

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
December 21, 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 21, 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 Vandersnick, Snow, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. Alderman Reitzel was absent. In addition, City Attorney Jim Reese was present.

**Audience Request:**

Mr. John Parson, Owner Operator of a Business located at 301 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue addressed the Council in regards to lack of parking space for customers in the vicinity of his business on East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. (2) two parking stalls were removed from the south side of the street on E. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. just off of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Mr. Parson was told that the reason for there removal was due to an IDIT requirement for a 53 feet radius required for semi trucks coming off of 1<sup>st</sup> avenue onto 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Mr. Parson asked if the City would give consideration to re-routing truck traffic onto either E. 4<sup>th</sup> Street or E.2<sup>nd</sup> Street and replace the lost parking stalls. The matter was referred to the Police Department for investigation.

**Community Affairs:**

Doug Wiersema, President/CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce presented his annual end of the year report reflecting on accomplishments of the Chamber during 2010. The Chamber conducted twelve (12) major events during the year, bringing visitors to town and increase commerce; History was made when the Chamber placed (2) youth positions onto the make up of there Board of Directors', with the purpose of getting our youth more involved in the Community; The Fall garage sale, turned out to be a large success than its predecessor, the Spring Garage Sale; the LEADS Group continues to be successful. In summarizing, Mr. Wiersema told the Council that the Chamber is 345 members strong and still growing. The Chamber and its Board of Directors are appreciative of all of the support given to the organization every year.

**Ordinance: First Reading**

1. 2010- 2438; Section 8-300 KEG Sales; Registration; Requirements
2. 2010- 2439; Section 9-200. Low Speed vehicles and non-highway vehicles on roadway.

Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Thurm to accept both ordinances for first reading as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

**Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption**

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  
Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Vandersnick to accept the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2010-2434; Ordinance 2011 Tax Levy  
Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
3. 2010-2435; Ordinance authorizing an Interfund transfer from the General Fund to the Wastewater Department.

- Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Snow to accept the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
4. 2010- 2436; Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2009-2361.  
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Snow to accept the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
  5. 2010- 2437; Floodplain Ordinance  
Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
  6. 2010-2440: Ordinance authorizing Lease of Elevated Water Storage Tower Space, Lectronics, Inc. 2109 9<sup>TH</sup> Avenue  
Motion: Ald. Thurm, Second: Ald. Hand to accept the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
  7. 2010-2441; Ordinance authorizing Lease of Elevated Water Storage Tower Space, Essex Telecom, Inc. 2109 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the ordinance for adoption as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
  8. 2010 – 2442; Ordinance authorizing Lease of Elevated Water Storage Tower Space, Essex Telecom, Inc. Industrial Park Road.  
Motion: Ald. Thurm, Second: Ald. Snow to accept the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Minutes of December 7, 2010
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and the City of Sterling for use of certain Rock Falls Fire Department Personnel

Prior to the call for a motion, Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier removed item #3 from the consent agenda for further discussion. Motion by Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the consent agenda as presented minus item #3. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried

Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier spoke to the Council about the Intergovernmental Agreement which had been on the consent agenda for consideration. Apparently there is concern that some of the language that was in the document had not been agreed upon by the City of Rock Falls. In addition, Mr. Kuhlemier addressed some recent articles that appeared in the local newspaper, that apparently had suggested that discussions were underway to combine the Fire Departments, as well as, possibly include the local ambulance operations. He made it very clear, that those discussions have not occurred.

Mr. Kuhlemier then asked City Attorney Reese to address the issue. Mr. Reese presented a Resolution which has been drafted, that if approved would allow for the Deputy Fire Chief of Rock Falls to on a temporary Part-time basis assist the City of Sterling by filing in as the Sterling Fire Chief. During this undetermined amount of time, additional discussions would be ongoing and a new Intergovernmental Agreement drafted for presentation to both Cities.

Motion made by Ald. Vandersnick and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2010-596 as presented. Upon no further discussion, Vote (7) ayes, motion carried.

**Department Heads:**

**Electric-** Mr. Jakubczak addressed the Council concerning the recent bids let for the upgrade of the lighting fixtures in the Rock Falls Electric Utilities Warehouse as part of the Blackhawk Hills Energy Grant that was received. Bids were received from Engle Electric for \$11,400.00 and Complete Electrical Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$35,549.00. Mr. Jakubczak requests the Council approve the bid from Engle Electric. Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the bid presented by Engle Electric for \$11,400. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

**Wastewater-** Mr. Cox addressed the Council concern his departments Vector Truck. It is currently 14 years old and is costing increased maintenance expense each year due to age and wear and tear. He has

solicited a quote from Standard Equipment Company for a 2011 Vactor Model 2112. With a trade in of the current vehicle which would bring a reduction of \$35,000 to the initial price of \$297,298 the balance due would be \$262,298. As part of the Northwest Municipal Conference Joint Purchasing Program, the vehicle can be bought over (8) years at 3.69% with payments being \$37,091.56 under a lease-purchase finance program. Motion: Ald. Schuneman, Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the purchase of the new Vactor Truck under the lease –purchase program, following the review of all documents by the City Attorney. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Building- Mr. Searing presented a brief report on the first Administrative Hearing conducted earlier in the day. (20) Cases were heard, and all went well with the process.

Executive Session:

Mayor Pro Tem Kuhlemier called for a motion to enter into executive session for Personnel-Section 2(c) (1), Motion: Snow, Second: Ald. Snow to enter into executive session as requested. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:07 p.m.)

Motion made by Ald. Snow and seconded Ald. Vandersnick to return to regular session. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:32 p.m.)

With no other business to come before the Council, Ald. Folsom made a motion calling for adjournment, which was seconded by Ald. Snow. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Minutes to be presented for approval, at the January 4, 2011 Council Meeting.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk