

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
March 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 March 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, Reitzel, Snow, Kuhlemier, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Watts. In addition, Attorney Tom Saunders and Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS:

- Ms. Dawn Duncan of the Country Inn & Suites, a member of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce Board was present to inform the Council of some upcoming events. She shared that the new event "Mix and Mingle" held at Harold's Furniture on W. Route 30 was a huge success; and the Council of the March 15 Meet and Greet the candidates night at Long Shots; as well as, the Meet the Candidates to be aired on Channel 5 on March 25th at 6:30 p.m.

Ordinance: Adoption

- Prior to the presentation of the Ordinance scheduled for adoption, #2 and #3 were pulled from the agenda, as the annexation agreement for the property to be considered has not yet been completed.
1. 2013 – 2095; Ordinance amending a previous Ordinance establishing an Enterprise Zone within the Illinois Counties of Whiteside and Carroll. Amends previously adopted Ordinance 2012- 2076.
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the Ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.
 2. 2013 – 2098; Ordinance amending Section 9-149. Prohibited Areas of Parking
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the Ordinance as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve the Minutes of the February 19, 2013
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approve Proclamation recognizing, *CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER APPRECIATION MONTH* during April 2013.
4. Approve Proclamation declaring April 22, 2013, *EARTH DAY*.
5. Approve Proclamation for *AMERICAN RED CROSS MONTH* during the March 2013.
6. Approve Proclamation for *FAIR HOUSING MONTH* during April 2013
7. Approve the agreement with Municode for \$3775.00 for a legal review of the Municipal Codes of Rock Falls.
Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

City Administrator: Robbin D. Blackert

1. Proposed financing of the Customer Utility Office renovation project.
- Adm. Blackert presented three (3) funding options for the Utility Remodel Project. All three options were reviewed and Option 2 was the choice of the Council. This curtails a \$50,000 payment in FY2013 from the garbage Fund and a Resolution to be drafted to borrow up to \$62,500 from Electric Reserves, with

repayments by the Sewer, Water of \$4167 per year for (3) years, and garbage \$12,500 per year for (3) years. In addition, 1% simple interest shall be charged for the use of the monies. *Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Schuneman to proceed with option two (2) as presented, and have the appropriate Resolution drafted to authorize the transfer of funds from the Electric Reserves and outline provisions for repayment by the enterprise funds of the City with simple interest of 1%. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.*

2. Request for authorization from the Firehouse of God Ministries and Modern Woodman to proceed with beautification project at the First Avenue Parking Lot, on May 4, 2013.
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Reitzel to authorize Firehouse of God Ministries to perform a beautification Project on Join Hands Day, Saturday May 4, 2013. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.
3. Approve Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and Fischer Excavating, Inc. for a good Neighbor Agreement in regards to the Dog Pound Project.
 - Adm. Blackert informed the council that Fischer Excavating which was awarded the Dog Pound Lift Station Project has brought in equipment which is twice the weight of the posted road. Concerns are that as a result, our roads could sustain damage as equipment is being moved in and out of the site. Fischer claims that they were given verbal permission to bring in the equipment, but yet, cannot identify anyone whom was supposedly spoken to. As a result, Adm. Blackert has drafted a "Good Neighbor Agreement" which will insure that any damages caused to our roadways, will be the responsibility of Fischer Excavation.
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Schuneman to proceed with the requests of the Good Neighbor Agreement, before any additional equipment is moved in or out of the site. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

Department Heads:

Police - Chief Kuelper reminded the residents of the City about the Snow Emergency procedures involving Odd-Even Parking on Snow Routes and parking in the downtown area from 2-5 a.m. Vehicles in violations will be ticketed and towed.

Electric- Mr. Simon made a request on behalf of the Electric Committee for the Council to approve the bid for the Customer Utility Office Renovation Project to Terry Wolf Construction, in the amount of \$98,606.00. Wolf Construction was not the low bidder; Wilvar Construction was at \$93,866.00. *Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Reitzel to accept the bid of Terry Wolf Construction even though the bid was \$4,740 high due to previous projects completed at the City and responsible practices. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.*

Ward Reports:

Ward 2- Mr. Kuhlemier reported on his attendance at the Travel and Tourism Conference held in Rosemont, Illinois. Illinois had over 75,000,000 visitors during the past year and on the average spent \$100.00/day. Tourism is one of the largest economic tools for the State of Illinois with numbers in visitors and income rising each year.

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Collectively all of the Alderman expressed their appreciation to the City Crews for their snow removal during the recent storm, and also commented on the various snow sculpture's which have appeared around town. Pictures have been taken and posted to the City Website and Facebook pages.

Adjournment:

With no other business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn. Motion: Ald. Watts; Second: Ald. Reitzel to adjourn the meeting. Vote: (7) Ayes, motion carried. (OUT:7:22 p.m.)

William B. Wescott, City Clerk