



City of Rock Falls

Public Works Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 06/05/08 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 pm Time Meeting Ended: 8:15pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Arduini (chairperson)	P	Jim White, Street Superintendent	P
Alderman Snow	P	Ed Cox, Sewer Superintendent	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Ted Padilla, Water Superintendent	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	P	Brent & Denise Young	P
Alderman Reitzel (acting chairperson)	P	Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee called to order at 6:30pm 	No action.
2. Demonstration of New Hydra Stop Trailer-Mr. Padilla/Tony Poci-Water Dept.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee took short tour of the Hydra-Stop trailer. 	
3. New Business: a) Driveway approaches -Mr. Downey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed issue with assistance of Jim White, Street Superintendent. This issue was really about the road apron and not the driveway approach. 	No action.
3. New Business b) Alley behind business 3 rd Ave to 4 th Ave-Mr. Downey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed at length. Jim's Lounge owner was concerned about dust and surface quality of alley. Committee will table item and have City Administrator speak to the owner affected. 	Item tabled.
3. New Business c) Utility Billing Disputes: 1. 1029 11 th Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported on issue. Committee discussed and declined any action on this item and recommended that they contact their homeowner's insurance company. 	No action.
3. New Business c) Utility Billing Dispute 2. 1303 5 th Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed issue. Committee felt that the customer was duly contacted via bills and "red letters" and declined to take any action. 	No action.
3. New Business c) 2414 Megli Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed issue. Committee declined any action as the customer was sent a bill and a "red letter" and declined to take any action. 	No action.
3. New Business d) Discussion - Disconnection of Electric Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Brent & Denise Young presented information to the committee about the property at 308 2nd Avenue regarding their electrical service/water service at their building which was formerly a duplex. They are currently being charged for double water and double sewer bills and they are claiming that they 	Action taken as requested.

	<p>were never informed that they would be charged double on their water and sewer service 15 years ago when they turned utilities service on at that time. Committee discussed. Water Superintendent suggested getting a new meter on the system to determine if there is a leak there, as their usage is currently high (a separate issue). Committee discussed and would grant them a credit on their sewer and water bill from September of 2007 back 5 years.</p>	
<p>3. New Business e) Whiteside County Housing Authority -W. 18th Road Repairs request</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussed. Street Superintendent was directed to investigate situation and report back at the July meeting. • Item would be tabled until then. 	<p>No action.</p>
<p>4. Committee Member Items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alderman Snow requested that the alley behind the thrift store be repaired. • Alderman Kuhlemier requested that the Street department repair a sign at the Library parking lot. • Committee discussed about long-term "Orange-berg" ordinance, after some discussion Committee requested to place item on next month's agenda. 	<p>Item would be placed on agenda.</p>
<p>5. City Engineer- Brian Frickenstein</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian reported on lower dam work, it will begin in a couple of weeks. • Rocket Drive & Marsha Lane work will be worked on in July. • Brian reported that Whiteside County will probably come in and do seal-coating on lower dam parking lot and farmer's market parking lot will be done in mid-July. Also Street Superintendent has contacted Park District, and they will be removing parking curbs at lower dam parking lot and be replacing them when the resurfacing is complete. 	<p>No action.</p>
<p>6. Water Department-Mr. Padilla a) Reimbursement to Mr. Terry Helt</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Padilla reported issue with Mr. Helt at the Easy Living Trailer Park. His service was overcharged to Mr. Helt at \$10,453.80. • Billing has been adjusted so this issue no longer occurs. 	<p>Committee accepted reimbursement.</p>
<p>6. Water Department-Mr. Padilla b) Instatton of (2) 10" at the Reliant Property.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ted Padilla reported on 10" main underground at Reliant Fastener and potential about putting in 2 10" insta-valves at Reliant. This cost would be \$13,600 and would be paid for by the Water department. Committee discussed and would recommend to the City Council for approval. 	<p>Item would be placed on the City Council agenda at next meeting.</p>
<p>7. Wastewater Department-Mr. Cox</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed reported on park district pond at Centennial Park and the pump that is located there. Park District may contact the Aldermen, and they should be aware that according to Mr. Cox this pump is correctly working, and it will take some time to empty this pond to a lower level. He has done calculations and believes it is working correctly. • Ed reported that lagoon, on island, is currently serving the sewer plant and cannot be pumped down. There is no place to put this excess water. 	<p>No action.</p>

<p>8. Street Department-Mr. White</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the end of 7th Avenue, there is a water flow problem, with the owner having a driveway lower than the road surface. Ed Cox reported on storm sewer, and the problems that would occur with a storm sewer installation. Jim White reported his crew will do so more work at site. • Jim requested that the committee approve purchase of snow plow and salt-spreader at a cost not to exceed, \$7980 and the salt spread is \$2852. City Administrator reviewed thoroughly the recommendation from the Jim, and found that the money was there. • Jim also requested selling some scrap and old dump truck. Committee approved getting rid of various items, Street Superintendent would contact Deputy City Clerk for ordinance to be drafted. 	<p>Ordinance would be drafted by Deputy Clerk.</p>
<p>9. Review/Approve Minutes of Meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee reviewed minutes as presented. 	<p>Minutes accepted as presented.</p>
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee adjourned at 8:10pm. 	<p>Committee adjourned.</p>

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee