

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
January 3, 2012

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 3, 2012 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, Kuhlemier, Snow, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Thurm. In addition, Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Ordinance:

First Reading:

1. 2012 – 2489; Ordinance amending Section 15-412. Containers required; specifications; Section 15-427. Fees Charged.
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve ordinance as presented for first reading with verbiage added to Section 15-412(b) (1) (c) to reflect, "One and one-half (1 ½) yard or larger dumpsters approved by the city only for multifamily residential dwelling units with four (4) or more units." No discussion, Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2012 – 2490; Ordinance amending Section 15-76. Single-Family residential dwellings, commercial and industrial user rates and charges.
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to approve ordinance as presented for first reading as presented, no discussion. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve minutes of December 20, 2011.
2. Approve bills as presented.
3. Approve Resolution No. 2012 – 622; authorizing the City of Rock Fall's support for the Rock River Trail Initiative.
4. Approve the Electric Department request to purchase a mobile data collector unit/antenna & manuals/to include staff training (meter reading) from Ferguson Waterworks, Dekalb, Illinois at a cost of \$8,692.31. Cost to be shared between Electric/Water/Sewer.
5. Approve request of the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to conduct their 2012 Cookie sales in Rock Falls by going door-to-door, January 2nd-22nd, 2012; and sales at businesses and delivery to residential February 13-March 18.
6. Approve payment at the request of the Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee of \$66,106.00 to the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative (IPBC) for year-end member reconciliation of Health and dental insurance for the City of Rock Falls.
7. Approve schedule for 2012 City Council and Committee meetings.
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Information/Correspondence:

Clerk Wescott shared a letter from Newman Central Catholic High School and St. Andrew Elementary, informing the Mayor and council that the week of January 29 – February 5, 2012 will be a celebration of Catholic School Weeks. Mayor Blanton asked the Council to draft a Proclamation accordingly to be sent to the schools. *Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm for the passage of a Proclamation to reflect the designated week. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.*

Ward Reports:

Ward 2: Mr. Kuhlemier spoke about the Eagle watch promotions being written up in the paper for areas outside of our community, and reminded the citizens of the area, that we have Eagles in good numbers to watch at the upper and lower dam areas right here in our community without having to leave home. He would like to see an eagle view area established to allow residents and visitors alike to view the birds.

Ward: 3 Mr. Schuneman had several items:

1. Recognized Jake Snow a wrestler from Newman who as a freshman won a state title in wrestling. Unfortunately due to an injury while participating in Football this year, he will have to set out this year.
2. Recognized Rock Falls resident Steve McGrath, who has been selected for induction into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame as a referee for the past 37 years.
3. Eagles are present in the area, six (6) reported at Lawrence Park this morning.

Mayor's request:

Mayor Blanton reported on the Department Head meeting held earlier in the day,,; the solar panel project underway at the Electrical Utilities building in the Industrial Park; Computer updates that are scheduled to get underway soon.

Adjournment:

With no other business on the agenda for Council action, Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Snow to adjourn. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. Out: 6:45 p.m.

Minutes to be approved at the January 17, 2012 meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk