

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
January 18, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m., January 18, 2011 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Dave Blanton.

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

Audience Request:

No representative from the Big Brothers/Big Sisters was present, however, on a **motion** by Ald. Snow and **second** by Ald. Hand a Proclamation recognizing, the month of January 2011 as "Mentoring Month" in Rock Falls was introduced for adoption. **Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Community Affairs:

Doug Wiersema, President /CEO, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council. He reminded everyone of the 55th Annual Chamber Recognition Dinner to be held on Monday, February 7th at the Rock Falls Hotel and Convention Center beginning at 6:00 p.m., Reservations need to be submitted by Friday, January 28, 2011.

In addition, Mr. Wiersema informed the Council that six (6) new members have been recruited for membership in the Chamber, and on behalf of the Board of Directors he thanked the Council for re-considering the issues of parking in the downtown area.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of January 4, 2011
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve repairs to Flygt Pump Model #3152.181 by Mississippi Valley Pump at a cost of \$5,337.00 at the request of the Sewer Department
4. Approve Local Agency Agreement for Federal participation (BLR 5310) in the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant for the Riverside Bike and Walk Trailhead Corridor engineering; Grant for primary engineering \$300,000. Federal contribution (80%) \$240,000, City (20%) \$60,000.00.
5. Accept the recommendation of Willett, Hoffman & Associates, Inc. to **CONDITIONALLY** award the City of Rock Falls, Illinois Sewerage Improvements, Contract No. 1 – Lift Station Modifications Project to Sjostrom & Sons, Inc., 1129 Harrison Avenue, Rockford, Illinois 61104 for the bid price of \$495,020.00 (\$525,000.00 +(\$29,980.00); upon the approval and award of an IEPA Low Interest Loan.
6. Accept the recommendation of Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. to **CONDITIONALLY** award the City of Rock Falls, Illinois, Sewerage Improvements Contract No. 2 – Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Michels Corporation, 817 West Main Street, P.O. Box 128, Brownsville, Wisconsin 53006 for their unit price low bid of \$103,400.00 upon the approval and award of an IEPA Low Interest Loan. **Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the consent agenda as presented, Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried**

City Administrator:

Mr. Downey informed the Council that the 1644th Transportation Company of the Illinois National Guard would be having a Community and Family Update brief at the Armory, 716 Sixth Avenue, Rock Falls on February 5, 2011 at 2:00 p.m., and the Council is invited.

Information/Correspondence:

- City Clerk Wescott shared a thank you card received from one of our housing grant recipients, thanking the City for all of the work that was completed on his home.
- Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer from Willet, Hoffman & Associates briefed the Council on the recent 2011 General maintenance Bid opening. It is the recommendation of the Engineer to accept all of the unit price proposals of all the vendors, instead of requiring the Street Department to utilize one vendor for each item, the department will have maximum flexibility to make use of all vendors, as conditions and situations dictate. **Motion: Ald. Reitzel, Second: Ald. Kuhlemier to accept the recommendation as presented for the 2011 General Maintenance Bid. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

Department Heads:

- Mayor Blanton and the City Council recognized Fire Chief J. W. Larson for his 35 years of service to the City of Rock Falls with the awarding of a plaque. Chief Larson joined the Department April 15, 1975, and progressed through the ranks to achieve the position of Chief.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into executive session for, Rent or Lease of Real Estate owned by the Public Body-Section 2(c)(6), request that Sandy Henriken of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation sit in; Personnel-Section 2(c)(1), request that Paul Jakubczak, Electric Supt. sit in; Collective Bargaining-Section 2(c)(2). **Motion by Ald. Vandersnick, second: Ald. Snow to enter into executive session as requested by the Mayor, to include additional participants respectively. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 6:51 p.m.)**

Motion to return to regular session by Ald. Snow; seconded Ald. Hand. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:25 p.m.)

Motion by Alderman Hand, seconded; Alderman Reitzel to accept the resignation of Electric Utilities Supt., Paul Jakubczak effective February 25, 2011 with regret. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Ordinance: Adoption

1. 2011 – 2443; Disposal of Surplus Property
Motion: Ald. Snow, Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the ordinance as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

2. 2011 – 2444; Ordinance Approving and Authorizing Intergovernmental Agreement for Proposed Redevelopment of Land within the Rock Falls Downtown Redevelopment Project Area.
Motion: Ald. Schuneman, second: Ald. Kuhlemier to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, motion: Ald. Folsom and seconded: Ald. Reitzel to adjourn. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Minutes will be approved at February 1, 2011 Council meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk