

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMAN OF
THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS

May 21, 2013

The regular meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls was called to order at 6:30 p.m., May 21st, 2013 in Rock Falls, Illinois by Mayor William B. Wescott

City Clerk Arduini called the roll following the pledge of allegiance, present was Mayor Wescott, Ald. Vandersnick, Reitzel, Kuhlemier, Snow, Schuneman, Hand, Folsom and Watts. In addition, Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayor Wescott asked for a pause and moment of silence for the recent tornado victims in Moore, OK

Audience Requests:

Betty Clementz from the American Cancer Society presented the council with information concerning cancer such that one in every 2 people will know someone affected by cancer, and the Relay For Life event is scheduled for June 8th at Hinders Field. The first lap is for cancer survivors. There is also a moving luminaria ceremony and reading of the names of cancer survivors. The goal for this year is to raise \$155,000 for cancer research and prevention.

Iona Dennis from the American Legion introduced Emmi Gladhill as this year's Poppy Queen. Mrs. Dennis also informed the council that the Rock Falls American Legion Unit has been #1 in the state in fundraising for the past two years. Ms. Gladhill distributed fabric poppy flowers handmade by veterans.

Community Affairs:

Ted Padilla Water and Street Superintendent gave a brief summary about the groundwater and electrical education classes held at the local schools. He stated that this program has been on going now for 6 years and it teaches about 300 students per year the importance of not only keeping our groundwater clean, but also what to do if a child sees an electric pole down.

Mr. Padilla and Dick Simon, Superintendent from the Electric Department, presented Ms. Lindsay Brown with a \$1000 check as the scholarship award winner for this year. Mayor Wescott also commended Lindsay for being both excellent in academics as well as being a great athlete.

Ordinances: Second Reading /Adoption

1. 2013-2108 : Ordinance No. 2013 – 2108: ordinance to change the zoning of the property generally referred to as the "Reliant Site" from B-2 to be changed to MU-1, Mixed Use district at the request of the Planning and Zoning Commission

Motion: Alderman Vandernick **Second:** Alderman Kuhlemier to approve the ordinance for adoption.

Vote: 7 aye, 1 recusal (Reitzel), motion carried

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval Approve the Minutes of the May 7th 2013 Council Meeting
2. Approve the bills as presented
3. Approve the notice of Award to Sarver Asphalt for crack filling, not to exceed \$19,900
4. Accept Resolution 2013-661 for the appointment of Eric Arduini to be the Authorized Agent of Rock Falls for IMRF
5. Issuance of payment for Request No. 2 to Fischer Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$198,749.06 for Sewerage Improvements to the "Dog Pound" lift station.
6. Approve Change Order No.1 to Fischer Excavating Inc. at the "Dog Pound" lift station site for \$4,750 to add an additional plug valve.
7. Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Whiteside County Highway Department for the aggregate road repair list 2013 in the amount of \$59,525.40
8. Accept the letter of resignation from Suzanne Dir as City Treasurer.
9. Accept Resolution 2013-662 Conveying land from the Industrial Development Committee to Moore Family Land LLC. At 1515 W. Rt. 30

Robbin Blackert, City Administrator asked that item number 9 be removed because the land had already been transferred by the IDC at their last meeting.

City Attorney Jim Reese asked that the city check the status of the type of business that Sarver Asphalt is and make those corrections along with correct address to the Award on item number 3. Motion made by Alderman Hand and Second by Alderman Snow to accept the consent agenda with the recommendations by Attorney Reese

Vote: 8-aye, motion carried

City Administrator Report: Robbin D. Blackert

Administrator Blackert commented on the status of our Channel 5 equipment, and informed the council that the new equipment could not have come at a better time. It will be installed when the Customer Service office updates are completed. The Customer Service office is now open.

Memorial Day. Motion was made by Alderman Reitzel, Second by alderman Folsom to allow the projects be done that this group asked permission for.

Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried

Ward Reports:

Ward 1: Alderman Reitzel reported on seeing the carnival lights when driving to Rock Falls from Sterling across the bridge.

Ward 2: Alderman Kuhlemier informed that the Tourism office has new staff Tim Wilson, and Ben Swartz.

Ward 3: Alderman Hand commented about the carnival lights, and the new riverfront grass

Ward 4: Alderman Watts stated that the carnival seemed to be a successful event

Mayor's Report:

The Mayor informed the council that he met with Mayor Lee from Sterling, Carol Deibert and some guests from Haiti with the International Visitors and Leaders group. The visitors stopped in Sterling and Rock Falls during their cross country visit from California to the East Coast. They were very interested in sewer plants, water treatment, along with planning and zoning. Alderman Kuhlemier noted that the group has a Taco supper on May 29th.

The Mayor asked the city council for the appointment of Kay Abner to the Office of Treasurer for a term until 04-30-2015. Motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier Second by Alderman Snow.

Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried

The Mayor asked the city council for the appointment of John Espinosa to the Police - Fire Commission for a term until 04-30-2016. Motion was made by Alderman Snow Second by Alderman Reitzel.

Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried

Executive Session:

The mayor requested to enter executive session for Personnel -Section 2 (c)(11). Motion Alderman Vandersnick Second Alderman Snow

Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried (in 7:30p.m.)

Motion Alderman Snow Second Alderman Watts to return to normal session

Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried (in 7:34p.m.)

Actions Taken from Executive Session

Motion Alderman Vandersnick Second Alderman Snow to approve the pay raises for the 3 employees not covered by collective bargaining to be retroactive to May 1st 2013.

Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Folsom and Second by Alderman Reitzel with no other business to come before the council.

Vote: 8 ayes, motion carried

Minutes for approval at the June 4, 2013 meeting.

Eric Arduini, City Clerk