

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
**THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS**  
**August 21, 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 August 21, 2012 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David Blanton, City Clerk, William Wescott, called the roll following the pledge of allegiance, present was Ald. Vandersnick, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom. Ald. Thurm was absent. In addition, Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

**Special Proclamation:**

The City Council recognized the Rock Falls Little League Softball 9-10 Year All-Stars that won the 2012 State Championship in South Elgin, Illinois by defeating Beardstown 20-11. Each of the girls received a copy of the Proclamation and a pin recognizing the City of Rock Falls. Pictures were taken of the Team and Coaches with the Mayor. **Motion: Ald. Hand: Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the Proclamation of recognition for the 9-10 Year Old Little League Softball All-Stars. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

**Community Affairs:**

Jeff Bright of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce Board spoke to the Council on behalf of their group. Upcoming events: September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Chamber offices from 11 a.m. -1:00 p.m. the Chamber will be hosting the Chamber recognition luncheon; September 22-23 Rock Falls and the surrounding areas will be having the Garage Days Sales; dates have been set for the Hometown Holidays activities November 15-17.

**Executive Session:**

Mayor request the Council to enter into executive session for the purpose of Litigation-Pending, probable or imminent-Section 2 (c) (11), and additionally requests Attorney Rick Palmer to join the council in executive session. **Motion: Alderman Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to enter into executive session as requested. Vote seven (7) Ayes, motion carried.(IN: 6:43p.m.)**

**Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Snow to exit executive session and return to regular session. Vote: seven (7) ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:20 p.m.) No actions required to be taken.**

**Ordinances: Second Reading/Adoption**

1. 2012-2071; Section 16-174. Lot Area Requirements Amended

**Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2012-2071. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried.**

2. 2012-2072; Section 16-105 Lot Frontage Exceptions; Section 16-125. Existing lots; minimum width.; Section 16-166. Existing lots; minimum width.; Section 16-180. Permitted Principal Uses.

**Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2012-2072. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.**

3. 2012-2073; Authorizing the Lease of Surplus Municipal Real Estate, the old Fire Station Garage located on parcel 11-28-244-002 for a term of five (5) years.

**Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance 2012-2073. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.**

## Consent Agenda:

Request made by Alderman Reitzel to remove item # 3 from the consent agenda for an individual vote, as he has to recuse himself as a owner of a business within the TIF District involved, Mayor calls for a motion for approval of the consent agenda minus item #3.

1. Approve the Minutes of the August 7, 2012
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. **Approve Resolution 2012-638, authorizing Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Rock Falls and the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation for a proposed redevelopment of a portion of the former Reliant Fastner site.**
4. Approve Resolution 2012-640 at the request of the Electrical Utilities adopting the American Public Power Administration (APPA) Safety manual for the Electrical Utility, 15<sup>th</sup> Edition, 2012.
5. Approve at the request of the Finance/Insurance Committee, the payment of \$101,662.42 to Illinois Municipal League Risk management Association for Minimum /Maximum Additional Billing for the loss fund contract year 2010.
6. Approve request of the Electric Utilities for the purchase of switchgear to replace one recently damaged by a motor vehicle accident. The equipment is to be purchased from G&W Electric Company, Bolingbrook, Illinois at a cost of \$27,200.00.
7. Approve Resolution 2012-642; a Resolution transferring authority of real property, commonly known as 1515 West Route 30, parcel # 11-32-227-027 to the Industrial Development Commission.

**Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the consent agenda as presented minus item #3. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.**

**Motion to approve item # 3 by Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Kuhlemier. Vote: (6) ayes, Ald. Reitzel, recuse himself from the vote, motion carried.**

## City Administrator: Robbin D. Blackert

1. Adm. Blackert presented information already reviewed by the Finance Committee in a special meeting, for the purchase of a new K-9 vehicle. The vehicle, a 2012 Ford 150 crew cab 6.5 foot bed is being purchased on state bids from Morrow Brothers Ford, Greenfield, Illinois for a price of 27, 434.00. With additional items be added, the final total cost is \$35,390.00. The vehicle is being paid for with \$30,000 from carry over budget, \$3,000 DEA account and \$3,000 from donations received for the K-9 fund.  
**Motion: Ald. Reitzel; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the purchase of the new vehicle with funding identified and to include accessories as presented. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.**
2. Adm. Blackert presented a request on behalf of the Electric Committee for repairs and reconditioning required on Hydro Electric Unit #1 and Unit #2. Resolution 2012-641 authorizes an agreement between the City of Rock Falls and AIMS Mechanical, LLC for said repairs. However, a provision of the passage will need to include a statement of review by the City Attorney. **Motion: Ald. Hand; Second Ald. Reitzel to approve Resolution 2012-641 authorizing a contract between the City of Rock Falls and AIMS Mechanical, LLC. of Rock Falls, Illinois to make the necessary repairs to the Hydroelectric Units #1 and #2, subject to the approval of the City Attorney. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.**

**Information/Correspondence:**

City Clerk Wescott read into the record a letter received from 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman Bob Thurm addressed to the Mayor and members of the City Council:

“This letter is to inform you that effective August 1, 2012 I am resigning as 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Alderman. I would like to thank the citizens of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward for allowing me to serve them for the past seven years. It has been a great pleasure to work with the Mayor and all members of the City Council both past and present.”

***Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to accept the resignation of Alderman Thurm with deepest regrets. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.***

Mayor Blanton informed the Council and residents that if they knew of anyone wishing to be considered for appoint to fill the remaining term of Mr. Thurm (April 2013), they should have the individual contact either Mayor Blanton or his secretary. It was noted, that any candidate considered, would have to run in the election scheduled for April 2013, due to the remaining term being less than two (2) years.

**Aldermanic Reports:**

Ald. Kuhlemier presented a brief report on attending the recent Blackhawk Waterways CVB Banquet which celebrated 20+ years of existence of this organization. The organization is a non-profit group, dedicated to promoting the Illinois Counties of Ogle, Carroll, Lee and Whiteside.

Ald. Hand spoke about his experience as he sat in on the Adjudication Hearings held earlier in the day. He complimented everyone involved in the process and encouraged other Alderman to attend a hearing to see how well the process is working.

Ald. Schuneman thanked the members of the Street Department for all of their hard work this summer in regards to the road projects they have been completing. He was especially appreciative of the work completed in Ward 3, as it has brought very positive comments from the residents.

**Mayor's Request:**

Mayor Blanton shared some statistical data, which emphasizes the importance of the Tourism industry in the State of Illinois. Illinois Tourism as a whole generated a record \$31.8 billion in 2011, up 8.4% percent from a year ago. Specifically for the counties in Northwest, the following dollars were realized: Carroll: \$19.46 million; Lee: 28.48 million; Ogle: \$62.99 million and **Whiteside: \$35.0 million and increase of 11.21% over 2010.**

**Adjournment:**

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Reitzel to adjourn the Council. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried. (7:42 p.m.)

Minutes will be submitted for approval at the September 4, 2012 regular meeting of the Council.

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk