

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
April 19, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m., April 19, 2011 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

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

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION:

Sgt. John Worcester and Sr. Patrolman James Holloway received commendations for their outstanding leadership and efforts, being first on scene of a 38 year old male patient that experienced sudden cardiac and respiratory arrest on April 10, 2011. They were first on scene and began aggressive CPR and utilized an AED to defibrillate the patient and got a return of spontaneous heartbeat. Both men were presented with letters of commendation and received a standing ovation from the Council and the members of the audience that were present.

PROCLAMATION:

1. Clerk Wescott read aloud a Proclamation, establishing National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5, 2011. Mayor Blanton presented the Proclamation to Msgr. Thomas Dzielak's of St. Andrews Catholic Church on behalf of the Churches of Sterling-Rock Falls. Mayor Blanton announced that he will be attending a Breakfast on this day and participate in the celebration.
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the Proclamation as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. Clerk Wescott present a Proclamation celebrating Municipal Clerks Week, a National celebration celebrated May 1-7, 2011.
Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the Proclamation as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

1. Dawn Duncan, Country Inn & Suites, Co-chair of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce briefed the Council on upcoming activities of the Chamber.

ORDINANCE: SECOND READING/ADOPTION

1. 2011 - 2459; Section 5-291. Adoption. Amending Building Codes
Motion: Ald. Snow; Seconded: Ald. Reitzel to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2011 - 2460: Section 1-566. National Electric Code; adopted; modified.
Motion: Ald. Snow; Seconded: Ald. Folsom to approve the ordinance for adoption as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
3. 2011 - 2461: Disposal of Surplus Property
Motion: Ald. Thurm; Seconded: Ald. Hand to approve the ordinance for adoption as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
4. 2011 - 2462: Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Seconded: Ald. Schuneman to approve the ordinance for adoption as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of April 5, 2011
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve Engineering Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates for the "Repainting of the 300,000 Gallon Elevated Water Storage Tank at 8th Avenue Water Plant" in the amount of \$15,000. The Project was included in the 2011-2012 Water Department Budget.
4. Approve Engineering Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates for the "Aeration Reservoir Basin Bypass Valve Vault Upgrades and Reservoir Basin Painting" projects in the amount of \$14,000. The projects were included in the 2011-2012 Water Department Budget.
5. Approve Resolution 2011-601; Resolution Authorizing Memorandum of Understanding with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
6. Request Approval of expenditure requests under the DCEO Grant (09-281004); Ringland – Johnson Construction, Design Fees for preparation of construction drawings, Riverfront Office Building totaling \$115,000.00.
7. Authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of engagement with Clifton Gunderson, LLP for audit services for 2011. Financial statement audit at a cost of \$41,500 and single audit & procedures \$7,500.
8. Approve the Utility Billing write-offs at the recommendation of the Electric and Public Works Committees, for the period April 1, 2009-May 31, 2010 totaling \$37,221.24; and June 1, 2010-February 28, 2011 totaling \$27,898.03.
9. Authorize the Mayor to sign the Renewal Ten -Year Intergovernmental Agreement (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2021) with Illinois Department of Transportation, for local agency maintenance of traffic control devices at a total compensation cost of \$200,000.
10. Direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance in regards to Bee Keeping within the City Limits.
11. Approve at the request of the Electric Department for payment of \$124,106.85 to Martin & Company Excavating, Oregon, Illinois for work at the 14th Avenue Sub Station Project with documentation of release from SEGA.

*Motion: Ald. Hand; Seconded: Ald. Reitzel for approval of the consent agenda as presented.
Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.*

CITY ADMINISTRATOR:

1. Mr. Downey presented the 2011-2012 City Budget for second reading /adoption with all text pages included. The General Fund and all three (3) utility funds are balance. There will be no lay-offs or furlough days required. Finance Chairman Kuhlemier addressed the council and thanked Mr. Downey, Department Heads and the City Clerks Office for there work in preparing the budget for the coming fiscal year.

Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Seconded: Ald. Snow to approve the 2011-2012 Fiscal Budget for the City of Rock Falls as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Clerk Wescott presented a request from Immanuel Lutheran Church for the use of the Rock Falls Bandshell (Triangle Park) on Sunday, June 26, 2011 for morning services.

Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Seconded: Ald. Reitzel to approve the use of the Park on June 26, 2011 by Immanuel Lutheran Church. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

2. Clerk Wescott presented a report to the Council in regards to the recent Petitions submitted in regards to the \$7.3 million dollar TIF Bond. A total of 62 pages were received, containing 428 signatures, which was reduced to 115 due to photocopied names and non-resident signatures.
3. Clerk Wescott informed the Alderman and FOIA officers that the 2011-2012 FOIA and Open Meetings Act Training was available on line through the Illinois Attorney General's website. **This is mandatory training. He will be sending out information.**

DEPARTMENT HEADS:

1. Chief Larson informed the Council and citizens of Rock Falls, that on Thursday, April 28, 2011 FEMA will be conducting a Earthquake drill beginning at 10:15 am local time. Anyone can participate in the drill by going to the FEMA website for information.

MAYOR'S REQUEST:

1. Mayor Blanton requested the Council approve the following appointments to the respective committees:

Industrial Development Board:
Daehle Reitzel – 04-30-2016

Planning & Zoning:
Charles Koehler – 04-30-2015
Debi Burke – 04-30-2015
Toni Sosi – 04-30-2015

Rock Falls Community Development Board:
Daehle Reitzel – 04-30-2012

*Motion: Ald. Snow; Seconded: Ald. Hand to approve the mayoral appointments as recommended.
Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.*

2. Mayor Blanton presented a report on IML Lobby Day and shared information of upcoming events: Illinois Enterprise Association Administrators Conference, May 18-20, Springfield, Ill. and the IMEA sponsored trip to Trimble Power Plant, Louisville, Kentucky on June 7 & 8, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into executive session for:

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

Motion: Ald. Thurm; Seconded: Ald. Snow to entire into executive session for discussions as requested.
Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:16 p.m.)

Motion: Ald. Snow; Seconded: Ald. Hand to return to regular session. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.
(OUT: 7:45 p.m.)

Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier, Seconded: Ald.

Minutes will be approved at the May 3, 2011 Council Meeting

