



City of Rock Falls

Public Works Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 08/07/08 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 8:35pm

| Members | | Also Attended | |
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| Alderman Arduini (Chairperson) | P | Mayor Blanton | P |
| Alderman Kuhlemier | P | Jim White, Street Superintendent | P |
| Alderman Snow | P | Brian Frickenstein, Willett Hoffman & Assoc. | P |
| Alderman Reitzel | A | Bob Gasper, Willett Hoffman & Assoc. | P |
| Alderman Thurm | A | Ted Padilla, Water Superintendent | P |
| Also Attended | | Joe Bustos, Sauk Valley Newspaper | P |
| Beur Kobleman-101 Arland Street | P | Judy Buzard-1013 Arland St., | P |
| Jim L. Biyd -1013 Arland Street | P | Ed Kobleman-1001 Arland St. | P |
| Glen E. Gony-229 Ave F. | P | Frank Fritz-809 Garfield St. | P |
| Jerry Fritz-809 Garfield | P | Tim Hogson-808 Garfield St | P |
| Traci Stevens-808 Garfield St. | P | Lysa Bloom-805 Garfield St. | P |
| Tom Bloom-805 Garfield St. | P | Cathy Cox-804 Garfield St. | P |
| Marlene Lenaburg-1019 Arland St. | P | Herman Lenaburg-1019 Arland St. | P |
| | | Richard Downey, City Administrator | P |
| P-Present A-Absent | | | |

| Ordinance/Topic | Discussion | Plan of Action |
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| 1. Call to Order @ 6:30pm | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee called to order at 6:30pm | No action. |
| 2. Old Business: a) Alley behind W. 2 nd St. Businesses; between 3 rd Ave. & 4 th Ave. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed item at length. Issue was when Whiteside County would get started, and how the project would be paid for, as the City has numerous projects coming up this year, such as the Lower Dam that was unbudgeted. | Item was tabled until next meeting. |
| 2. Old Business b) Route 30 - Designated Truck Route | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed issue. Alderman Kuhlemier brought up the issue that there was a reason for making Route 30 through town not a 80,000 pound round. | Item was tabled until next meeting. |
| 2. Old Business c) Storm Water Drainage -South 6 th Avenue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor reported that the property in question was evaluated by the City Engineering firm. The property is about 4" lower than the rest of the properties in the area, and hence the water in the area will drain to property. Committee discussed. Street Superintendent confirmed that this has been an issue for 20 years. Bob Gasper reported that Willett & Hoffman did a study back some years about addressing this property, and to address this issue with new Storm Sewer this cost would be in the \$100,000 range. | Item would be placed on table and taken off when property owner response to Mayor's email to property owner. |
| 3. New Business a) High Bill Complaint -514 13 th Avenue | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla, Water Superintendent, requested to have committee approve action taken on customer's account. | Committee concurred. |

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| <p>3. New Business b) Bill Complaint - 1302 Mary Avenue #3</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee reviewed information presented by the City Administrator. After a short discussion on issue, the committee determined that customer would have to pay the \$143.03 unless he could produce a receipt for the payment. City Administrator did point out that if there was an extra amount of money brought in the computer system would show it. Also the City Administrator reported that staff had studied the June & July months' bills, and no payment of \$143.03 was received and hence the City has now record of this work. | <p>Customer would be informed that they would have to pay the \$143.03 on their bill.</p> |
| <p>3. New Business c) Curb Work - Garfield Avenue - Mr. Downey</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim Hodgeson addressed the committee about the curbs on Garfield. Committee discussed and requested that the Street Superintendent and City Engineer speak with Mr. Hodgeson and try and come up with a solution on the Garfield drainage work. | <p>Item would be tabled until the next month with a report being presented from Street Superintendent.</p> |
| <p>3. New Business d) Survey Work - Recreation Trail</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian Frickenstein reported to do a "topo" survey for \$5000. Committee discussed and determined that for the bike path project to move forward this work would have to be done. Committee recommended to the City Council that this expense be paid at their next City Council meeting. | <p>Item would be referred to the committee.</p> |
| <p>3. New Business: e) E 17th St. Entrance- Northwest Illinois Construction</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian reported that Northwest Illinois construction has been using an entrance on E 17th. After a short discussion, committee determined that they would not receive an entrance on E. 17th when the road is extended by the National Guard project. • Committee also discussed having a sit down meeting, | <p>No entrance would be offered to Northwest Illinois Construction.</p> |
| <p>3. New Business f) Discussion on Vehicle Traffic Counter Units-Mr. Downey</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Administrator reported on issue. • Committee had a short discussion on usage of these items, but determined that further study be done on issue. | <p>No action on item.</p> |
| <p>4. Committee Member Items.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor reported that owner of Bright RV will be possibly selling property north of his RV sales lot. Mayor questioned if there could be a hydrant placed near that business, as well as servicing the property with water service. Ted Padilla and Bob Gasper discussed issue and tried to determine how to service property, as the need for a hydrant would be requested for property owner's usage, using a meter from the Water department. • Mayor requested that Water Superintendent speak to Mr. Bright or his representative in short order to figure out how to service Mr. Bright's property. • Mayor reported on IDOT facility south of industrial park, and their property be serviced by Sewer. Mayor also reported that IDOT property will eventually want the water service. • Brian reported on having "Your Tax Dollars at Work! City of Rock Falls, Road and Sidewalk Program" signs made, not to exceed \$300 on project and begin using them on projects. | <p>No action as presented.</p> |

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| <p>5. City Engineer Report- Brian Frickenstein a) Final Payment to Twin City Construction - 2008 Street Projects.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussed. Committee recommended to the City Council that this retainage be paid after the Department Heads sign off on this project, and all paperwork be in. | <p>Payment would be placed on City Council agenda for payment after stipulated requests of committees.</p> |
| <p>5. City Engineer Report- Brian Frickenstein b) Payment #1 Northwest Illinois Construction-Lower Dam</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussed Lower Dam project. • Brian Frickenstein reported that his estimates on the rip-rap, was off and that the total cost of the project was over \$20,500. • Committee determined that this project is completed, and that Northwest be paid their retainage money. • Committee also discussed signage at rip-rap area. After a discussion it was determined that signage would researched and purchased to warn of dangerous currents. | <p>Payment would made with holding 10% of total project cost be held back for retainage. The Lower Dam retainage would be placed on September agenda for action.</p> |
| <p>5. City Engineer Report- Brian Frickenstein c) Intergovernmental Agreement with Whiteside County and Agreement with Murray Brothers.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee determined to wait until the next committee meeting, and tabled it. | <p>Item Tabled for next meeting.</p> |
| <p>5. City Engineer Report- Brian Frickenstein d) Estimate for Survey/Design for Parking lot at Avenue D & BN Row</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See 3d above. | <p>See 3d Above.</p> |
| <p>5. City Engineer Report- Brian Frickenstein e) Status Report on Emmons Avenue/Arland Street Drainage Study</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian reported on the Arland/Emmons Avenue. The surveying work is already complete and the engineers in Dixon are working on it. This week a surface level water study would be done. • Mr. Buzzard, a resident out on Arland reported on high water levels, and there is a very high water table. • City Administrator discussed with City Engineers on project and maps. • Jim Buzzard, handed out some information about services that parent company of Astec Mobile Screens (name not mentioned), offers on road surface recycling that the City might want to look into. A lengthy discussion was had on the issue of the project, with issues being raised about the work that the City Council has done in the past in the area. | <p>Item would be placed on the next agenda when the study was done.</p> |

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| 6. Water Department-Mr. Padilla | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Padilla reported on Barry Tompkins' property on Avenue E and asked about getting water service. Mr. Padilla reported that Mr. Thompkins would be allowed to put in a "sand-point" water service until water main be installed. Committee discussed. Committee directed the Water Superintendent to work with Bob Gasper to get engineering done. Water Superintendent will speak with Mr. Tompkins. Ted also reported that booster pump will be O&M'ed in October. | Water Superintendent will work with Bob Gasper on project as well as contact property owner. |
| 7. Street Department-Mr. White | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor questioned the amount of mowing that the department does. He wants to know why we mow the right-of- ways. City Administrator asked if the committee would like to have the City Attorney look at this issue. | Item would be sent to City Attorney for opinion on mowing. |
| 8. Wastewater-Mr. Cox a) IEPA status update on WWTP Project-Bob Gasper. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gasper reported on the plant progress. State has verbally approved the facility plan. Timeline would be sent out for bids in November, and bid date would be the middle of January. Bob Gasper would inform Mr. Hoffman about area that the City would disallow him from planting next year, so he does not waste money on fertilizing area that City needs. Committee discussed and thanked Bob. | Committee thanks Mr. Gasper and looked forward to project beginning. |
| 9. Review/Approval of Minutes of Meeting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were not presented due to time constraints, and would be placed on next agenda. | No action, as no minutes were presented. |
| 10. Adjournment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee adjourned at 8:30pm. | Committee adjourned at 8:30pm. |

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee