

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
February 5, 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 February 5, 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.

AUDIENCE REQUEST:

- Mr. Allen Boseneiler, 802 W. 2nd St., Rock Falls; requested to address the Council. He requested the Council provide information concerning the two (2) fee increases that may be coming this year in the Sewer and Comcast bills. Adm. Blackert responded that the Sewer rate increase will be effective May 1, 2013 and the Comcast increase may be May 1st as well, however, we are waiting for the final documents to verify that start date.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- Mr. Keith Grell, a member of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce Board was present to inform the Council of some upcoming events. The yearly dinner is Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the Days Inn. On February 21st a new event "Mix and Mingle" will be held at Harold's Furniture on W. Route 30; and on February 23rd the Annual Basket Bingo event will be held at the Community Building.

Ordinance: Second Reading/Adoption

1. 2013 – 2093: An Ordinance amending the Wastewater Service Rates and Charges, Section 15-266. Basis, Rates and Charges for Sewage Service.

Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Kuhlemier to approve the Ordinance as presented for Second reading and adoption with an effective date of May 1, 2013. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2013 and Special Council Meeting Minutes January 28, 2013.
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approve Engineer's Payment Request #8 (BLR 13230) for the East 2nd Street/Avenue A Project in the amount of \$48,065.56, to Northwest Illinois Construction Company; and the Request for change of Plans #6 (BLR 13210).
4. Approve Resolution No. 2013 - 647; a Resolution Annexing Territory of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Parcel # 11-34-451-006, commonly known as 1004 East Route 30, Whiteside County Rock Falls Garage.
5. Approve and accept all of the unit price proposals of all vendors at the request of the Public Works Committee, for the 2013 MFT General Maintenance bids.
6. Approve at the request of the Public Works Committee the filing of the necessary IEPA Loan Applications which will cover the following projects for the Rock Falls New Well No. 6; Project Number: 1305006, Well #6 Raw Watermain, Abandonment of Old Well #4, Modifications of Well Building #4, and site work
7. Approve Resolution N. 2013 - 648 ; a Resolution for Improvements by Municipality Under the Illinois Highway Code, Section 11-00136-00-RS on FAU Route 5560, Dixon Avenue from the East end of the I&M Feeder Canal (Station 2+24.25) to Luke Lane.
8. Approve a Proclamation proclaiming January 27-February 3, 2013 as Catholic Schools Week for St. Andrews Elementary Catholic School and Newman Central Catholic High School.

Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald Folsom to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator: Robbin D. Blackert

- Adm. Blackert reported to the Council and residents of the City, that at the February 19th meeting of the Council, she will be announcing the results of the recent Leaf Burning Survey.

Ward Reports:

- Ald. Hand spoke briefly and commented on the appearance of the Riverfront property, specifically how improved the look is with the area leveled off. It affords a great view of the river.
- Ald. Schuneman commented on the Eagle population that has adorned the River this year. Daily Eagles are viable in the area from the upper dam to the Avenue G Bridge and Lawrence Park. One week ago close to 100 male and female Eagles could be counted along the river.

Mayor's Report:

1. Mayor request the council approve his recommendation to appoint Keith Grell and Tony Sosi to the RFCDC-Design Review Committee. **Motion: Ald. Schuneman; Second: Ald. Hand to approve the appointments as requested. Vote: (6) Ayes, motion carried.**
2. Mayor Blanton delivered his 2012 "State of the City" address. A copy of the speech is filed with the minutes of this meeting and shall remain for records documentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton request motion to adjourn. **Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Watts to adjourn the meeting. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried. OUT: (6:59 p.m.)**

William B. Wescott, City Clerk