

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
April 19, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., April 19, 2005 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Edward M. Mulvaney.

City Clerk William Wescott, called the roll, present were mayor Mulvaney, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton.

Audience Requests:

Mr. Mike Spain, representing the local Postal Carriers informed the Council of the upcoming Letter Carriers Food Drive that is to be held on Saturday, May 14, 2005. The Postal Service food drive is the largest held annually throughout the United States. All food that is collected stays in the local communities and is distributed to area food banks and pantries. Last year in the Sterling-Rock Falls area alone, 30,600 lbs. (15.3 Tons) of non-perishable food items were collected. It marked the 6th consecutive year that 15+ Tons of food was collected. Mr. Spain thanked the members of the local area for there support of this project and encouraged everyone to participate again this year; by placing non-perishable food items in a bag by there mailboxes on May 14th and the Postal Service employees will do the rest. Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist on that day should contact the local Post Office.

Correspondence/Resolutions:

Clerk Wescott read a letter that was received from the Blackhawk Hills Economic Development District. They are asking for a contribution of \$75.00 to help offset the costs associated with a legislative roundtable meeting and reception with our federal legislators on the afternoon/evening of May 10th. The intent of the meetings in Washington, D.C. are to strongly encourage our legislators to reauthorize and fully fund USDA and Department of Commerce programs that directly affect our organizations and region. **A motion** by Alderman Blanton and seconded by Alderman Stachowiak to approve the expenditure as requested. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Alderman Kuhlemier abstained. Vote 7 ayes, 1 abstention, **motion carried**.

Ordinances:

Motion by Alderman Kuhlemier and seconded by Alderman Searing to approve the Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2005 as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**.

Second Reading/Adoption:

A **motion** by Alderman Hand and seconded by Alderman Stachowiak to adopt the following Ordinances following this there second reading:

1. Amendment to Section 5-353-Height Regulations, Section 16-263-Off street parking screening and landscaping, Section 16-264-Screening and Section 16-265-Churches and eleemosynary institutions
2. Amendment to Section 15-428 (f) Temporary Dumpster Permit Fee
3. Amendment to Section 16-305 (f)(7) Adult Uses
4. Amendment to Section 15-107

Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton vote aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Mulvaney request a motion for approval of the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Approval of Regular Session Minutes from April 5, 2005
2. Payment of Bills as printed
3. Fiscal Year 2006 Business License Renewals as printed
4. Approval for Fiscal Year 2005 Utility Write-Offs

Motion by Alderman Straub and seconded by Alderman Searing to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried.**

Executive Session:

Mayor Mulvaney requests a motion for the Council to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing:

1. **Personnel Matters-Section 2 (C) (1)**
2. **Executive Session Minutes for Review**

Motion by Alderman Searing and seconded by Alderman Stachowiak to enter into Executive Session for discussion of the above items and request that J. W. Larson, Fired Chief join the Session for item (1.) Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried.** Into closed session at 6:55 p.m...

Motion by Alderman Blanton and seconded by Alderman Stachowiak to return to regular session at 7:10 p.m... Upon roll call, Alderman Stachowiak, Searing, Kuhlemier, Straub, Charnas, Hand, Folsom and Blanton voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried.**

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Mulvaney addressed the Council and those present in his last official act as Mayor of the City. He recognized the newly elected officials and wished them well, encouraging them to at all times to keep the best interest of the City and its residents in mind, and not become blinded by a personal agenda. He spoke of his time in office and the strides that the City has been able to make, in spite of the financial problems that we, as well as, other cities are currently facing. He has enjoyed the opportunities he has had to represent the City of Rock Falls as Mayor and wants to see all of us continue to work for the development of a better tomorrow for all. With that he went around the chambers and shook hands with the Alderman and Department Heads thanking each one individually for there support and hard work during the last 8 years. He then turned the meeting over to the Mayor elect Mr. Blanton for the swearing in of the newly elected officials.

Seating of Newly Elected Officials:

Associate Judge Michael R. Albert of the 14th Judicial Circuit was present to administer the Official Oath of office to the following newly elected officials:

David H. Blanton- Mayor
William B. Wescott- City Clerk
Mark S. Vandersnick-1st Ward Alderman
Brian E. Snow-2nd Ward Alderman
Eric Arduini-3rd Ward Alderman
Bob Thurm-4th Ward Alderman

**** Outgoing Mayor Mulvaney (12 years), Alderman Stachowiak (8years), Alderman Straub (4 years) Alderman Charnas (2 ½ years), were all acknowledge for there commitment of time and service to the City of Rock Falls.**

Roll Call:

City Clerk William Wescott, called the roll of the new Council. Mayor Blanton, Alderman Mark Vandersnick, Mark Searing, Glen Kuhlemier, Brian Snow, Eric Arduini, Dave Hand, Lee Folsom and Bob Thurm all present.

Department Head Reports:

Building Department- Mr. Whiting welcomed all the new officials to the Council. He presented a brief report on building projects currently underway in the City of Rock Falls.

Electric Department- Mr. Jakubczak also welcomed the new Council members. He spoke briefly about the Broadband Project and will hope to have more information available at the next meeting.

Fire Chief- Mr. Larson welcomed the new Council members and wished them the best.

Street Department- Mr. White welcomed the new council members and reported that he has the street sweeper out doing the main roads at this time

Wastewater Treatment- Mr. Cox advised that the catch basins have been identified and repairs will begin soon. The project at Rock River Christian Center to join the line with Anixter is on temporary hold till the ground dries out. But that project should be completed this spring. The digester repairs are complete and a savings of \$2500 was achieved on the project.

Community Affairs:

Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director of the RFCDC spoke briefly and welcomed the new Council members. He noted that his agency would be working with the City Administrator in putting together several orientation sessions to brief the new and current Council members on the RFCDC.

Ms. Becky Hunter, representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce spoke to the Council addressing the following items. The Chamber is going to begin a new program series that will be on WSDR radio. The first show is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26th, but following the initial broadcast will air on the last Thursday of each month beginning at 9:15 a.m... The show will highlight upcoming Chamber events, as well as, other events within Rock Falls.

Council committee Reports/Member Requests:

Mayor Blanton advised the new Alderman that until such time he makes his committee appointments the new Alderman will serve on the Committee's vacated by there predecessors. He will be making new Committee assignments soon.

Public Utilities/Public Property – No Report

Finance/Insurance – No Report

Ordinance/License – Mr. Hand made a **motion** to approve the application of D & L Cab Company for a new Business License, motion seconded by Alderman Searing. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Kuhlemier, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton asked the Council to approve the appointment of Alderman Hand to the RFCDC Committee to replace Alderman Pat Stachowiak. **Motion** by Alderman Searing and seconded by Alderman Folsom to approve the appointment as presented. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Kuhlemier, Snow, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Alderman Hand abstained. Vote 7 ayes, 1 abstention. **Motion carried**.

Motion made by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Snow to adjourn. Upon roll call, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Kuhlemier, Snow, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 8 ayes, **motion carried**.

William B. Wescott, City Clerk