

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
January 2, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 2, 2013 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, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Watts. Absent were Ald. Reitzel and Snow. In addition, City Attorney Jim Reese and Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

REMEMBRANCE

Before starting the agenda items, Mayor Blanton took a moment to speak about the passing of two (2) dedicated Public Servants that had served their respective community's in numerous positions over the years. Mason "Mace" Bell died at the age of 91 years. Mason served as an Alderman and as Mayor following the death of Mayor Arduini. In addition, Mason was very active in civic organizations over the years. This past weekend, we learned of the death of Robert Bitler, who was the Mayor of Albany. 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 for both of these men.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the December 4, 2012
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approve at the request of the Public Works Committee, the awarding of the contract for the Fairview Lift Station Generator Replacement Project to Sloan Electric, Mendota, Illinois in the amount of \$144,490.00.
4. Approve at the request of the Finance Committee the implementation of PEG Capital Support fee of \$0.16 per month for a period of 12 months to be collected through Comcast customers within the corporate City limits, beginning May 1, 2013 for purchase of \$5,055 in new equipment to enhance and upgrade, Channel 5 capabilities to the Community.

Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the consent agenda items as presented for adoption. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator: Robbin D. Blackert

- City Administrator Blackert addressed the Council on the following points:
 1. Request the Personnel/Safety Committee convene for a Special Meeting on January 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. to conduct interviews for the position of Water Laborer that were previously cancelled during our first winter storm.
 2. Invited all of the Council members and residents to attend the Public Works Committee meeting on January 3, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., as the Request for Proposals for the Garbage Collection contract within the City will be discussed and finalized.
 3. Informed the Council and residents that all of the necessary documents relating to past debit in the Utility Department have been sent to the Illinois Comptroller's Office. Anyone owing the City money will have that amount withdrawn from any amount of tax return that might be due. Additional information will be forth coming.
 4. Thanked the residents for their responses with the Leaf Burning Survey's that were sent out. Encourage any one that has not yet returned there survey to do so soon.
 5. Took a moment to thank Retiring Representative Jerry Mitchell who has served for 18 years; and Senator Tim Bivins whose District boundaries have changed and will no longer serve us as Senator. Both of these men have been friends to the City of Rock Falls and instrumental in getting us assistance at any time it was asked for. *Ald. Kuhlemier made a motion that the City send a letter of thanks to both of these men for their service and send copies to our new representatives as well. Motion seconded by Ald. Hand. Vote: (6) Ayes. Motion carried.*

Information/Correspondence:

William B. Wescott, City Clerk

- Clerk Wescott shared the following:
 1. Reported that all required to complete the Open Meetings Act Training have done so.
 2. Effective January 1, 2013 a change in the Open Meetings Act will require that Agenda's present "general information" as to what the agenda items pertain to.
 3. Reminded anyone wishing to attend the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce Yearly Dinner of Thursday, February 7th should make reservations with Sylvia.

Ward Reports:

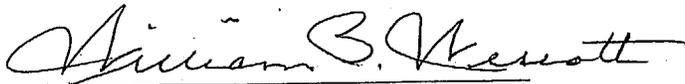
Ward 3 – Alderman Schuneman reported that the Eagles have arrived on the Rock River. This year there are more than ever before present in the area. Between 35-40 were spotted between the Hydro Electric Plant and the Avenue G Bridge.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Blanton wished the Council and residents of the City a Happy New Year, and expressed his thanks to all of the Department Heads and City Employees that do an outstanding job throughout the entire year.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton called for adjournment. Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Watts to adjourn the meeting. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried. (Out: 6:46 p.m.)



William B. Wescott, City Clerk