

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
March 1, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m., March 1, 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. Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. In addition, City Administrator Richard Downey and Attorney Tom Sanders were present.

**Employee Recognition:**

The City Council recognized employee Joan Atilano, who serves the City in the capacity of Community Service Officer with the Police Department. Joan started her career with the City as a Meter Maid on May 16, 1980. In September 16, 1986, she was assigned to her current position. This coming May she will complete 30 years of continuous employment with the City. The Mayor and City Council recognize her accomplishment and awarded her an engraved plaque to recognize her commitment and dedication to both the City and the citizens of Rock Falls.

**Community Affairs:**

Ms. Joan Hermes, Chairperson for the Ambassadors of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce shared information concerning upcoming events being sponsored by the Chamber.

**Ordinance: Adoption**

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. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Hand to approve the Ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, (1) abstention (Ald. Reitzel abstained due to his ownership of property that falls within the Rock Fall TIF Project Area). Motion carries.*

2. 2011-2452: Ordinance amending Section 9-84. Stop intersections designated and Section 9-85. Yield intersections designated.

*Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the Ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carries.*

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Minutes of February 15, 2011
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve Resolution No. 2011 – 598: A Resolution authorizing continuing membership in the Northern Illinois Health Insurance Initiative.
4. Approve payment #1 for Martin & Company Excavating, Oregon, Illinois, for work on the Electric Department 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sub Station Project totaling \$49,837.50.

5. Approve request from the Electric Department for the City Council to grant authorization to the Mayor to sign an agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Association (IMEA) to place behind the meter generation resources into PJM's Reliability Pricing Program and realize revenues from the Interruptible Load for Reliability (ILR) Program. The City of Rock Falls could have units #6 & #7 for \$70,000.00; and Units #8 & #9 (New 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sub station) for \$90,000.00 if units are completed in time; for the year June 1-2011 through May 31, 2012.
6. Approve Resolution 2011-599; A Resolution rescinding Resolution R-99-333 originally passed March 16, 1999.
7. Approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with (IDOT) Illinois Department of Transportation to formalize there purchase of emulsified asphalt from the City of Rock Falls for \$1.00 above the wholesale purchase price paid by the City of Rock Falls.

*Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to accept the consent agenda as presented for adoption. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carries.*

**City Administrator:**

Richard Downey, ICMA-CM, PHR

Mr. Downey presented several items of information for the Council:

1. The Finance/Insurance Committee will be conducting budget Hearings on March 21-22 & 29, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Council chambers. All Alderman and Department Heads were strongly encouraged to attend.
2. On Thursday, March 9, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., a public presentation on the Comprehensive Plan that is currently under construction will be held, to allow feedback from the residents of the City. The presentation will be held in the Community Building.

**Department Heads:**

- Police Chief Kuelper requested the Council to allow his Department to apply for the Illinois Tobacco Enforcement Grant again this year. The grant provides \$1400 towards the 2011-12, activities to insure that area businesses do not sell tobacco products to underage children. He also reported that the last operation that was conducted resulted in no violations or citations being issued.  
*Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald., Hand to allow the Police Department to pursue the Grant presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carries.*
- Electric Director, Dick Simon requested the Council approve the awarding of the bid for contract # 4- Electrical Testing at the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Sub-Station Reciprocating Engine Project to Elder Power Services, Lena, Illinois at a cost of \$46,990.00 at the recommendation of SEGA, who is overseeing this project for the City.  
*Motion: Ald. Hand, Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve the award of Contract #4 to Elder Power Services, for the price as indicated. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carries.*

- Water/Street Supt. Ted Padilla informed the Council of the schedule for this years Groundwater and Electrical Training classes. The education is entering its 5<sup>th</sup> year and has produced tremendous success in educating our youth about how and where our water comes from, what can be done to protect the natural aquifers, electrical energy, safety, etc. Mr. Padilla and Mr. Simon will team up to educations over 300 students once again this year. In addition, in a joint effort, the water and electric Departments will award the first Scholarship to an area student, to attend Sauk for \$1,000.

**Mayor's Request:**

1. Mayor Blanton called for a Public Hearing on March 15, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., in accordance with the Bond Issue Notification Act. The hearing will be held at the City Council Chambers of the City of Rock Falls, 603 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, Illinois. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds in the amount of \$7, 300,000 for the purpose of financing costs of the expansion and renovation of a commercial and office building located at 201 E. Second Street in Rock Falls, Illinois and related road improvements.
2. Mayor Blanton delivered his State of the City address for the year of 2010. He presented the Council and Citizens of the Community a broad overview of the City's operations over the past year. Copies of the address are on file as part of the minutes of this meeting, with the City Clerk's Office.

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn.  
*Motion: Ald. Thurm, Second: Ald. Reitzel to adjourn. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carries.*

Minutes of this meeting will be presented for approval at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting on March 15, 2011.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk