

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
September 18, 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 September 18, 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. In addition, City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience Request:

Ms. Heidi Ripley the Student Council Advisor at Rock Falls Township High School and a student representative addressed the Mayor and Council. They made a request to hold the annual Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 11, 2012 beginning at 5:30 p.m. and ending approximately 30-40 minutes later. The parade will follow the traditional route as has been in the past.

Motion: Ald. Reitzel; Second: Ald. Snow to grant permission to the High School for the use of City streets for the annual Homecoming Parade as requested. Vote: seven (7) Ayes, motion carried.

Community Affairs:

Ms. Dawn Duncan, Co-Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce updated the Council on current Chamber activities. The Chamber recognition luncheon held last week was a huge success; September 22-23 will be the Rock Falls –Sterling Garage Sales Weekend, already the number of registrations exceeds the past record.; October 19 there will be a guest Bar Tender event held at Long Shots; Hometown Holidays activities are still being finalized but will take place November 15-18 with the Parade being held on the 17th of November.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 4, 2012
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission for hearing, the request from Owners of Riverside Mobile Home Estates, 901 Regan Road, Rock Falls, Illinois for request for AG-1 Zoning on part of the property and a Special Use permit for the Mobile Park on the remaining subject to publication and notice requirements.
4. Refer to the City Attorney for negotiation and drafting of an agreement for submission to the City Council, a request from the Owners of Riverside Mobile Home Estates, 901 Regan Road, Rock Falls, Illinois for an annexation agreement.
5. Approve the Public Works Committee request for the letting of bids for the purchase and installation of a new generator with new enclosure (in accordance with Title 35 requirements) at the City of Rock Falls Sewer Department Fairview Lift Station.

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

Appointment of Officers:

1. Mayor Blanton addressed the Council and submitted the name of John W. Watts, 1407 11th Avenue for appointment and replacement by and with the consent of the Council to fill the vacancy of the Fourth Ward Alderman Bob Thurm thru the current term ending April 2013. ***Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve the appointment requested by Mayor Blanton for the remainder of the existing Term. Vote: seven (7) Ayes, motion carried.***

Oath of Office Administration:

- ***City Clerk William Wescott read the Oath of Office and presided over the swearing in of Mr. Watts to his position as 4th Ward Alderman thru the end of the current term, expiring in April 2013. Mr. Watts took his place at the Council seat and is part of the voting members for all Council considerations.***

Ordinance Second Reading/Adoption

1. **Ordinance 2012-2077; Consideration and action on Ordinance providing for an installment Purchase Agreement and authorizing providing for the issuance of General Obligation Debt Certificates (limited tax) for the City.**
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve Ordinance 2012-2077 as presented for adoption. During discussion, Adm. Blackert shared with the Council that this Bond allows for the refinancing of the Bonds originally taken out for the purchase of Fire Unit 41. With the refinancing, we are able to lower the rate of interest, as well as, receive \$85,000 funding to pay for the City's portion of the new fire tender(Tank Truck) being bought in a shared purchase with the Foreign Fire Board and the Firefighters Fund. With no further discussion, Vote: Eight (8) Ayes, motion carried unanimously.
2. **Ordinance 2012-2078; Consideration and action on Ordinance providing for the issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), for the City.**
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Snow to approve Ordinance 2012-2078 as presented for adoption. During Discussion, Adm. Blackert shared with the Council that this Motor Fuel Tax Alternate Revenue Source, Series 2005 is being refinanced to a lower rate of interest, thus lowering total cost of the Bond, as well as lower the number of years remaining on the payout. With no further discussion, Vote: Eight (8) Ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor's Request:

The Mayor presented the following appointments to the Council for consideration and action:

1. Request Council approval to re-appoint RFCDC Executive Director, Sandy Henrekin to another three (3) year term on the Whiteside County E-Zone Management Organization Board. Term (10-01-12/10-01-2015).
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald Vandersnick to approve the appointment as presented. Vote: Eight (8) Ayes, motion carried.
2. Request Council approval of appointing Ald. John Watts and WHA Engineer, Matt Hansen to the Groundwater Committee. *Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve the appointments as presented. No terms. Vote: Eight (8) Ayes, motion carried.*
3. Request Council approve the appointment of Darla Schryver to fulfill the remaining term of Bob Smeltzer to the Rock Falls Police Fire Commission thru 06-30-2015. *Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the appointment as presented. Vote: Eight (8) Ayes, motion carried.*
4. Request appointment of Ald. Mark Vandersnick to serve as the new Chairman of the Personnel/Safety Committee, replacing Bob Thurm. *Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the appointment as presented. Vote: Eight (8) Ayes, motion carried.*

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. Vote: Eight (8) Ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 6:55 p.m.)*

