



City of Rock Falls

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/23/08 Time Meeting Started: 6:14 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 7:00pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Vandersnick (Chairperson)	P	Bill Wescott, City Clerk	P
Alderman Snow	P	Captain Northcutt, Rock Falls Fire Dept.	P
Alderman Folsom	P	Mark Searing, Building Department	P
Alderman Hand	A		
Alderman Thurm	P	Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee called to order at 	No action.
2. Citizen Input: Cyndi Lauts re: Cats-at-large	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alderman Snow reported on issue about cat's being trapped. 	No action.
3. Old Business: a) Recreational Vehicle Ordinance (Off-Street Parking/Loading)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Inspector reported on status of the RV parking ordinance, and suggested allowing someone to stay over at least some period of time. Committee discussed, and suggested allowing RV parking for 14 calendar days being added to the ordinance. Committee discussed front yard parking in front yard, for no longer than 24 hours in the area designated in the zoning ordinance as a front yard. Committee would suggest to have ordinance drafted. 	Ordinances would be drafted and sent to committee. Building Inspector will speak to City Attorney for wording on ordinances.
3. Old Business b) Foreign Insurance Tax Ordinance-City Clerk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Clerk presented information from the General Assembly regarding state law HB 4931, regarding the Foreign Fire Tax Board receiving the money received by the foreign fire insurance board. Committee recommended having City Attorney draft ordinance making changes and creating Foreign Fire Insurance Board. 	Item would be sent via the City Clerk to the City Attorney.
4. New Business a) Septic System - Ed Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported that Sewer Superintendent wanted to require houses that are sold come off of the septic system within town and come onto the City's Sewer system. Committee discussed and determined to make this item into ordinance and to match the failed sewer distance requirement (either 200 or 250). 	Ordinance would be drafted.
4. New Business b) Trace Line Sewer Laterals-Ed Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sewer Superintendent requested that any new construction or repairs be required to install trace lines on sewer laterals. Committee discussed and concurred with issue. 	Ordinance would be drafted.

4. New Business c) Fines Building Inspector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Inspector reported that Code Enforcer from Police department can issue fines; the Building Inspector cannot issue fines. Building Inspector would like to issue fines as well. Committee discussed, and directed the Building Inspector to speak to the Police Chief to see about this issue. If an ordinance needs to be addressed, then to have that ordinance drafted and sent to the City Council. 	Ordinance would be drafted if necessary.
4. New Business d) Avenue E Speed Limit consideration (30mph to 25mph)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed and requested to examine the ordinances for speeds and to bring back list of changes to the committee at the next meeting. 	Item would be placed on next agenda after research was done on which sections are 30mph.
4. New Business e) Police & Fire Pension Contributions Pre-Tax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Clerk brought forth issue about issue with contribution and City Administrator brought forth issue that was decided on at the March 27th 2007 meeting and that this issue was sent to City Council for adoption. Item would be researched and then sent to the City Council. 	Item would be researched and brought to the City Council.
4. New Business f) Pre-Taxed Health Insurance Premiums for retired Police Officers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Clerk brought forth item, and that a police officer who is retired can pay his premium in pre-tax. Committee discussed and requested this item be sent to City Attorney for adoption. 	Item sent to City Attorney for adoption.
5. Committee member items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor requested an update for the IML model utility box ordinance. City Administrator reported that ordinance was sent to City Attorney's office on May 22, 2008. Mayor requested an update on outdoor wood burners, committee quickly informed the Mayor that issue had been passed by the City Council. 	No action.
6. Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed and approved minutes as presented. 	Minutes approved as presented.
7. Adjournment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee was adjourned at 7:00pm. 	Meeting adjourned at 7pm.