

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF  
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS  
April 16, 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 April 16, 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.

**Community Affairs:**

- Carolyn Long, representing the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce was present and briefed the Council on upcoming events. The annual Staff appreciation luncheon will be held on 4-26; City wide garage sale May 3 & 4; Golf Outing May 17<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the Chamber extended a thank you to Mayor Blanton for his years of service to the Community and wished him the best in his retirement.

**ORDINANCE: First Reading**

1. 2013 – 2101; Addition of Division 2A to Article IV of Chapter 10; Division 2A Garbage; Debris, Graffiti
2. 2013 – 2102; Amending Division 3 of Article IV Chapter 10; Division 3. Dutch Elm Disease; Emerald Ash Borer; Elm Bark Beetles.
3. 2013 – 2103; Addition to Chapter 10, Article IV; Section 10-100. Costs of removal of nuisances lien; Notice to property owners  
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Watts to approve the ordinances as presented for First reading, with changes to 2013-2102 Section 10-142 exchanging the verbiage of "will" to "may". Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

**ORDINANCE: Second Reading/Adoption**

- Prior presentation of the ordinances for second reading and adoption, Mayor Blanton moved consideration of item #4 until after the executive session.
1. 2013-2099; Ordinance amending Section 14-137 of the Municipal Code Preliminary Plats-Filing requirements; contents.  
Motion: Ald. Vandersnick; Second: Ald. Snow to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.
  2. 2013-2100; Ordinance requesting an amendment to the Whiteside County Enterprise Zone for the addition of territory for a convenience store and gas station to be constructed in the City of Morrison, Illinois.  
Motion: Ald. Kuhlemier; Second: Ald. Reitzel to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.
  3. 2013-2104; Ordinance for the disposal of surplus property on the City of Rock Falls. 1999 Dodge Ram 2500 Quad  
Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to approve the ordinance as presented for adoption. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.

**Consent Agenda:**

- Prior to presentation of the consent agenda, Mayor Blanton removed item #8 for consideration following action on the consent agenda at the request of Ald. Reitzel.
1. Approve the Minutes of the April 2, 2013
  2. Approve the bills as presented
  3. Resolution No. 2013-654; Resolution authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Sterling for the temporary assignment of Rock Falls Deputy Chief Gary Cook on a part-time basis to serve as the interim Fire Chief of the City of Sterling Fire Department, beginning on May 1, 2013 and continuing until April 30, 2014.

4. Authorize the issuance of Pay Request No. 1 to J.L. Sloan Electric, Mendota, Illinois in the amount of \$12,448.15 for work on the Fairview Lift Station Generator Replacement Project for the period 02/13/13 to 0405/13.
5. Approve at the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, the expenditure of \$15,600.00 to Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of 120 water meters.
6. Approve at the request of the Public Works Committee, the expenditure of \$19,295.86 to Ferguson Waterworks for the purchase of necessary stop boxes/accessories.
7. Approve at the request of the Public Property Committee the City of Rock Falls **Emerald Ash Borer Action Plan** as submitted.
9. Approve Resolution No. 2013 – 653; Authorizing Master Lease Purchase Agreement with Tax-Exempt Leasing Corporation for the leasing of the 2013 Street Sweeper.

*Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Schuneman to approve the consent agenda as presented, with the exception of item #8 being removed and to be considered by a separate vote. During discussion, Ald. Schuneman expressed concern that the City, do all that we can to keep the citizens informed of this project, so that they are not hit with costs for removal individually or by lien to resolve issues that they have no knowledge of. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.*

8. Approve the recommendation of the Planning/Zoning Commission to change the zoning of Reliant Subdivision 1 & 2 and a portion of Avenue A from M-2 and B-2 to MU-1 Mixed Use, as the rezoning will be beneficial to the future development for businesses along the riverfront area.

*Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Snow to approve item #8 of the consent agenda as presented. Vote: (7) Ayes, (1) recusal (Ald. Reitzel), motion carried.*

**Department Heads:**

- Mr. Cox, Wastewater Reclamation presented a status update to the council on the two (2) projects underway in his Department. The Dog Pound Lift Station and Fairview Lift station Generator Replacement are both progressing well. The Dog Pound project is at a point that the dewatering process may be coming to an end. In addition, he reported on the Emerald Ash Borer action Plan approved by the Council in the consent agenda. The City will be sending out information in the utility billing cycles to residents, as well as, information that has been posted on the City website and the City Facebook page. Any resident that has questions can contact the number being made available to help determine whether or not their trees are infected and require action.

**Ward Reports:**

- The Council as a whole wanted to express their thoughts and concerns for the people of Boston, Massachusetts in light of the bombing that occurred during the Boston Marathon.

**Mayor's Report:**

- Mayor Blanton requests the appointments of City Adm. Blackert and Ald. Daehle Reitzel to the Board of Directors of the Rock Falls Community Development Corporation for a one year term, effective April 17, 2013. *Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Folsom to approve the appointments to the RFCDC Board as requested by the Mayor. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.*

**Executive Session:**

Mayor Blanton requests the Council to enter into executive session for the purpose of:

1. Collective Bargaining – (c ) (2)
2. Personnel – Section 2(c )(1)

*Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to enter into executive session as requested by Mayor Blanton. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried. (IN: 6:55 p.m.)*

*Motion: Ald. Snow; Second: Ald. Vandersnick to return to regular session. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:35 p.m.)*

**Actions resulting from Executive Session:**

**Motion: Ald. Hand; Second: Ald. Watts to approve Ordinance 2013 –2105 for adoption; Approving the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the IFOP covering the sworn police officers with rank of lieutenant and below for the period from May 1, 2013 through April 30, 2016. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.**

**Motion presented by Ald. Vandersnick and seconded by Ald. Schuneman to approve the Employment Agreements between the City of Rock Falls and the following individuals: J.W. Larson, D/C Gary Cook, Chief Mike Kuelper, Commander Tammy Nelson, Commander Doug Coppotelli, Ed Cox, Dick Simon, Ted Padilla, Mark Searing and Adm. Robbin Blackert. All agreements are for a period of one year. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried.**

**Adjournment:**

**With no further business to come before the Council, Mayor Blanton called for a motion to adjourn. *Motion: Ald. Folsom, Second: Ald. Snow to adjourn. Vote: (8) Ayes, motion carried. (OUT: 7:40 p.m.)***

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk