

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
October 4, 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., October 4, 2005 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor David H. Blanton.

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

Audience Requests:

Wastewater Treatment Supt. Ed Cox introduced the newest member of his department, Jason Mendoza to the City Council.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve Minutes from Regular Session of September 20, 2005.
2. Approval of Bills as submitted.
3. Appointment of Christian Tscheschlok, Jack Spencer, Pam Erby, Roger Hoffman, Scott Wolber, Lance Robinson, City Administrator Richard Downey and Alderman Glen Kuhlemier to the Brownfield Redevelopment Committee with a term to be (09/2005-09/2007).
4. First reading – Amendment to Section 15-297. Delayed Payment
5. First reading – Amendment to Section 5-126. Designated.

Motion: Hand /Second: Vandersnick/Vote: 6 ayes/ Motion carried.

Department Head Reports:

Electric Department – Mr. Jakubczak request Council approval for expenditures not to exceed \$125,000.00 for parts and labor on repairs to the hydro plant to the Voith Company. Voith is the only company facilitating such repairs. Council request contract for service repairs with Voith be reviewed by City Attorney Reese and then if all is in order signed.

Motion: Hand/Second: Searing/Vote: 6 ayes/ Motion carried

Fire Chief – Chief Larson informed the Council the October 9-15 is Fire Prevention Week. National theme this year is “Use care with Candles”.

Chief Larson requested approval of the Council to hire, Joshua Willman the #1 candidate on the eligibility listing as recommended by the Police-Fire Committee.

Motion: Hand/Second: Searing/Vote: 6 ayes/ Motion carried

Water Department- Mr. Padilla informed the Council, that the Water Department has been recognized and awarded a Certificate of Commendation from the Illinois Department of Public Health. The award recognizes the Water Department for achieving the highest standards of Compliance for at least (5) five consecutive years in accordance with the Illinois Fluoridation Act.

Administrators Report:

Mr. Downey shared with the Council information concerning (2) two HOME Program grants available under the Illinois Housing Development Authority. The grants, (SFOOR) Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and (SRPP) Small Rental Properties Program would make available money for rehabilitation of homes in our area. The deadline for the grants is October 20th and October 27th respectively. Mr. Downey requests council authorization to make application.

Motion: Kuhlemier/Second: Searing/Vote: 6 ayes/ Motion carried

Mr. Downey requests Council authorization to have the Mayor sign a letter of support for expansion of the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone for the development being planned by CIMCO Industries.

Motion: Kuhlemier/Second: Searing/Vote: 6 ayes/ Motion carried

Mr. Downey advised the Council of a written request from St. Andrews Grade School to purchase book shelves from the old library. St. Andrews submitted a purchase price of \$500.00. Following discussion, a stipulation to sell a maximum 10 shelf sets for the offered price of \$500.00 was agreed upon.

Motion: Searing/Second:Thurm/Vote: 6 ayes/ Motion carried.

Information and Updates:

Clerk Wescott read correspondence from the (IMCA) International City/County Management Association, formally recognizing the City of Rock Falls, as one of overall professional management under the general management criteria. Rock Falls was nominated by City Administrator Downey. The letter included a certificate of recognition.

Clerk Wescott informed the Council of an invitation from the Sauk Valley Area Chamber of Commerce for attendance at the upcoming 93rd Annual Dinner Meeting to be held Thursday, November 3, 2005. The event will be held at the Latin American Social Club. Reservations are requested no later than October 31, 2005.

Clerk Wescott reminded all Committee Chairman of the need for meeting dates for 2006 to be turned into his office no later than November 1, 2005. They will be formally approved at the November 15th Council meeting.

Clerk Wescott announced to the Council that he would be out of the office from October 10-14 to attend the Municipal Clerks of Illinois Institute and Academy in Springfield, Illinois.

City Attorney Reese informed the Council that a judicial deed for the Reliant property (excepting those parcels in which Mr. Ballinger asserts an interest) had been awarded to the City of Rock Falls. The action was completed prior to the September 30, 2005 deadline, thus insuring the availability of Brownfield grant monies for the Reliant properties.

Community Affairs:

Tom Burns representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce spoke on upcoming events on the Chamber schedule.

Council Committee Reports/Member Requests:

Electric – Committee meeting, October 12, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. - Council Chambers

- Mr. Hand shared some of the information that he had picked up while at the IML Conference in Chicago.

Ordinance/License – Committee meeting, October 13, 2005 at 6:00 p.m – Council Chambers

Public Works – Committee meeting, October 6, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

Finance/Insurance – Committee meeting, October 11, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. – Council Chambers

- Mr. Arduini talked about the appearance of the City and encourages the residents and homeowners of Rock falls to take some pride in there Community and work to clean up there own residence along the curbs and gutters. He also stated that he would like to see the formation of a committee to work on a beautification plan for next year.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton informed the Council that Alderman Folsom was absent due his Brother being in critical condition in a Rockford Hospital. He asked everyone to keep Lee and his family in there prayers.

Mayor Blanton reported on the Enterprise Zone meeting that was held earlier today. In the meeting it was reported that Rock Falls area business's had applied for over \$500,000.00 during the past year. In the County as a whole, applications within the Enterprise Zone totaled \$12,941,538.00.

Adjournment:

Motion: Thurm/ Second: Hand/ Vote: 6 ayes/ Motion carried (7:21 p.m.)

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

Approved: October 18, 2005

