

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
May 1, 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 May 1, 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:

A Proclamation recognizing May 13 – 19, 2012 as National Nursing Home Week in Rock Falls was read into the record. **Motion: Al. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the Proclamation designation as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.**

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approve Minutes of April 17, 2012
2. Approve Bills as presented.
3. Approve Resolution No. 2012-632; Resolution of support from the City of Rock Falls, Illinois for the Illinois Enterprise Zone Program and Legislation in the Illinois General Assembly to extend Illinois Enterprise Zone.
4. Approve Resolution No. 2012-633; Resolution authorizing transfer of Real Estate owned by the City and known as the "Old WWTP" to Whiteside County Board totaling approximately 3.30 acres, in consideration of the sum of \$22,000.00.
5. Request that the City of Rock Falls transfer a rezoning petition request for properties within 1 ½ miles of the City limits owned by King Real Estate LLC (IFH Group, Inc. to the planning and zoning for consideration. The petition submitted is requesting that Whiteside County grant them a rezoning from A-1 to 1-2 for existing industrial manufacturing business on their property, Parcel 17-01-100-011 at 3300 East Rock Falls Road, Rock Falls, Illinois.
6. Electric Committee request approval for the purchase of four (4) Hydraulic Vane Pumps, fittings and labor costs for installation at the Hydro Plant at a total cost of \$19,805.44 from Bosch-Rexroth Hydraulics.
7. Electric Committee request approval for the purchase of replacement doors on the South side of the Electric Department to include labor and installation at a cost of \$8,715.00 from Dixon Glass, Dixon, Illinois.
8. Electric Committee request approval for the purchase of a Gravely Pro-Turn 460 Diesel 60" Deck mower from Wilco Rental Inc. of Sterling, Illinois at a cost of \$10,899.00.
9. Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Whiteside County for the Seal Coating of selected roads for the price of \$39,608.84.
10. Approve the Notice of Award to the following contractors for work on the Avenue D (Dixon Avenue to East 5<sup>th</sup> 2012 Street Project); Northwest Illinois Construction Co., \$15,650.00; Murray & Sons Excavating & Paving, \$14,568.00; PAB Concrete Cutting Services, \$425.00; Jeff Behrens Excavating, \$12,800.00.

Ald. Schuneman requested to Mayor Blanton that item #4 be removed from the agenda for further discussion. **Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the consent agenda, items 1-3 and 5-10 as presented and remove item # 4 for further discussion. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.**

Ald. Schuneman asked, what was the \$22,000 received from the sale of the old WWTP be earmarked for. Mayor Blanton responded that it should go back into Sewer Funds, as it was property that was utilized for that operation. **Motion: Ald. Schuneman; Second: Ald., Folsom to approve item # 4 for the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.**

**City Administrator:**

Adm. Blackert addressed the Council on two matters:

1. Members of the Council were presented with a final copy of the 2012-2013 budget previously adopted.
2. Shared with the Council and residents of the City, information concerning the Utility Protection Program, a new, optional program available to homeowners, provided through the National League of Cities (NLC) Service Line Warranty Program administered by Service Line Warranties of America. Citizen will be receiving a mailing soon in regards to this program. The first mailing will address sewer line repair protection. Future mailings will address water line repairs.

**Information/Correspondence:**

Clerk Wescott read a thank you card from Robbin Blackert thanking the Council for the plant that was sent, as well as , all of the expressions of kindness at the passing of her father Francis Austin Corbin.

**Department Heads:**

Building Inspector – Inspector Mark Searing shared with the Council that the City of Rock Falls recently was awarded the 2012 SFOOR grant that had been applied for. Deputy Clerk Michelle Conklin spearheaded the Grant application which will bring \$336,000 to repair (8) homes. In this year’s grant application, the City had requested funding to renovate fifteen (15) homes. However, due to a 37% reduction in funding we were awarded only (8), which is what we have received consistently over the past years.

**Ward Reports:**

Ward 2 – Ald. Kuhlemier reported death of Josephine Payne, the sister of Louie Bellson; as well as, Barb Frump the wife of Gene Frump a long time Postal carrier in Rock Falls and a member of the Part-Paid Firefighters for over 20 years.

Ward 3 – Ald. Schuneman informed the Council of the passing of longtime Rock Falls resident and business man Henry “Hank” Bright.

**Mayors Request:**

Mayor Blanton requested the Council approval for the 2012-2013 standing committees as presented. He told the Alderman that he has reduced the committee’s memberships that previously had five (5) members to four (4) to avoid a conflict of a majority of the Council being present at a committee meeting. Ald. Schuneman requested that he be added to the Personnel Committee since the membership was currently only three members, Mayor so agreed. ***Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the Standing Committees for 2012-2013 as requested by the Mayor with the addition of Mr. Schuneman to the Personnel Committee. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.***

**Executive session:**

Mayor Blanton requests a motion to enter into executive session for the purpose of Personnel: Section 2(c) (1). ***Motion: Ald. Vandersnick, Second: Ald. Thurm to enter into executive session as requested. Vote (8) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 6:55 p.m.)***

***Motion to return to regular session by Ald. Vandersnick and seconded by Ald. Schuneman. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:04 p.m.)***

***Motion by Ald. Thurm to approve the contract of City Administrator for the period of May 1, 2012 through April 30, 2013 and to not increase the current salary of \$60,000, but to award a onetime stipend of 2% of her base salary., seconded by Ald. Reitzel. Vote: (8) ayes, motion carried.***

**Adjournment:**

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

Minutes will be presented for approval on May 15, 2012.

