

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
January 17, 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 17, 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.

Special Council Recognition:

The City Council recognized Mr. Al Davis, owner of Davis Heating & Air Conditioning for his generous gift to the City of thirty (30) blue spruce evergreen trees. The trees have been planted on the RB&W Riverfront property and will remain a visual part of the landscape for years to come. A Resolution honoring Mr. Davis was introduced. *Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to approve Resolution 2012-623 for Community Recognition of Outstanding Citizen. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.*

Audience Request:

Mr. Allen Boseneiler, 802 West 2nd Street, Rock Falls, Illinois rose to address the Council. Mr. Boseneiler had questions and concerns about the proposed rate hike in the garbage fees that was up for final reading and approval. He feels that the fee structure is unfair and that the City is 30 years behind other communities in the area (Sterling and Dixon) in regards to the services provided. More emphasis on recycling programs would help to lower the costs of the services, and is obviously more responsible. Mayor Blanton told Mr. Boseneiler that the City has been losing approximately \$50,000 a year for the past couple of years and that the garbage like the other enterprise funds has to pay for itself. He offered to meet with him and discuss this matter, if he liked, however, Mr. Boseneiler thought that would not do much good since the matter was up for approval this evening.

ORDINANCE:

Second Reading/Adoption

1. 2012 - 2489; Ordinance amending Section 15-412. Containers required; specifications; Section 15-427. Fees Charged.
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption with an effective date of February 1, 2012. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2012 - 2490; Ordinance amending Section 15-76. Single-family residential dwellings, commercial and industrial users' rates and charges.
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve ordinance as presented for adoption with an effective date of May 1, 2012. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of January 3, 2012
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve Ordinance No. 2012 -2491; amendment to Agreement for the Collection and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Yard Waste between Morning Disposal, Inc. and the City of Rock Falls.

4. Request the Application for Variance/Interpretation of Zoning Map/Special Exception filed by Rex Lasson, Princeton, Illinois in regards to property located at 603 4th Avenue, Rock Falls requesting a single story home to be rebuilt in the same footprint (foundation) be referred to the Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals to conduct a hearing on the request.
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Mayors Request:

1. Reminder of the upcoming Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner on Monday, February 13, 2012. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Sylvia for reservations.
2. Northern Illinois Mayors Association Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 19, 2012. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Sylvia.

2011 State of the City Report

Mayor Blanton presented his State of the City Report to the Council. A copy of the report is on file in the City Clerk's Office as an attachment to the minutes of this meeting.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton requests the council to enter into executive session for the purpose of Probable Litigation-Section 2(c) (11). *Motion: Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to enter into executive session for Probable litigation-Section 2(c) (11), Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:16 p.m.)*

Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to return to regular session of the Council. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (Out: 7:40 p.m.)

Adjournment:

With no other business for the Council to consider, Mayor Blanton calls for a motion to adjourn. *Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Snow to adjourn. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.*

Minutes to be presented for approval at the February 7, 2012 Council meeting.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

