

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS
March 19, 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 19, 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, Administrator Robbin Blackert and City Attorney Jim Reese were present.

Audience Requests:

- Ms. Susan Pearson, President of the VFW Women's Auxiliary was present and addressed the council requesting for permission for conducting a Fundraiser Walk, with the proceeds going to injured soldiers and their families. The walk will be held on June 23, 2013 starting at 10:00 a.m. and will begin at the VFW Building on 1st Avenue to W. 2nd St. then to 5th Ave to Veterans Memorial Park then East on 5th St. to 1st Avenue. **Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Watts to approve the request of the VFW Auxiliary as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.**

Community Affairs:

- Adm. Blackert spoke on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, and reminded the residents about the upcoming, Candidates Forum scheduled for Monday, March 23, 2013 beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Channel 5.

Consent Agenda:

- **Prior to any action request on the consent agenda, Ald. Reitzel asked that items #3 and #5 be removed for separate actions. Mayor Blanton removed the items.**
1. Approve the Minutes of the March 5, 2013
 2. Approve the bills as presented
 3. Approve the Engineering Services Agreement with Willett Hofmann & Associates INC.; In the amount of \$16,000.00 for the Riverside Bike and Walk Path.
 4. Approve renewal of Lease No. 3250 between the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the City of Rock Falls for the area known as the Arduini Boat Ramp for a five (5) year period beginning the 26th day of May, 2013 and ending the 31st of May, 2018. In consideration of the mutual benefits derived by both parties no lease fee payments are being required by the IDNR.
 5. Approve the RB&W Redevelopment District Master Plan as presented to the Council.
 6. Approve Resolution NO. 2013-650; Authorizing Interdepartmental Loan from Electric Utility Reserves to Water Utility in the amount of \$12,501.00 over three (3) years and will be repaid at \$4,167.00 per year.
 7. Approve Resolution NO. 2013-651; Authorizing Interdepartmental Loan from Electric Utility Reserves to Wastewater Utility in the amount of \$12,501.00 over three (3) years and will be repaid at \$4,167.00 per year.
 8. Approve Resolution NO. 2013-652; Authorizing Interdepartmental Loan from Electric Utility Reserves to the Garbage Fund in the amount of \$37,500.00 over three (3) years and will be repaid at \$12,500.00 per year.

Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the consent agenda as presented, minus items #3 and #5. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve items #3 and #5 off of the consent agenda. Vote: (7) Ayes, (1) members recuses, motion carried.

City Administrator: Robbin D. Blackert

1. At the request of the Public Works Committee, Adm. Blackert request that the Council approve the bid presented by Moring Disposal Inc. for Option #1 for five (5) years at a cost of \$1,230,936.00 over the 5 years of the contract. **Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Reitzel to accept the Moring Disposal Inc. as presented. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.**
2. Approve the Purchase finance agreement with Tax-Exempt Leasing Corporation for the purchase of a Pelican Street Sweeper from Standard Equipment Company in the amount of \$178,243.00 over a seven (7) year term at 2.99% interest. **Motion: Ald. Reitzel; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the purchased of the Pelican Street Sweeper from Standard Equipment Co. with the financing as outlined. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.**

Ward Reports:

Ward 2 – Ald. Kuhlemier reported on his attendance at the ADA compliance seminar that Bldg. Inspector Searing held here in Rock Falls. The event was well attended and very informational in regards to new policy implementation.

Ward 3- Ald. Hand reported on the recent American Public Power Association Conference held March 11-14 in Washington, D.C. In addition to Ald. Hand, Adm. Blackert and Electric Utility Director, Dick Simon attended. The conference, contained many excellent educational opportunities, as well as, meets and greets with our legislative representatives. He spoke briefly on a possible 20% increase in Tax Exempt Bonds, which is receiving consideration.

Mayor's Report:

1. Mayor Blanton requested the Council to reappoint John Hoffmiller to another two (2) year term, on the Police Pension Board effective May 14, 2013 till May 11, 2015. **Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Hand to make the re-appointment of John Hoffmiller to the Police Pension Board for another two year term as requested. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.**

Executive Session:

1. **Mayor Blanton request the Council enter into executive session for the purpose of Collective Bargaining – Section 2(c) (2). Motion: Ald. Schuneman; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to enter into executive session as requested. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried. (Time IN: 6:56 p.m.)**

Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Watts to return regular session, with no actions pending. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried. (Out: 7:18 p.m.)

Adjournment:

With no other business to be brought before the Council, Mayor Blanton requested a motion to adjourn. Motion: Ald. Folsom; Second: Ald. Snow. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried. (Out: 7:19 p.m.)

