

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
December 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., December 7, 2010 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Pro Tem Glen Kuhlemier.

City Clerk, William B. Wescott, called the roll following the pledge of allegiance, present were Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier, Alderman Vandernick, Reitzel, Snow, Schuneman, Hand, and Folsom. Alderman Thurm was absent. In addition, City Administrator Richard Downey and City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

**Employee Recognition:**

Chief Mike Kuelper addressed the Council and presented information about the Illinois Department of Transportation's Division of Traffic Safety (IDOT/DTS) "DUI Enforcement Award" program. The program is designed to recognize Police Officers who excel in arresting impaired drivers, making the roads a safer place by aggressively enforcing DUI laws. Awards are presented to any officer who has made at least 25 DUI Awards since the programs inception in 2001. As arrest accumulates officers are recognized at different levels of accomplishment. Chief Kuelper presented three (3) of our Officers for public recognition in regards to there accomplishments in this program; Sgt. John Worcester (27) arrest, Sr. Patrolman Dave Pilgrim (29) arrest and Sr. Patrolman Jim Holloway (201) arrests. Each officer was presented a certificate from (IDOT/DTS) and received a recognition pin which recognizes there accomplishment. Chief Kuelper and the entire Council applauded the work done by these officers and the entire Police force in keeping our roads and community safe.

**Community Affairs:**

Doug Wiersema, President/CEO, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce presented a report on the recent Hometown Holidays activities. It is estimated that between 4500-5000 residents and visitors were in the downtown area during Friday night's celebration. The event continues to grow with several new activities being added to the program calendar this year. While it takes a large coordinated effort to have this weekend be a success, Mr. Wiersema wanted to publicly thank Bethany Bland who pulls this entire event together year end and year out. The City Street Department, Electric Department and Police Department go above and beyond in there support and actions, Boy Scout troop 323 placed out over 500 luminaries which added to the old town appeal to the many events. The event was truly a success and once again demonstrates the community spirit that exists here in Rock Falls.

**Ordinance: First Reading**

1. 2010 -2433: Ordinance Abating the Tax heretofore Levied for the Year 2010 to pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Alternate Bonds (Motor Fuel Tax Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2005 of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois
2. 2010-2434; Ordinance 2011 Tax Levy
3. 2010-2435; Ordinance authorizing an Interfund Transfer from the General Fund to the Wastewater Department.
4. 2010- 2436; Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2009-2361.
5. 2010- 2437; Floodplain Ordinance

Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Snow to approve the first reading of the Ordinances that were presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

**Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption**

1. 2010- 2431; Ordinance amending Section 13-142 Trimming or removal. Subparagraph (d)  
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Snow to approve the ordinance for second reading and adoption as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2010-2432; Ordinance amending Section 2-54 and Section 2-88.  
Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the ordinance for second reading and adoption as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Minutes of November 16, 2010
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve License Agreement Number: 3092 between the IDNR and the City of Rock Falls, allowing the City permission for construction, operation and maintenance of water main construction, operation and maintenance of a sidewalk to be used for recreational purposes only. License Fee of \$200.00 per year, a total of \$1,000.00 for a period of five (5) years beginning on January 11, 2011 and ending January 10, 2016.
4. Approve Resolution 2010 -593; Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code in the amount of \$140,000.00 for the period January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2011.
5. Approve expenditure of \$21,256.82 for necessary repairs to the Sewer Department Vactor Truck to Standard Equipment Company, Chicago, Illinois.
6. Approve purchase of 185 cases of garbage bags @ 10/per roll- 24/roll per case. Per case cost of \$31.40; total costs \$5,809.00.
7. Approve recommendation of the Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee to enter into an agreement with Municipal Insurance Cooperative Agency (MICA); Resolution 2010-595 A Resolution Authorizing Membership in the Municipal (SELF) Insurance Cooperative; for a three (3) year period, all documents to be reviewed by City Attorney.
8. Resolution No. 2010- 594; Resolution amending Resolution 2005-471A.
9. Approve the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to have the Mayor Pro Tem draft a letter to IDOT for recognition of 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue from W. 1<sup>st</sup> to US Route 30 as an FAU route.

Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

**City Administrator:**

Richard Downey, ICMA-CM, PHR

1. After speaking with the Mayor Blanton, he is requesting the Council take necessary actions to extend the Mayor Pro Tem status of Ald. Glen Kuhlemier from December 7, 2010 to January 4, 2011. Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Reitzel to extend the Mayor Pro Tem status of Ald. Kuhlemier as requested. Vote (6) ayes, (1) abstention-Kuhlemier.

### **Information/Correspondence:**

City Clerk Wescott read a letter received from the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois. The Girl Scouts are planning their 2011 cookie sales in January, February and March. They are requesting permission to conduct the annual sales in our community as follows: January 9-23, taking orders; February 25-March 20 deliveries of cookies. Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Hand to authorize the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to conduct their annual cookie sales in the City of Rock Falls on the dates requested. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

### **Department Heads:**

Police- Chief Kuelper

1. Reminded the residence of the City of the Ordinances pertaining to Declared Snow Emergencies. Vehicle must be cleared from Snow routes until such time that the roads are clear, and calendar parking in the remainder of the City.

Electric- Mr. Jakubczak

1. Reported on the recent Bid opening for Contract #3 in regards to the South 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Substation Engine Generator Project. Two bids received: Martin & Company, Oregon, and Illinois \$446,258.55 & Engle Electric Company, Sterling, Illinois \$468,928.00. Following review of the bid packets, the electric utilities recommend the bid of Martin & Company. Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Reitzel to accept the bid of Martin & Company as presented. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. Request the Council to approve the change order to the contract with Altofer for contract #1 of the South 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Substation project in the amount of \$139,025.00. Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Reitzel to accept the change order as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

### **Ward Reports:**

Unanimous expression of appreciation to all of the City Departments in regards to the Snow Storm of December 3<sup>rd</sup> for a job well done.

### **Executive Session:**

Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier called for a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining- Section 2(c) (2). Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Snow to enter into executive session as requested. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. **(IN: 18:58)**

Motion: Alderman Snow and seconded, Ald. Vandersnick to return to regular session. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried: **(OUT: 19:35)**

With no other business scheduled before the Council, Ald. Folsom made a motion, seconded by Ald. Reitzel for adjournment of the meeting. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Minutes will be presented for approval at the December 21, 2010 meeting.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk

