

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

REMEMBERANCE

Before starting the agenda items, Mayor Blanton took a moment to briefly comment on the tragedy which occurred in the Village of Sandy Hook in Newtown, Connecticut on Friday, December 14th. He asked all of the residents of the City of Rock Falls along with the City Council to keep all of the families in their thoughts and prayers during this time of loss. A moment of silence was recognized.

Ordinance: 2nd Reading/Adoption

1. 2012- 2087; **Appropriations Ordinance**
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the appropriations ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.
2. 2012 – 2088; Ordinance authorizing execution of an **annexation agreement** pertaining to real estate owned by Franklin DeHann, Charlene DeHann, David DeHann, Curtis Repass and Julia Repass.
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the annexation agreement as presented for adoption. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.
3. 2012 – 2089; Ordinance **annexing territory comprising 43.207 Acres**
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Hand to approve the annexing of territory as presented for adoption. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.
4. 2012 – 2090; Ordinance **Abating the Tax** heretofore levied for the Year 2012 to pay Debt Service on \$720,000 General Obligation Alternate Bonds (Motor Fuel Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2012 of the City of Rock Falls Whiteside County, Illinois.
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the abatement of taxes as presented for adoption. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.
5. 2012 – 2091; Ordinance **Abating the Tax** heretofore levied for the Year 2012 to pay Debt Service on \$1,555,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2010 of the City of Rock Falls Whiteside County, Illinois.
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the abatement of taxes as presented for adoption. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.
6. 2012 – 2092; Ordinance amending **Section 9-149. Prohibited parking Areas within the City.**
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2012
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approve the 2013 City Council Meeting and Committee Meeting dates, times and locations
4. Refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission a petition requesting rezoning of Real Estate located at 600 East 17th Street, Rock Falls, Parcel No. 11-34-177-002 owned by Mr. Brent Porter from present classification of AG-1 to AG-1, Special Use.
5. Refer to the Planning and Zoning Commission a request for annexation from IDOT, (Illinois Department of Transportation) for property owned by the State of Illinois located at 1004 East Route 30, Rock Falls, Illinois.

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6. Approve the final periodic payment No. 2 for Northwest Illinois Construction, LLC for the Aeration Tank Improvements 2012 in the amount of \$9,982.80 and the Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. engineering invoice for construction services including on-site construction observation and project administration in the amount of \$1,941.45.
7. Refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission a petition for annexation of territory of Brent A. Porter of 1903 New High Street, Rock Falls, Illinois to petition the corporate authorities of the City of Rock Falls for annexation. The property is contiguous to the city limits of Rock Falls.

**Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the Consent Agenda as presented for adoption.
Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.**

City Administrator:

City Adm. Blackert brought forth the following:

1. Requesting consent of the Council to proceed and work with Terracon and Illinois EPA consultant to draft a Brownfield Grant for demolition and cleanup of the Limestone property. The grant would be in cycle 2014. **Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Snow to proceed with the grant application for Brownfield work on the Limestone Building. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.**
2. Presented information about the rollout scheduled for January 2013. The City will be participating with the Office of the Illinois Comptroller in the Debit Control Program. This program allows the City to recover debit against it from any tax refunds or lottery winnings that individuals may have coming.

Information/Correspondence:

Clerk Wescott read a thank you received from Ald. Daehle Reitzel and his wife Angie, thanking the Council for the Flowers that were received in honor of his son-in-law.

Department Heads:

- Street Department – Mr. Padilla informed the Council and residents of the City that the crews are already to go should the snow storm scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday arrive as planned.
- Police Department – Chief Kuelper followed up the report of Mr. Padilla by stating that the City has declared a Snow Emergency effective Wednesday thru Thursday. This means that should we receive at least 2 inches of snow, there will be no parking in the downtown area of the City from 2 am – 5am. In addition, no parking allowed on the designated snow routes which are properly identified by signage; and lastly, the City will observe even and odd parking as does Sterling until such time as the streets have been cleared of snow. Anyone non-compliant in these matters will be fined and subject to having their vehicle towed.

Ward Reports:

Ald. Kuhlemier welcomed the residents of Riverside Mobile Estates into the City of Rock Falls, following the passage of the annexation agreements.

Executive Session:

Mayor Blanton requested a motion for the Council to enter into executive session for:

1. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1)
2. Probable or pending Litigation – Section 2(c)(11)

Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to enter into executive session for the purpose requested by the Mayor. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried: (In: 6:53 p.m.)

Return to regular session; Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Hand to return to regular session: Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried. (7:08 p.m)

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn. ***Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Snow to adjourn the meeting. (6) Ayes, motion carried. (7:09 p.m.)***

William B. Wescott, City Clerk