

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
April 1, 2011

A Special meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m., April 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 and Folsom; in addition, City Administrator Richard Downey was present.

After determining that the information to be shared with the Council was not covered under the provisions of executive session, Mayor Blanton read a prepared statement to the members of the Council.

Mayor Blanton talked with the Council about the developments over the past several days in regards to the Riverfront Development Project. On Wednesday morning the City received notice from the State of Illinois, that due to the controversies which have arisen, they were putting the development project on hold at the present time.

Many good people have worked hard and diligently over the past four (4) years to get this and other projects for the Riverfront developed and moving forward. This current issue being raised regardless of the outcome will be just another "bump" in the road and will not deter us from our commitment to move forward. It is unfortunate, that we have people start campaigns against projects that have never attended a meeting or come forward to ask questions relating to the facts. At the Public hearing for the issuance of the bonds, only two (2) individuals appeared at the hearing to speak in regards to the project. As Mayor, I have always maintained an "open door policy", and not a single person or group has come forward to ask or raise any questions concerning the City's plans for the Riverfront. But instead, uninformed individuals have chosen to excite the public utilizing the old scare tactic of "raising taxes" to pay for the project which is not true.

Despite what appears to be a setback in our efforts, we still have 17+ acres of Riverfront Property for development. We will continue to move forward, towards our goals and the future of Rock Falls.

With no other business to come before the Council, motion by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Hand to adjourn the meeting. Vote: 7 ayes, motion carried. OUT: (6:52 p.m.)