

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
October 2, 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 October 2, 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 and Watts. In addition, City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Community Affairs:

Darla Schryver, member of the Executive Board of the Chamber of Commerce was present to present information on upcoming events. The recent Garage sales days were highly successful as a record 128 different locations participated; October 19th the Chamber is sponsoring a "Meet the Candidates" Night with a Celebrity bartender event at Long Shots from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.; November 15-18, 2012 will be the Hometown Holidays celebration, with the parade to be held on Saturday, November 17th.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption

1. Ordinance 2012 – 2079; An Ordinance authorizing the Rock Falls Fire Department to dispose of surplus City property by sale. **Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the ordinance for adoption as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.**
2. Ordinance 2012 – 2080; An Ordinance authorizing the Building Department to dispose of surplus City property by sale. **Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Watts to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote (8) Ayes, motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2012
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approve the referral of a draft, of a proposed new MU-1 Mixed Use proposed zoning District for the RB&W District to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and considerations.
4. Approve at the request of the Electric Committee the bids submitted by Power Systems Engineering, Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin for a Master Phase 1, Meter Points 1,2,3, & 4, Transmission Switches, Networking for the SCADA Update at a cost of \$257,400.08.
5. Approve Proclamation: 26th Anniversary of "Public Power Week", October 7-13, 2012
6. Approve Proclamation: Fire Prevention Week, "Have two ways out"; October 7-13, 2012
7. Approve Proclamation: Blue & White Sunday, honoring Law Enforcement and Corrections Officers, Sunday, October 21, 2012.
8. Approve Proclamation: Illinois Arts & Humanities Month, October 2012.

Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Hand to present the Consent agenda for approval with item #3 being removed and given separate consideration. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

Ald. Vandersnick requested that item # 3, with proposed new MU-1 Mixed Use proposed zoning district be directed to the P&Z Commission, and then sent forth to the Ordinance Committee for further review. All Aldermen should attempt to make one of these two (2) meetings, as this information needs to be reviewed and understood as it will shape the Riverfront and other areas of the City in the future.. The Ordinance Committee can then return the question to the Council for further consideration in Ordinance form for first reading at the November 5th Council meeting. **Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Hand; Vote: (7) Ayes, Ald. Reitzel recuses (property ownership) motion carried.**

Department Heads:

Police- Chief Kuelper

1. Following discussion and consensus with Law Enforcement in Whiteside County, Chief is requesting to approve Trick or Treat hours for Wednesday, October 31, 2012, from 4:30-7:00 p.m. and for the City to ban burning on this day for additional safety for those out and about. Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the request presented by Chief Kuelper. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

Fire Chief- Chief Larson

1. Chief Larson reminded the citizens of the City that October 7-13 is National Fire Prevention Week. His Department will be out to the schools providing educational programs to the kids relating to Fire Safety.
2. Reported on two (2) vehicles the Department has been waiting to receive: first, the 6x6 Utility Vehicle purchased with a grant from the Monsanto Company is to be delivered tomorrow morning; secondly, work continues on the new tender (tank truck) and delivery should take place in 2-3 weeks.

Building Inspector- Mr. Searing

1. Reported on the demolition of the home at 503 Pleasant Street which was destroyed by fire earlier this year, as well as, progress being made at the old Neon Moon property 1515 W. Route 30; and last he encouraged Alderman to visit the Old Fire Station at the City Parking Lot located at W. 2nd St and 4th Avenue to see the work that has been completed by the Firehouse of God on the renovations of the structure.

Ward Reports:

Ward 2: Ald. Kuhlemier reported on the news of the day, the sale of the Thompson Prison for \$165,000,000 and talked briefly about the financial impact it will have for the area.

Ward: 3: Ald. Schuneman sent congrandulations to the School Boards of East Coloma and Nelson for their efforts to move forward with consolidation of their two (2) Districts.

Mayor's Request:

Mayor Blanton reported on a variety of matters:

1. Attended the NICIL annual Walk/Run, where the City was recognized for its work on ADA advancement.
2. Extended congrandulations to City Attorney Jim Reese and the entire Ward, Murray, Pace and Johnson Legal Offices for celebration of their 150th anniversary.
3. He will be attending a review of the Book, "Boom Town USA at Sauk Valley College tomorrow night sponsored by Sauk Valley Media.

Adjournment:

Mayor Blanton requested motion to adjourn. Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Watts; Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried (7:102 p.m.)