

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
June 7, 2011

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m., June 7, 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. Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, and Thurm. In addition, City Administrator Richard Downey and Attorney Jim Reese were present. Ald. Folsom was absent.

Public Recognition:

The City Council recognized the countless years of dedication of Mr. Bob Machnicki to the City and its residents over the years. Mr. Machnicki has served the City served as an Alderman, City Treasurer and a member of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals since being appointed in 1995. Bob recently, due to health reasons requested the Mayor to find a replacement for him on the P&Z. The Mayor and Council thanked Bob for his years of service to the community and wished him well in the future. He was awarded a plaque recognizing his contributions. His family and friends joined him on the evening.

Audience Request:

Commander Mike Barton, 1644<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company of the Illinois National Guard which has its armory here in Rock Falls addressed the Mayor and Council. He began by thanking the City and its residents for all of the support that members of the unit receive year around. The local unit is scheduled for deployment July 1, 2011 as part of operation: "New Dawn". There will be a community send off on Sunday, July 3, 2011 starting at 12:30 p.m. at the Westwood Sports Center in Sterling, Illinois.

**ORDINANCE**

**First Reading:**

1. 2011 – 2464: Section 2-123. Duties and Responsibilities of the City Administrator
2. 2011 - 2465: Section 10-120 Additional Height Restrictions; Section 10-123 Ornamental or prairie grass areas; permitted; restrictions
3. 2011 – 2466: Ordinance Approving City Identity Theft Policy  
*Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the Ordinances as presented for First Reading. Vote (7) ayes, motion carried*

**Second Reading/Adoption:**

1. 2011 – 2467: Ordinance Approving Collective Bargaining Agreements  
*Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to adopt the ordinance for approval as presented, Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried*
2. 2011 – 2468: Ordinance Approving Side Letter of Agreement  
*Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Schuneman to adopt the ordinance for approval as presented; Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.*

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Minutes of May 17, 2011
2. Approve Bills as presented
3. Approve the recommendation from the Electric Committee to accept the bid of Pete Harkness Ford, Sterling, Illinois in the amount of \$30,600.00 for a 2012 Ford Explorer.
4. Approve the recommendation from the Electric Committee for the payment of \$14,500.00 to Survalent Technology, Ontario, Canada to program the master station at the 14<sup>th</sup> avenue substation switch gear.
5. Approve the recommendation from the Electric Committee to approve the bid of Hessco, Inc. from Rochelle, Illinois for caulking at the Hydro Electric Plant in the amount of \$7, 210.00.

6. Refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission at the request of Paul Tyler 4006 W. Rt. 30, Rock Falls, Illinois the preliminary and final plat for "Tyler Shores". For consideration of property (Parcel #11-31-126-006) outside the corporate city limits, but within the 1.5 mile requiring review and approval by the City. Requesting re-zoning from A-1 to A-R and approval of a 9 lot subdivision for two (2) residential lots and personal camping lots on the property on South Regan Road.
7. Refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission at the request of Larry G. McCormick, Sterling, Illinois a petition requesting a public hearing on a request by the petitioner for rezoning of three (3) parcels: 11-28-253-004; 11-28-253-005; 11-28-253-007 from the properties current M-1 zoning classification to B-2 zoning classification
8. Refer to the City Attorney at the request of the Ordinance Committee to make the recommended changes to the current home occupation ordinance under Section 16-262. Home Occupations.
9. Approve request of the Electric Department for payment of \$17, 800.00 for 1 year Platinum Service/Annual Software Support/Maintenance agreement for the Electric SCADA System with Survalent Technology, Ontario Canada.
10. Approve Resolution 2011-604; authorizing payment to ComEd in the amount of \$86,846.00 as the second and final payment for ComEd furnishing the equipment and labor necessary to interconnect the proposed generation equipment and out thereof being installed at the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue Substation Project.
11. Approve request of the Public Works Committee to have Prater Paint & Waterproofing, Sterling, Illinois, Sandblast, prime and top coat fire hydrants at the direction of the Water Supt. at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.  
*Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Reitzel to adopt the consent agenda as presented for approval, Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.*

**City Administrator:**

1. Administrator Downey informed the Council that our supply of white garbage bags was running low, and presented two (2) quotes he received for an order of 500 cases of white, non-draw string, 5 bags per roll, 24 rolls per case. Flex Sol bid \$0.2058 per bag-\$24.70 case-total cost \$12,350.00/WasteZero bid \$0.2242 per bag-\$2645 case- total cost \$13,225.  
*Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to accept the low bid of Flex Sol for \$12, 350.00, Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.*

**Information/Correspondence:**

City Clerk Wescott presented the following items:

1. Read a Thank You Note received from Paige Last, Rock Falls High School thanking the Groundwater and Electric Committees for the \$500 Scholarship that was awarded to her. She is going to use the money to attend Sauk and pursue a nursing degree.
2. Presented a request from Mike Hubbard and Lee Mendoza of the Life in Cross Ministry's to utilize Veterans Memorial Park for a (3) three day revival on July 29-30-31, 2011. Following a short discussion, *Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Hand to deny the request for the use of Veterans Memorial Park for the dates and purpose requested. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.* Mr. Hubbard was told to contact Coloma Park District for possible venue.

**Department Heads:**

Police- Commander Tammy Nelson told the Council that the Department is moving forward with the replacement of the K-9 for there Department. A new dog is being purchased in Indiana, and the new K-9 Officer Jeremy Vondra will be undergoing training with the dog from August 29-November 4, 2011. Commander Nelson thanked the Community for there financial support which allowed the Department to purchase the dog.

**Ward Reports:**

The Alderman collectively thanked Administrator Downey for his service to City over the past 8 years and his dedication to the citizens of Rock Falls and wished him well in his new position in Washington, Illinois.

**Mayors Report:**

1. Mayor request the Council approve his standing committee appointments for the year 2011-2012 as presented.  
*Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the appointments to the standing committees as presented by Mayor Blanton for the year 2011-2012. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.*
2. Mayor Blanton informed the Council that he would be out of town from June 19-22 and requests the appointment of Ald. Kuhlemier as Mayor Pro Tem during his absence.  
*Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the appointment of Ald. Kuhlemier to Mayor Pro Tem for the period covering the Mayor's absence. Vote: (6) ayes, Ald. Kuhlemier abstains, motion carried.*

**Executive Session:**

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

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

*Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to enter into executive session for the purposes requested by the Mayor. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:08 p.m.)*

*Motion: Ald. Schuneman; Second: Ald. Thurm to return to regular session. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:20 p.m)*

*Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Hand to call for adjournment with no other business on the agenda for the Council to consider. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.*

Minutes of this Council meeting will be presented for approval on June 21, 2011.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk