



City of Rock Falls

Public Works Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 01/16/08 Time Meeting Started: 6:00pm

Time Meeting Ended: 7:45pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Arduini	P	John Paul, Rocket Park Facility Committee	P
Alderman Reitzel	P	Eric Meinen, Rock Park Facility Committee	P
Alderman Thurm	A	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	P	Bob Gasper, Willett, Hoffman & Associates	P
Alderman Snow	P	Brian Frickenstein, Willett, Hoffman & Assoc	P
Also Attended		Ed Cox, Sewer Superintendent	P
Ted Padilla, Water Superintendent	P	Joe Bustos, Daily Gazette	P
		Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee called to order at 6:00pm 	No action.
2. Mr. John Paul; Rocket Park Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> John Paul handed out flyers regarding the Rocket Park Facility Complex request. Mr. Paul is requesting that the city provide water & sewer to Rocket Park facility. Mr. Cox asked to see the plans, as there is a sewer line that runs through Rocket Park, that is very big, and is roughly 16 feet deep and hence would need an excavator to dig the pipe site. Mr. Cox also asked about what food preparation would be there, as he was concerned about grease, because the food processing will not be done on anything more that outside grills, and hence there would be no worry there. Mr. Padilla said that there was a water main available for service but there is no main in the way of the project building. Alderman Arduini asked to have a set of the building plans sent to the building department so any issues could be addressed. Committee agreed to meet as soon as information was processed by City staff. 	Tabled until next or special meeting, whichever is sooner.
3. Old Business; East 11st Street Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee tabled issue. 	No action.
3. Old Business: b) Hudson Road Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item combined with Old Business c). 	See below.
3. Old Business: c) 2008 Road Projects-Mr. Frickenstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed a number of different road projects. Committee determined to do Rocket Lane for a cost of \$40,000. Committee determined to resurface Marsha Lane from Southside of Louis Lane to just north of Marty Avenue. The new subdivision on Louis Lane is still in the planning process, and 	Item will be placed on next meeting.

	<p>hence that is why the first part of Masha Lane.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee directed the City Engineer, Brian, to submit a proposal for engineering for 12th Avenue from the bridge south on 10th Street so that the plans would be prepared. • Committee discussed and determined that they would do Avenue D from Dixon Avenue to E. 5th Street. • Committee discussed getting costs from Water and Sewer departments for repairs and then finalizing list for 2008, and then at the next meeting would determine list for 2008. 	
3. Old Business d) Flowable Fill cost alternatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee has already determined the issue and determined not to change current usage of flow-able fill. 	No Action- remove from future agendas.
4. Committee Member Items a) Metro Design Associates correspondence- Mr. Downey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Downey presented information from subcontractor for sewer plant on "Green Technology" issues. The sewer plant design has indeed examined "Green Technology" 	No Action.
5. City Engineer - Mr. Frickenstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian presented information on Dixon Avenue project, and the possibility of the entire bridge being closed when the work was to be done. • Brian presented information on pay estimates on bike path bridge work, this work has not been paid for yet, and will be placed on the next City Council meeting, for approval. • Brian reported on Reliant site evaluation of the building. Mayor asked some questions about site and committee discussed. • Brian presented information on signal work on signal work at 1st Avenue and 2nd Street for an estimate on \$10,412. Committee asked to have this item sent to the City Council for approval at their next meeting in February. 	Committee recommended adopting changes for signal work to full City Council.
6. Sewer Department-Mr. Cox.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cox reported that there are water leaks at the department. Mr. Cox gave a report on how to deal with issue, and requested that his \$2200 a month be adjusted. Ed requested that his plant be adjusted to his normal winter rate to \$1200 a month. Committee discussed and determined that this issue would be tabled until next month, Water Leak-Sewer Plant. • Ed Cox reported on Mr. Peska issue. Mr. Peska never contacted Mr. Cox in November, and has never contacted Mr. Cox. If he does not contact Mr. Cox by February 1st then the issue would be turned over to the City Attorney. 	Water-Leak Sewer plant would be placed on next Agenda. No Action on Peska issue.
7. Street Department-Mr. White.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. White reported that Street department is still picking up brush and filling potholes. • Mr. Arduini asked about crack filling getting done, and Mr. White reported that there was no crack filling done. • Mr. Arduini requested that Mr. White create a list of sidewalks for the 2008 year. Everything that is around the schools should be a priority for this year. 	Place "2008 Sidewalk list" on next agenda.

<p>8. Water Department-Mr. Padilla a). Discussion on Rate increases</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Padilla presented information of finances of the Water department. Cost of the materials for work has increased dramatically, and hence the department needs to look at rates. • There is 1990s, 1950s and 1960s equipment on the system and the plant. The system is in good shape, and it has not lost total pressure since 1991. • Ted suggested going from \$13.72 to \$15.72 this will take the department from the current point to April 2009. Committee discussed, and that the price of business keeps going up, and they don't want to get into the red, and having to lay people off from the department. Committee recommended to increase Water base rate by \$2 and to have ordinance drafted for 1st reading before the City Council at their next meeting. 	<p>Committee recommended that the ordinance be drafted to increase rates on base rate for Water department \$2.</p>
<p>9. Review/Approval Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee reviewed minutes as presented and accepted them. 	<p>Minutes were accepted as presented.</p>
<p>10. Adjournment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee adjourned at 7:45pm. 	<p>No Action.</p>

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee