

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
April 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 April 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, Hand, Schuneman, Folsom and Thurm. In addition, Attorney Tony Miller for Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert was absent.

Proclamation/Recognition:

The Good Shepherd Lutheran Church; 430 Martin Road was recognized with a proclamation, in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the original groundbreaking ceremony for the church originally held on April 1, 1962. Current Pastor Daniel Behmlander spoke to the Council and presented a brief history of the Church. Following his address, Clerk Wescott read the Proclamation into the record. **Motion: Ald. Snow; second: Ald. Thurm to approve the proclamation as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.** Pastor Behmlander and members of the congregation; Bob and Audrey Brockman; Carol and Dale Humphrey; Arnie Grolund and Alan Bauer were present and accepted the Proclamation from Mayor Blanton and had a photo opportunity to document the event.

Audience Request:

Mr. Walter Denning, Jr. Vice Commander of the Rock Falls American Legion Post 902 addressed the Council. On behalf of the Legion, he is requesting the closure of the roads directly surrounding the Veterans Memorial Park on May 19, 2012 for a celebration of Veterans Day which is to be held. Following the request, Police Chief Kuelper confirmed that all has been reviewed and no problems should result. **Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; second: Ald. Snow to approve the request brought forth by the American Legion. Vote: (*8) ayes, motion carried.**

Community Affairs:

Mr. Keith Grell, Brothers Flooring who serves on the board of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce was present to provide the review of upcoming events of the Chamber of Commerce. Major events highlighted: First Wednesday Breakfast 4-4/ City Wide Garage Sales, May 4th/Chamber Golf Outing, May 18th.

ORDINANCE: First Reading:

1. 2012 – 2501; Section 15-266. Basis, Rates and Charges for Sewage Service
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve the ordinance as presented for First Reading. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

ORDINANCE: Second Reading/Adoption:

1. 2012 – 2495 Amends License for Second Hand Store; Section 8-216. License-required - fee; Section 8-217. License-Application; investigation of applicant and premises; Section 8-218. Records; inspection; storage of materials.
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
2. 2012 – 2496 Amends violations to the Municipal Code; Section 1-7. Penalty – Generally.
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
3. 2012 – 2497 Amends Chapter 3 Animals of the municipal code; Section 3 – 51. Running at large prohibited.
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
4. 2012 – 2498 Amends Fee structure Photographers License Section 8-562
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Thurm to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.
5. 2012 – 2500; Ordinance Repealing Section 8-298- Class G license conditions
Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes of March 20, 2012
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Resolution No. 2012 - 626; Resolution approving the agreement with the IBEW for the sewer vacancy posting issue.
4. Resolution No. 2012 - 627 ; Resolution in recognition of Earth Day and Residential Electronic Recycle Day, April 21, 2012
5. Approve the request of the Electric Committee for entering into a one (1) year Platinum Service/Annual Software Support/Maintenance Agreement with Survalent Technology, Mississauga, Ontario Canada at a cost of \$18,340.00 per dual Redundant Master Station.
6. Approve at the request of the Electric Committee the proposal for Professional Services for Geographic Information System (GIS) Services provided by Cloudpoint Geographics, Inc. ; Roanoke, Illinois for a cost not to exceed \$15,000 during the contract period which is valid until December 31, 2012.
7. Approve at the request of the Water Department, the purchase of a quantity of Neptune T-10 Meters and Radio Read Units with brackets at a cost of \$52,139.20 from Northern Illinois Water Works Supply.
8. Resolution No. 2012 -628; Release of Lien of property at 309 4th Avenue, Rock Falls, Illinois under the SFOOR Recapture Agreement.
9. Resolution No. 2012 – 629; Resolution of Amendment to the City of Rock Falls City Credit Card Policy and Procedures.
10. Ordinance& License Committee request that City Attorney Reese draft ordinance for Pawn Shops/Flee Markets and upgrade current ordinance for transient and itinerant merchants.

Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the consent agenda as presented , with item# 6 removed and directed to City Attorney for review; and item #7 removed and directed to the Public Works Committee. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Information/Correspondence:

Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer advised the Council, that the Public Works Committee has reviewed the details surrounding the “Dog Pound Lift Station” Project, and requests the Council approve the project being sent out for bids. **Motion: Ald. Reitzel; Second: Ald. Snow to have Willett, Hofmann & Associates place the project for bid. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.**

Mayor’s Report:

Mayor Blanton presented an overview of the various meetings that he has been attending some of the highlights of each.

Executive Session:

Enter into executive session for:

1. Collective Bargaining Section 2(c)(2)
2. Personnel Section 2(c)(1)

Motion: Ald. Thurm; Second: Ald. Snow to enter into executive session. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried: (IN: 7:00 p.m.)

Motion Ald. Snow and second by Ald. Thurm to return to regular session: Vote (8) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:21 p.m.)

Motion Ald. Thurm and seconded by Ald. Folsom to approve Resolution 2012-630 authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any agreement or other documents necessary to approve or finalize any settlement of a grievance filed under collective bargaining agreement and to negotiate final terms of grievance settlement. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Alderman Schuneman and seconded by Ald. Vandersnick to re-appoint all Department Heads for the coming fiscal year 2012-2013 with a pay increase of 2%. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.

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

For approval April 17, 2012

_____ City Clerk

