

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
JUNE 21, 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., June 21, 2005 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor Pro tem Glen Kuhlemier.

City Clerk William Wescott, called the roll, present were mayor Pro tem Kuhlemier, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm. Absent were Mayor Blanton and Alderman Hand.

**COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:**

Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director of the Rock Falls Community development Corporation updated the Council on the following issues:

1. Data Base – final update of tools has been completed, anticipating the unveiling of the project mid to late September 2005
2. I-80 Corridor Market Study – the study is in its final stages nearing completion.
3. Grocery Store Project – diligent efforts involving the RFCDC and City Administrator Downey continue with several developments that can not be shared at this time.
4. River Front Development – joint efforts with the RFCDC and the City continue.

Doug Wiersema, Director of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council on the upcoming events:

1. Louie Bellson Heritage Days – June 7-12
2. Sales Tax informational meeting – the IDR is coming to town to present a program on the application of the new City sales tax which goes into effect July 1, 2005
3. Quarterly Luncheon – scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> at the Rock River Country Club, featured speaker Representative Jerry Mitchell.
4. CGH Health Foundation Bike race – July 23, 2005
5. Rock Falls Chamber Golf Outing – August 5<sup>th</sup> at the Rock River Country Club.

Mr. Wiersema introduced Mr. Tom Burns of WLLT, as the newest member of the Chamber Board of Directors.

**PROCLAMATION/RESOLUTION:**

**Motion** by Alderman Searing and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve a Proclamation recognizing the accomplishments of Rock Falls native, Mr. Louie Bellson and proclaiming the second week in July, "Louie Bellson Week", in the City of Rock Falls. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro tem Kuhlemier, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

CONSENT AGENDA:

**Motion** by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Thurm to approve consent agenda items 1-4 as presented:

1. Approval of Minutes from Regular Session of June 7, 2005
2. Payment of bills as printed
3. Approve Resolution postponing the commencement of the monthly installment repayment amounts to the electric Utility Reserve Fund from the General Revenue Fund by one year.
4. Approve request from the Rock Falls Optimist Club for the Rock Falls River Chase to be held in Seward Park on July 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

Upon roll call, Mayor Pro tem Kuhlemier, Alderman Vandersnick, Snow, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm voted aye, Alderman Searing abstained. Vote 6 ayes, 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

DEPARTMENT HEADS REPORTS:

**Building Department – Mr. Whiting recognized the outstanding effort of the members of the Rock Falls Fire Department, as well as, other agencies which responded to the fires on W. 21<sup>st</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue in our City during the early morning hours.**

Water Department – Mr. Padilla reported that the Arland Street Water main extension project is complete. Water was passed through the main today completing the loop in that area. This is the first time that a main line was bored in the City and it was very successful.

ADMINISTRATORS REPORT:

City Administrator Downey reported on the following:

1. During his attendance at the recent Illinois Brownfield Conference in Peoria, the Illinois Brownfield Director, Mr. Steve Sorentino, praised the City of Rock Falls for the work that is being done at the P.A. and Reliant sites. Mr. Downey additionally informed the Council that he learned of some other potential sources of funding our projects.
2. Spoke on the work being done by Ms. Kay Whaley, Administrative intern. She has been very busy working on revisions of job descriptions, map library and ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) which will be having a grant application in July. Ms. Whaley is also going to spend sometime working at the Chamber Offices to allow exposure to a wider spectrum of work while doing her internship.
3. Informed the Council of a MEMO going out to all employees of the City concerning changes to current policy regarding the City's Avenue G burn site. The IEPA recently contacted the City following a complaint of illegal dumping and burning. All employees are advised to contact the Police should they observe any illegal activities at the location.

#### INFORMATION & UPDATES:

City Clerk Wescott shared correspondence received from the St. Andrews Spring Festival Committee, which thanked the City for all of its efforts in helping to make there event a success this year.

Mr. Wescott also, informed the Council members of the registration packet for the 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual IML Conference to be held at the Hilton hotel in Chicago on September 22-25. Any members that will be attending should complete the registration and reservation forms and return them to the City Clerks office no later than July 25.

City Attorney, Jim Reese shared with the Council that due to a declared conflict of interest, the Judge scheduled to hear the case against Mr. Halgren (812 Avenue A) which was to have started today has been delayed. Following the appointment of a new Judge to the case it will come to trial sometime in July.

City Engineer, Brian Frickenstein told the Council that the mapping project, identifying all road projects since 1990 has been completed. The maps will be delivered to the City this week.

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS/ MEMBER REQUESTS:

Finance/Insurance – Committee Mtg. scheduled July 18th, 2005 6:30 p.m. – Municipal Complex

Mr. Kuhlemier, chairman informed the Council that the 2005-06 Budget which was approved at the last Council meeting has undergone some revisions and requires approval of the same. **Motion** was made by Alderman Arduini and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the amended 2005-06 budget as presented. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro tem Kuhlemier, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

Ordinance/License – Committee Mtg. scheduled June 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Complex

Public Property – Committee Mtg. scheduled June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:00 p.m. – Municipal Complex

Personnel/Safety – Committee Mtg. scheduled June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30 p.m. - Municipal Complex

**Public Works – Mr. Searing began is comments, by offering his heartfelt THANK’S to the members of the Rock Falls Fire Department for responding to the (2) two incidents of the early morning hours. He also extended his comments to the members of the Sterling Fire Department (auto aid), as well as, Dixon City and Morrison Fire Departments for providing standby coverage to our community while our Department was engaged with the calls. The services provided by a City’s Fire Department often go unnoticed until such time as the citizens of the City are in a position to require there assistance. The citizens of Rock Falls and the surrounding Rural Fire Protection District are most fortunate to have these dedicated members available 24 hours day.**

Mr. Searing reported on an update of the storm water draining system in the Industrial Park in regards to the Scanlon properties. There continues to be problems to resolve associated with drainage in this area. The engineers from the city are working on a possible resolution to the problem and should be able to report at the next scheduled Council meeting.

Mr. Searing also reported on the estimated costs received from Willett Hoffman & Associates, Inc. for the drafting of new maps to include all streets, roadways and subdivisions in the City limits, as well as, extending the perimeters 1.5 miles beyond the current City limits. These maps will be necessary as we start the process of revision to the Comprehensive Plan. The estimated costs for the mapping are \$7,500.00.

**Motion** was made by Alderman Searing and seconded by Alderman Snow to approve the mapping update project at the cost provided. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro tem Kuhlemier, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**.

#### ALDERMAN REPORTS:

Mr. Arduini presented a brief report on his attendance at the Newly Elected Officials Conference in Peoria. Overall, he found it a worthwhile venture with a lot of good information presented.

#### ADJOURNAMENT:

**Motion** made by Alderman Folsom and seconded by Alderman Searing for adjournment of the proceedings. Upon roll call, Mayor Pro tem Kuhlemier, Alderman Vandersnick, Searing, Snow, Arduini, Folsom and Thurm voted aye. Vote 7 ayes, **motion carried**. (7:04 p.m.)

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk