

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
October 16, 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 16, 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, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Watts. In addition, City Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience Request:

Mr. George Logan, Bob Bubbers and Don Stindt members of the Optimist Club of Rock Falls were present to kick off the 10th Annual Optimist Calendar Sales Drive. The calendars portray pictures of historic value to the Cities of Rock Falls and Sterling. The proceeds from the sales of the calendars yearly goes to support programs for the Children of Rock Falls. Calendars have remained at the \$5.00 cost level for all 10 years due to the generosity of the sponsor's fees. Mayor Blanton and members of the Council made the purchase of the first calendars for this year's campaign.

Recognition:

The Mayor and City Council prepared a Proclamation to recognize the leadership of Mr. Darin Baughman, Estimator/Project Engineer Civil Construction; Mr. Mike Chiavario, Estimator/Project Engineer, Civil Construction and Mr. Matt Hardt, Resident Engineer, IDOT. Under these men's leadership and with the exemplary performance turned in by all of the men and woman who worked on this 27 Million Dollar Project, the First Avenue (Illinois Route 40) Bridge Project was completed almost one month in advance of the scheduled completion date. The cooperative efforts shown towards matters of concern for the City of Rock Falls were always addressed in a fair and equitable manner. The men addressed the Council and thanked the City as well for all of their cooperation in the success of the project. **Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the proclamation as presented. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.**

Community Affairs:

Ms. Dawn Duncan, representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council on upcoming events. October 19th – Meet the Candidates Night at the Long Shots Bar & Grill; November 15-17 will be the annual Hometown Holidays Celebration. The parade will be held on Saturday, November 17th.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the October 2, 2012
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Request for approval of Petition for Annexation of Property-420 Haskell Avenue for purpose of connection to City Wastewater System, and direct the City Attorney to draft the necessary Pre-Annexation Agreement.
4. Approve at the request of the Electric utilities a contract with Power System Engineering, Madison, WI; subject to the approval of the City Attorney for SCADA Upgrades in the amount of \$128,400.00.

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

City Administrator: Robbin D. Blackert

1. Administrator Blackert informed the members of the Council that she has prepared a disk containing the final report of the Consolidation Study for the Fire and EMS. She included a summary of items and issues that shall be addressed in the future.

Information/Correspondence:

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

1. Voting Information for the November Elections was briefly reviewed.

Department Heads:

Fire Chief- J.W. Larson

1. Chief Larson requested the Council approve the hiring of four (4) additional Part Paid Firefighters that was approved for the current fiscal year. **Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Reitzel; Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.**

Building Inspector- Mr. Searing

1. Clerk Wescott opened the **bids submitted for 812 Avenue A. Only one (1) bid was submitted for consideration; Mr. Richard Finnicum, Sterling, Illinois bid \$450.00.** Following a short discussion and recommendation to have Attorney Saunders proceed with contract following review of bids. **Motion: Ald. Reitzel; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the bid from Mr. Finnicum as presented for the amount of \$450.00. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.**

Mayor's Report:

1. Mayor reported that Ald. Kuhlemier and he attended the Illinois Funding/Finance meeting held in the Quad Cities.
2. The Enterprise Zone report shows \$37,328,400 in new projects and the addition of 74 jobs.
3. **Mayor Blanton requests the Council approve his appointment of Ald. Folsom to serve as Mayor Pro Tem from October 17 thru October 22, 2012. Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Hand to approve the appointment as requested. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.**

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton requests the Council move to **Executive Session for the purpose of Pending or Threatened Litigation – Section 2 (c) (11).** **Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Watts to enter into executive session as requested. Vote: (7) ayes, motion carried. (IN: 7:07 p.m.)**

Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Schuneman to exit executive session and return to open session. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:18 p.m.)

Adjournment:

Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Reitzel. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried.