

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
February 15, 2011**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m., February 15, 2011 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Dave Blanton.

City Clerk, William Wescott, called the roll following the pledge of allegiance, present was Mayor Blanton, Ald. Snow, Kuhlemier, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. Absent were Ald. Vandersnick, Reitzel and Schuneman. In addition, City Administrator Downey and City Attorney Reese were present.

**Audience Request:**

Ms. Marcia Mintun and Don Wood from the St. Andrews Education Commission were present, requesting approve there request to conduct a Carnival on Avenue A from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street to East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and in addition include the parking lot of the Reliant Property. The Carnival is tentatively scheduled for May 16-20, 2011. Mayor Blanton referred there request to the Public Property Committee to see if there were any alternative locations in the City that could be utilized. Due to the construction to be taking place on the Reliant Property and surrounding area starting this spring, the site requested was denied. City Clerk will inform the members of the St. Andrew Committee on the time and date of the Public Property Meeting in March.

**Ordinance: First Reading:**

1. 2011-2451: An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds (Rock Falls TIF Project), Series 2011 of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$7,300,000 for the purpose of financing the costs of certain capital projects within the City and paying for costs related thereto, as amended

Motion: Ald. Snow; second Ald. Kuhlemier to approve the ordinance for first reading as presented. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carries.

**Ordinance: Adoption**

1. 2011-2446 (A) Amendment to Section 9-157. Snow Emergency Parking Subsection (3)  
Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the ordinance as presented. Vote (5) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2011-2447 Amendment to Section 9-147. Three Hour Areas and Section 9-148. Three hour areas between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second Ald. Hand to approve the ordinance as presented. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.
3. 2011-2448: Ordinance approving an amendment to the Tax Increment Financing District Eligibility Study, Redevelopment Plan and Project for the Rock Falls Downtown Redevelopment Project Area.  
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the ordinance as presented. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried. Ald. Reitzel was not present, however, would have abstained from this vote.
4. 2011-2449; Amendment to Section 8-300. Keg Sales; Registration; Requirements.  
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the ordinance as presented. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Minutes of January 18, 2011
2. Approve Minutes of Special Meeting January 20, 2011
3. Approve Bills as presented
4. Approve Internet Service Contract with T6, subject to approval by the City Attorney.
5. Approve at the request of the Electric Committee the purchase of 5000 feet 48 count and 12,000 feet 96 count Fiber Optic Cable from CSC, Carol Stream, Illinois at a price of \$9,940.00 plus freight charges.
6. Approve at the request of the Electric Committee change order #1, Martin Construction for additional work at the South 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue substation project at a cost of \$9,878.00.
7. Approve authorization for the Mayor to sign and return engagement letter to Ice Miller LLP to serve as bond counsel for the proposed Midwest Disaster Recovery Area Bonds for proposed redevelopment of the Reliant Site Building.
8. Approve payment to Municipal Insurance Cooperative Agency for insurance coverage 12/31/2010 to 05/01/2011 in the amount of \$144,726.38 as recommended by the Finance/Insurance Committee.

9. Approve Supplemental Resolution; 2011-597 For Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for the period of January 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010 in the amount of \$57,000.00.
10. Refer to the City Attorney at the request of the Ordinance Committee the following for drafting into ordinance form; Small Wind Energy Conversion ordinance ;Ornamental/Prairie Grass ordinance; Truancy ordinance; Curfew ordinance.

Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.

**Information/Correspondence:**

City Clerk Wescott presented the following:

1. At the January 18, 2011 meeting of the City Council, Ordinance 2011-2444: An Ordinance Approving & Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement for proposed Redevelopment of land within the Rock Falls Downtown Redevelopment of land within the Rock Falls Downtown Redevelopment Project Area. As required under the Illinois TIF Act, the City was required to advertise for the submission of alternative proposals for the proposed project at the Reliant Fastner Site and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Illinois to lease the Building. For the record, such notice was published on January 24, 2011, and as a result my office received NO alternative proposals by the deadline of February 1, 2011. This information is entered into the record, at this time due to the February 1, 2011 City Council meeting being cancelled due to a winter snowstorm.
2. A letter of "Thank You" was received from one of the recipients of a SFOOR grant, thanking the Council for providing the grant that made it possible for them to get repairs done on there home that otherwise would not have been possible.

City Attorney Reese presented the following:

1. Informed the Council that today just prior to the 3:00 p.m. deadline, he received an e-mail from Sjostrum & Sons acknowledging there acceptance of the Contract for the Lift Station Modifications which had been in question. The original signed agreements will follow.
2. Presented Ordinance 2011-2450: An Ordinance authorizing and approving Design-Build Contract between the City of Rock Falls and Ringland-Johnson, Cherry Valley, Illinois.  
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Hand to accept the Ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.

**Department Heads:**

Water/Street- Mr. Padilla

1. On behalf of Mr. Padilla, City Administrator Downey reported to the Council that Whiteside County had been included in a State Declaration of Emergency for the past Winter Storm that hit our area. We have put together figures on costs associated with the event for a defined 48 hour period. This would cover cost of Labor, O.T., equipment, meals, salt, etc. We have submitted over \$30,000 in costs for consideration.

Electric – Mr. Jakubczak

1. Mr. Jakubczak addressed the Council for the last time as the Department Head of the City's Electrical Utilities. He thanked the City for the opportunities given him over the past 6 ½ years on the job. The City has progressed well in preparing for the future in both Electrical and Broadband services. He and his family have enjoyed the area and the many friends that they have had the pleasure to meet.
2. Requested that Mayor Blanton be named to serve as the City's representative on the Illinois Municipal Electric Association Board due to Mr. Jakubczak resignation. Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the appointment of Mayor Blanton to the IMEA Board effective immediately, until rescinded. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried.

**Ward Reports:**

Those Alderman present, all offered there praise and gratitude to the City Employees, that work non-stop through the worst winter storm in this area since 1979. It is estimated that 16.7 inches of snow blanketed our area in addition to the blizzard conditions that accompanied the storm, pounding the area for 36 hours. Plow crews were in service for over 20+ hours working to keep emergency snow routes open, as well as, other city roadways and alleys. Collectively, there is 60+ miles of roads in the City which makes the accomplishment of this task even more heroic in nature. All of the Departments worked hard to maintain services to the residents of our City and are collectively owed a large debit of gratitude for there efforts. The City is truly proud of all of its employees.

**Executive Session:**

Mayor Blanton request that the Council enter into executive session for:

1. Collective Bargaining – Section 2 (c )(2)
2. Personnel – Section 2 (c )(1)

Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Snow to enter into executive session as requested by the Mayor. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried. [IN: 6:58 p.m.]

Motion by Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Hand for the Council to return to regular session. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried. [OUT: 7:20 p.m.]

Motion by Ald. Thurm and seconded by Ald. Snow to approve Dick Simon as the new Director of the Rock Falls Electrical Utilities replacing Paul Jakubczak, with an effective date of February 28, 2011. Vote (5) ayes, motion carried.

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton request adjournment. Motion by Ald. Folsom and seconded by Ald. Thurm to adjourn the meeting. Vote: (5) ayes, motion carried. [END: 7:22 p.m.]

Minutes will be approved at the March 1, 2011 meeting of the Council.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk