

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
March 6, 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 March 6, 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, Hand, Schuneman, Folsom and Thurm. In addition, Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Proclamation/Recognition:

Three Rock Falls Township High School Seniors, Derek Flannery, Lauren Haas and Karina Nehrkorn were present and addressed the Council in support of the annual national initiative sponsored by the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids that makes elementary, middle and high school students leaders in the fight against youth tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. They are joining with students from Sterling and Newman High School along with CGH Health Foundation, CGH Medical Center, Whiteside County Health Department and the ATOD (Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs) Task Force in promoting March 21, 2012 as "KICK BUTTS DAY". The Mayor and City Council presented a Proclamation in support of their efforts by designating, Wednesday, March 21, 2012 as "KICK BUTTS DAY" in Rock Falls. ***Motion by Ald. Thurm and seconded by Ald. Snow to issue the proclamation of support. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.***

Ordinance: Adoption:

1. Ordinance No. 2012 – 2494; Disposal of city owned property deemed surplus. (1985 Ford Econoline Van (Police Department))

Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of February 21, 2012
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Public Works Committee recommends the approval of a six (6) year POW-R-GUARD Maintenance Agreement for seven (7) Emergency Standby Generators located at our lift stations ; with Altorfer Power Systems, Davenport, Iowa at a cost of \$1,002.00 annually per machine. Total contract cost of \$42,084.00.
4. Public Works Committee recommends the approval of a three (3) year POW-R-GUARD Maintenance Agreement for the Kohler Emergency Standby Generator at the Wastewater Reclamation Facility; with Altorfer Power Systems, Davenport, Iowa at a cost of \$5,590.00 per year. Total contract cost of \$16,770.00.
5. Public Works Committee recommends the approval for the upgrading of the Wastewater Reclamation Facilities SCADA system (i.e. 1st and 2nd stage screw pump control and NPW (Non Potable Water) system flow and UV (Ultra Violet) dosing) with the acceptance of the quote from SCADAware at a cost of \$18,891. This includes purchasing and installing the hardware and any modifications required to the computer software data and SCADA control system; as well as, engineering cost not to exceed an additional \$2000.00.
6. Approve at the request of the Fire Department renewal of the annual Emergency Generator Inspection Service contract with Engle Electric, Sterling, Illinois at a cost of \$1,000.
7. Approve at the request of the Electric Committee a quote in the amount of \$13,250.00 from GE Energy, Westchester, Illinois to assess and develop an engineering specification identifying the hardware and software needed to upgrade the City of Rock Falls Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system composed of eight (8) specific RTU (Remote Terminal Unit) stations in connection with Phase One of the SCADA Project.
8. Approve at the request of the Electric Committee a quote in the amount of \$33,000.00 from Power System Engineering, Inc. to assess and develop an engineering specifications identifying the hardware and software needed to upgrade the City of Rock Falls Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system composed of eight (8) specific RTU (Remote Terminal Unit) stations in connection with Phase One of the SCADA Project.

Motion: Ald. Hand; Seconded: Ald. Folsom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator- Robbin D. Blackert

Adm. Blackert expressed her appreciation to all of the Department Heads, Clerks Office and everyone who has contributed to this year's budget process. She has truly enjoyed the opportunity to work with all of the participants and appreciates the sharing and dedication that she has seen throughout the process.

Department Heads:

Fire Chief J. W. Larson requested from the Council permission to apply for a \$20,000 grant through Monsanto Rural Agriculture initiative for the purchase of 6x6 All-terrain vehicle to be utilized by the department for rural operations in support of their activities.

Motion: Ald. Thurm; Seconded: Ald. Vandersnick to authorize Chief Larson and the Department to make application for the grant presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Mayor's Request:

1. Mayor Blanton requests the Council approve the appointment of Ald. Lee Folsom to serve as Mayor Pro Tem for the period of March 11-15, 2012, while the Mayor is in Washington, D.C...
Motion: Ald. Hand; Seconded: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the appointment of Ald. Folsom to serve as Mayors Pro Tem March 11-15, 2012. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
2. Mayor Blanton informed the Council of the upcoming Northern Illinois Mayors Association meeting on March 15, 2012 in Sublette, Illinois beginning at 6:30 p.m.; anyone wishing to attend should contact Sylvia.
3. Requests the re-appointment of Alderman Daehle Reitzel to the RFCDC Board; and City Administrator Robbin Blackert to fill the position being vacated by the retirement of previous appointed Doug Wiersema. Both will be for periods May 1, 2012 to April 30, 2013.
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Seconded: Ald. Thurm to approve the appointments as requested by Mayor Blanton. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton request the council enter into executive session for the purpose of:

1. Collective Bargaining – Section 2(c)(2)
2. Imminent Litigation – Section (0)(11)
3. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1)

Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Schuneman to enter into executive session for the purposes recognized. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried: (IN: 6:52 p.m.)