

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
February 7, 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 February 7, 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. Ald. Schuneman was absent. In addition, Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Special Recognition:

Mr. Robert Gasper P.E., Vice President of Willett, Hofman & Associates addressed the Council on the recent award presented to the City and Willett, Hofmann & Associates. The City Water Reclamation Facility constructed to replace the original plant built in 1935 was completed and became operational in July 2011. A Merit Award was earned for this project from the American Council of Engineer Companies of Illinois. The 2012 Engineering Excellence Awards recognize projects of engineering achievement by Illinois consulting engineer firms. Mayor Blanton, Water Reclamation Supt. Ed Cox and Gasper received the award at a recent meeting held in Normal, Illinois.

Audience Requests:

Mr. Allen Boseneiler, 802 West 2nd Street, Rock Falls, Illinois rose to address the Council. Mr. Boseneiler stated that he and many other members of the community are upset, by the lack of information and/or discussion on agenda items prior to the Council voting to approve the same. He would like to see more time spent describing the issues that come up for a vote and have a discussion that the public can hear to try and have a better understanding of why actions are being taken. Most residents do not have time to attend the various committee meetings and it would be nice if the Council discussed the issues before taking a vote. Mayor Blanton attempted to explain that the reason we have committee meetings is to be able to have discussions and seek resolve prior to the Council actions. If additional clarification is required or questions arise before the vote, they are addressed appropriately. However, all committee meetings are posted a year in advance, and agendas are posted 48 hours in advance to allow anyone to attend and ask questions that may have concerning a particular issue.

ORDINANCE: First Reading

1. 2012 – 2492; Section 9-152. Prohibited areas between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Snow to accept ordinance for first reading as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of January 17, 2012
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve the 2012 General Maintenance vendor based on bids received: Northwest Illinois Construction Company, Rock Falls, Illinois: Bituminous Patching Mixture \$66.00/Ton; Aggregate Surface Course Type B \$5.05/Ton; Seal Coat Aggregate, Class C \$7.90/Ton; Fine Aggregate \$2.50/Ton.
4. Authorize the Mayor to sign the multi-year agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for participation in the Non-dedicated Generation-PJM Demand Response Program for the years beginning June 1, 2012 through May 31, 2013; June 1, 2013 through May 31, 2014; June 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015 and June 1, 2015 through May 31, 2016.

5. Approve at the recommendation of the Public Works committee the Engineering agreement Amendment No. 1 with Willett, Hofmann & Associates for the Dog Pound Lift Station design and construction services for modification and upgrades at a cost of \$112,000.
6. Approve the renewal of Lease No. 3091 with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for an easement concerning a storm water outlet along the Hennepin Canal. The agreement is for a period of five (5) years, beginning on February 26, 2012 and ending March 1, 2017 and will cost \$200.00/year for a total of \$1,000.00.
7. Approve Electric Committee request to have the firm of Hodge Dwyer & Driver prepare the annual emissions Reports at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00
8. Approve the Finance Committee request to enter into a three (3) year agreement for auditing services with CliftonLarsonAllen; 2012-\$38,500/2013-\$38,500/2014-\$39,700 plus Single audit costs as required.
9. Approve Electric Committee request to enter into an agreement with Altorfer Inc. for Maintenance Agreements and Extended Service coverage for generators 1-7 in the amount of \$15,520.00 per generator/per year for a total of \$108,640.00. Maintenance Agreement for Onan Generator for \$195.00/ per year with a total cost of \$1,170.00 for five (5) years and Caterpillar 3116 Generator for \$1,893.00 per year with a total cost of \$9,465.00 for five (5) years.
10. Approve the recommendation of the Public Works Committee the Engineering Agreement for the design and construction of Well No. 6 and Appurtenances with Willett, Hofmann & Associates at a cost of \$100,000.00.
11. Approve at the recommendation of the Public Works Committee an expenditure of \$5,000.00 to Willett, Hofmann & Associates for an initial engineering evaluation report with estimates of cost for replacing the generator housing or the entire generator with new housing for the Fairview Lift Station-Generator Enclosure.
12. Approve at the request of the Public Works Committee an Engineering Services Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates for Dixon Avenue Road Project from 350 west of Haskell Avenue Easterly to Luke Lane at a cost of \$23,000.00.

Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator: Robbin D. Blackert

1. Administrator Blackert recognized Mary Carlson WSDR and Ald. Vandersnick on their respective birthdays.

Information/Correspondence:

William B. Wescott, City Clerk presented the following information to the Council:

1. Correspondence from Seventh-Day Adventist Church informing us those members of their Youth teams will be performing door-to-door ministry in the Rock Falls area 2-3 hours per day Sunday – Friday, February 1-21, 2012.
2. Reminder of F.O.I.A/ Open Meetings Act Training Requirements/ Statement of Economic Interest that need to be completed by Alderman and committee members.

Department Heads:

1. Chief Kuelper requested permission from the Council to submit a grant application that will require 75-25 funding for the purchase of a new K-9 unit vehicle. Grant is available as part of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. Deadline for application is March 4, 2012.

Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to authorize the grant application. Vote: (7) ayes, motion passed.

Ward Reports:

Alderman Reitzel reported to the Council that several new businesses and several others have relocated in the downtown business district of the City. Although small businesses, it is estimated that they employ close to 40 jobs full and or part-time. He encouraged Alderman and citizens to stop by these new locations and welcome them to the community. In addition, he told the council that it is important to do everything that we can to improve the appearance of downtown and support these small businesses,

Mayors Report:

1. Mayor Blanton announced that there will be an Illinois Tax Increment Association Seminar held on April 18-20, 2012 in Collinsville, Illinois. Any Alderman wishing to attend should let City Clerk Wescott know as soon as possible so that registrations can be sent in.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Ald. Folsom and seconded Ald. Reitzel to adjourn. Vote: (7) ayes motion carried. Out: 6:48 p.m.

For approval at the February 21, 2012 meeting of the Council.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

