

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
March 5, 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 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. Vandersnick, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. In addition, City Administrator Richard Downey and Attorney Jim Reese were present.

PUBLIC HEARING

First order of business was for the Mayor to call to order a Public Hearing 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 extension and renovation of a commercial and office building located at 201 East Second Street in Rock Falls, Illinois and related road improvements. Minutes of that meeting are attached as a separate document. The hearing concluded at 6:37 p.m.

Audience Requests:

Mr. Rod Kleckler, 219 Avenue C address the Council. He applauded the Council posting of the Agenda's, Minutes of various meetings conducted by the City. He then spoke about the televising of the Council Meetings. While he agrees with bring the Meetings into peoples home's to keep them inform, he asked if when items are voted on, instead of a simple motion/second/vote; he feels that an expanded explanation could be made in regards to why we are making the purchases or repairs that come before the Council for approval. He realizes that they are discussed in Committee prior; however, the average citizen is not going to make all of the meetings to gather this information. He used the recent \$200,000+ expenditure for a new Vactor Truck as an example. Is it just old, are repairs costing more that it is worth, does it do something beneficial that the current truck does not as examples. Mayor Blanton thanked him for his comments, and will take them under advisement.

Community Affairs:

Sandy Henriken, Executive Director, Rock Falls Community Development Corporation

1. Reported to the Council that Bio Pro has opened up there website (BioProPower.com) allowing residents to learn more about there operations. As of this time, it is hoped that ground breaking might occur in late fall with construction to follow in 2012 and the plant to be up and functioning by 2013. In addition she spoke of an economic impact study that is being prepared which will provide additional information on the impact on the Rock Falls area in regards to the Bio-Pro Operations starting with construction.

Mike Corrigan, Board Member of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Council and shared some of the upcoming events being planned by the Chamber. To learn more about the individual events, people should go to the Chambers website.

Ordinance: First Reading

1. 2011 - 2453; Ordinance amending Division 4. Charitable Solicitation
2. 2011 - 2454; Ordinance prohibiting the use of Ground Water as a Potable Water Supply by the Installation or use of Potable Water Supply Wells or by any other method.
3. 2011 - 2455; Addition of Section 16-272. Small Wind Energy Conversion Systems
4. 2011 - 2456; Addition of Chapter 10, Article VI, Section 10-201. Curfew
5. 2011 - 2457; Addition of Chapter 10, Article VI, Section 10-202. Truancy
6. 2011 - 2458; Ordinance Providing for Additional Municipal Code Violations

Motion: Alderman Vandersnick; Second: Alderman Thurm to accept the ordinances as presented for first reading. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Upon the Mayor Calling for the consent agenda, Ald. Reitzel requested the removal of item (5) from the agenda for discussion and vote.

1. Approve Minutes of March 1, 2011
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Direct City Attorney to draft the following Ordinances: 2011 National Electrical Code, Sec. 5-166; Amendments. Section 5-166 (c) (1) c.; Delete the International Maintenance Code Sec. 404 and replace with IPMC 2003 Section .404.; Beekeeping
4. Approve purchase of Phone system for the New Sewer Treatment Plant in the amount of \$22,031.53 from H2IT, Rockford, Illinois.
5. Approve the recommendation of the Planning & Zoning Commission of the Final Plat for the "Rock Falls-Reliant Subdivision No. 2" with the stipulation that all water/sewer line easements are made compliant with city ordinance requirements.

Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the removal of item # 5. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve items #5 of the consent agenda previously removed as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, (1) abstention (Ald. Reitzel abstains due to current ownership of property in the TIF area). Motion carried.

Department Heads:

Electric- Mr. Simon

1. Request approval of emergency repairs to the Internet Network of the City of Rock Falls, totaling \$7495.60, payable to H2IT Company of Rockford, Illinois.

Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Hand to authorize the emergency repairs to the City Internet Network as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Water/Street- Mr. Padilla

1. Mr. Padilla gave a brief report on the progress being made to get the pot holes in the City patched, and begin work on street repairs utilizing the patcher machine. In looking at roads that were repaired with the patcher last year, they have all held up exceptionally thru this past winter.
2. Secondly, Mr. Padilla spoke briefly about the upcoming education programs that he and Mr. Simon will be presenting to out area school children in regards to Groundwater and Electric programs.

Ward Reports:

1. Alderman Snow extended congrandulations to his nephew Jake Snow, a 112 lb. freshman at Newman Central Catholic High School that won the State Championship this year in his weight class finishing the year with a 47-3 record. In addition, Jake was a member of the Newman Catholic Team that won the 2011 Class IA Team event trophy this year as well.
2. A collective thank you was given by the Alderman for the work that the City employees are doing everyday.

Mayor's Request:

1. Mayor request the Council name Alderman Kuhlemier as Mayor Pro Tem for the period April 1-April 10, 2011 in his absence. *Motion: Ald. Thurm, Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the appointment as requested. Vote: (7) ayes, (1) abstention –Ald. Kuhlemier motion carried.*
2. Mayor addressed the Council in regards to a call he received in regards to possible changes being considered by the State of Illinois in sections of the Illinois Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act. He presented a Resolution (2011-600) for the Council to pass which states the City of Rock Falls opposition to certain changes to the TIF Act. Following a short discussion.

Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Hand to approve the resolution as presented and upon passage, copies of the same are to be sent to the Governor and our elected representatives from this area. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into executive session for the purpose of:

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

Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandernick to enter into executive session for purpose of Collective Bargaining. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:13 p.m.)

Motion: Ald. Vandernick; Second: Ald. Schuneman to return to open session. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:27 p.m)

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton requests a motion for adjournment. Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Reitzel to adjourn. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Minutes will be presented for approval at the April 5, 2011 regular Council Meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk