoning Violations.
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the ordinance for second reading and adoption as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2010-2426; Ordinance Providing for Administrative Adjudication of Municipal Code Violations
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to accept the ordinance for second reading and adoption as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of October 5, 2010
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve awarding the bid for new door frames, new window frames and glass for the same to facilitate exterior building renovations in conformation with the Energy Efficiency Grant Received by the City of Rock Falls to T.D. Kurtz Glass Company, Rock Falls, Illinois in the amount of \$57,573.00
4. Approve awarding the bid for upgrade of light fixtures to energy efficient ballasts and lamps in conformation with the Energy Efficiency Grant received by the City of Rock Falls to Complete Electric, Rock Falls, Illinois in the amount of \$20,605.00
5. Approve forwarding the request for a zoning variance of Phil & Norma Atkins at 621 West 13th Street for R-2 Rear Yard setback. 30' is required, requesting 25' to the Planning & Zoning Commission.
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to accept the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator:

Mr. Downey presented a brief overview of the Public Finance presentation which was held at the Community Building on Wednesday, October 13, 2010. The information was well received by the members of the community that attended, with interaction on many of the issues.

Information/Correspondence:

City Clerk Wescott read a letter received by Mayor Blanton. The correspondence was from Pat Detorrice a resident and recent recipient of a MARS (Mobility Assistance and Rehabilitation Services) Grant. The City offers these grants to assist those with issues of mobility and accessibility. Ms. Detorrice thanked the City for offering such services to those in need. The repairs, upgrades and modifications to her home have allowed her to stay in her home, and at the same time make her more self sufficient. The City currently participates and makes available for its residence grants under MARS, SFOOR and SRRP. All of these programs not only assist the residence, but return value to the assessed evaluation of the City. The Council gave recognition to City Administrator Downey for all of his work in securing these grants for the City and its residents.

Department Heads:

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak request the Council, award the bid for the 14th Avenue Electric Communication Building to Thermo Bond Building LLC of Elk Point, S.D. in the amount of \$17, 787.22. Although, Thermo Bond was not the low bidder, the low bidder was non-compliant with bid specifications. Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to accept the bid as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Building Department – Mr. Searing reported that the joint venture between Sterling and Rock Falls for the Adjudication Hearing Officer continues to move along. He invited all Alderman and Department Heads to a trial Hearing to be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sterling City Council Chambers. The first hearings will begin in December 2010.

Standing Committees:

Finance/Insurance/Investments – Chainman Kuhlemier made a motion to accept the Audit Report of the City of Rock Falls for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2010, as presented by Clifton Gunderson, LLC. Second: Ald. Schuneman. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Ward Reports:

Alderman Thurm of the 4th Ward praised the response of the Police and Fire to a structure fire at 211 West 20th Street in the early of hours of the morning. The response was rapid and activities on scene were very professional, as the fire was consuming the residence and threatening a second residence at 209 West 20th when the initial units arrived on scene. The Fire Department contained the fire quickly and without any injuries to the residence or rescuers.

Mayor's Request:

Mayor Blanton requests the Council accept his appointment of Alderman Glen Kuhlemier to the position of Mayor Pro Tem in his absence from October 27 – November 16. Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the appointment as requested by Mayor Blanton. Vote: (6) ayes, (1) abstention (Alderman Kuhlemier). Motion carried.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, Motion: Ald. Thurm, Second: Ald. Reitzel to adjourn. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.

Approved: November 2, 2010

William B. Wescott, City Clerk