

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
May 17, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at the hour of 6:30 p.m., May 17, 2005 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

Deputy City Clerk, Michelle Conklin, called the roll, present were Mayor Blanton, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm.

Sally Scanlan, representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, Community Improvement Committee, asked the City Council permission to clean up and redo the First Avenue/First Street parking lot.

Mayor Blanton thanked her for their interest in beautifying the City and it's parking lots, and when they have their plan complete they can present it to the Public Property Committee for final approval.

Deputy Clerk, Michelle Conklin read a Proclamation, proclaiming June 11 -12, 2005 as American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day of Whiteside County in Rock Falls.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Searing to approve the Proclamation, proclaiming June 11 -12, 2005 as American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day of Whiteside County in Rock Falls, in which the Tenth Annual Relay for Life is to be held. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Vandewalle & Associates and Terracon, the Brownfield Redevelopment Team addressed the City Council and informed them of the progress of the City of Rock Falls Redevelopment Project and what the next stages of the project will be.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Searing to approve Consent Agenda items 1 - 7:

1. Approval of Regular Session Minutes from May 3, 2005
2. Approval of Special Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2005
3. Payment of Bills as printed (Attachment A)
4. Proclamation, proclaiming June 11 - 12, 2005 as American Cancer Society Relay for Life Day of Whiteside County in Rock Falls

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5. Approval of a Business License for Wilson's Family Show, Carnival/16 & more rides (St. Andrew's Spring Festival May 17 - 22, 2005)
6. Rock Falls Convention and Visitor's Bureau Fiscal Year 2006 Budget
7. Amendment to Section 6-124 (a) - Rock Falls Convention and Visitor's Bureau is requesting the current ordinance be amended to read (1) Alderman, (5) at-large members and (1) member from the local lodging industry.

Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Ted Padilla, Water Department Superintendent, recognized Tony Poci, Water Department Crew Leader for the good job he is doing.

Doug Wiersema, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, informed the City Council that May 16<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> is the Chamber of Commerce's Annual Membership Drive. Mr. Wiersema also asked the City Council if it would be possible to have the city's internet service installed at the Chamber of Commerce Building, they are planning on upgrading the internet services for Chamber members and this would be a big help to them. There is a Business After Hours on May 19, 2005 at the IFH Group beginning at 5:00 p.m., Sunday, May 22, 2005 is the Fiesta Committee Breakfast at the Latin American Social Club, May 26, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. will be the Ribbon Cutting for Rock Falls Liquors and a River Clean up on Sunday, June 4, 2005

Christian Tscheschlok, Rock Falls Community Development Corporation addressed the City Council and thanked all of the volunteers for their efforts in the Riverfront Project.

Tom Tincher, Tincher and Associates, stated to the City Council how exciting it is that the Riverfront Plan is progressing, there is developer interest, tenant interest and cooperative property owners and cooperative businesses which has led to moving forward with the drafting of pre development agreements.

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Hand to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2133, Amending Section 15-107. Bulk Purchasers of Water, Rates. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to employ Willett, Hofmann & Associates, to prepare plans and specifications for the painting of the East Water Tower, located in the Industrial Park. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Arduini to approve the Water Department to purchase pipe for the Arland Street Project, from Davies/Northern for a cost not to exceed \$4,720.00. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Searing and second by Alderman Snow to approve the purchase of the Neptune Software Package at a cost not to exceed \$32,000.00, \$24,000.00 Water Department portion and \$8,000.00 Electric Department portion. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Searing announced that the Public Works Committee will be meeting on June 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. The Public Works Committee will now be meeting the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Searing announced that the Personnel Committee will now be meeting on the fourth Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m., the next scheduled meeting will be May 26, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

Alderman Kuhlemier stated that the Finance Committee met on May 13, 2005 and reviewed the general fund fiscal year 2006 budgets, after minor revisions the Finance Committee will recommend approval to the City Council.

Alderman Hand reminded the City Council that the Ordinance Committee will be meeting on May 18, 2005 at 6:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Folsom to approve Ordinance No. 2005-2134, amending Section 2-76, Standing Committees. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the City of Rock Falls' Standing Committees, terms to run from May 1, 2005 through April 30, 2006. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Searing to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Collective Bargaining Matters - Section 2 (c)(2). Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (8:04 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Vandersnick and second by Alderman Snow to return to Regular Session. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (8:12 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the contract with the Fraternal Order of Police, and instruct the Mayor and City Clerk to sign. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Searing to close the Street Cut/Sewer Fund and transfer 50% of the funds to the Sewer Fund and 50% of the funds to the Street Fund. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Hand and second by Alderman Searing to transfer \$13,275.00 from the Tax Increment Financing Fund to the Sewer Fund for reimbursement for a sewer repair project. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Snow to contact Sauk Valley Community College regarding the City starting an unpaid intern program on an experimental basis, the intern selected will be at City Administrator, Richard Downey's discretion. Upon roll call Alderman  
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Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Folsom and second by Alderman Kuhlemier to adjourn. Upon roll call Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Kuhlemier, Arduini, Hand, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote: 8 aye. Motion carried. (8:25 p.m.).

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Michelle K. Conklin, Deputy Clerk