



City of Rock Falls

Public Works Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 09/04/08 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 8:35pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Arduini (chairperson)	A	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	A	Brian Frickenstein, Willett Hoffman & Assoc.	P
Alderman Thurm (Acting Chairperson)	P	Bob Gasper, Willett Hoffman & Assoc.	P
Alderman Snow	P	Jim White, Street Superintendent	P
Alderman Reitzel	P	Ted Padilla, Water Superintendent	P
Also Attended		Joe Bustos, Sauk Valley Newspapers	P
Jeri Fritz, 809 Garfield St.	P	Frank Fritz 809 Garfield St.	P
Traci Stevens, 808 Garfield St.	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, with Alderman Thurm as acting Chairperson. 	No action.
2. Old Business: a) Area Storm Sewer Study- Arland Street/ Emmons Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian with Willett & Hoffman (WHA) gave a presentation regarding the Storm Sewer study that was just completed by WHA. Committee discussed the study. Committee tabled item until the Alderman could examine the results from the study. 	Item tabled for next meeting.
2. Old Business b) Alley behind W. 2 nd Street between 3 rd and 4 th Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator gave reminder to committee of issue. Committee discussed issue and determined that issue would be placed on budget for next year. 	Item would be placed on next year's budget for consideration.
2. Old Business c) Route 30- Designated Truck Route	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian reported on this issue, responding to Alderman Kuhlemier's questions from last month's meeting. IDOT did not have any solid answers to questions, and engineers at IDOT did not see any down side to designating it a truck route. Committee discussed and requested that the Mayor write a letter to designate all of route 30 be a truck route. 	Mayor will be directed to write a letter to IDOT designating Route 30 as a truck route.
2. Old Business d) Curb Work- Garfield Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed Garfield on West side of canal issue with drainage. Water is coming down the hill and washes through the yard of a resident. Street Superintendent and Brian from WHA reported on issue, and residents on Garfield addressed the committee. Discussion on improvements occurred. Mayor requested that Street Superintendent set a time to speak with residents of the area and then come back to committee and report at next month's meeting. Committee concurred. 	Item would be placed on agenda for next month for report.

2. Old Business e) Intergovernmental Agreement with Whiteside County and Agreement with Murray & Sons.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> County agreement has already been signed already and this issue requires no action. 	No Action required.
2. Old Business: f) Storm Water Drainage-South 6 th Avenue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor reported that he has emailed resident in question and there has been no response from resident. Committee determined that no action would be taken on this item. 	No action taken.
3. New Business: a) Customer Complaint-10% down Rule for non-payment disconnection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator discussed issue with committee. Committee discussed and declined any action on issue at this time. 	No action taken.
4. Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alderman Snow mentioned that while NICOR is town they have been parking on new sidewalks. At 2nd and 7th they have cracked sidewalk. Street Superintendent has been in contact with the NICOR staff regarding damage. Alderman Snow requested to know the status of NICOR repair jobs as numerous jobs have been left open for an extended period of time, and that the City needs to insure that the work is getting done with flowable fill as per local ordinance. Committee requested that City Administrator and Mayor contact Craig Whyte with NICOR to discuss this issue and report back to committee. This item would be table and placed on agenda for next meeting. At lower damn, Alderman Snow mentioned, that there are metal bars up that need to be attended to by the Park district. Alderman Reitzel commended Alderman Thurm on his handling of the meeting thus far. Mayor requested status of work in Industrial Park with fertilizer company and extension of his water service. Water Superintendent will make contact with company, and apologized about not contacting company during month of August, he will do so and report back during October meeting. Alderman Reitzel requested information on current hydra-stop machine that the water department owns, and the potential of purchasing 10" and 12" machine. Water Superintendent reported that budgetary numbers for next year might be possible. 	Items would be address as listed.
5. City Engineer Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian reported that in last week or two crews have been out doing topo survey on old railroad right of way, there were some minor issues on property rights that is being worked on. 	No action.

6. Water Department-Ted Padilla a) West 1 st Project -10"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla reported that work is still being done on asbestos issues underneath West 1st street. City Administrator will work with environmental engineering firm, Terracon to get project evaluated. 	Issue would be taken to John with Terracon regarding work.
6. Water Department-Ted Padilla b) Industrial Park/ E 17 th Street Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was held at City Hall among staff and WHA staff. WHA staff and City staff will recommend that Go Excavating be awarded the project at the next City Council meeting. 	Item would be placed on next City Council for action.
6. Water Department-Ted Padilla c) Water Usage Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla reported on information on usage for the Water department which relates to the Sewer department billing. The Water department has been dropping about 1000 units each month, which means income for both Water and Sewer is lower. Ted reported that there could be a potential short fall on water used, and income collected due to this lower usage. 	No action.
6. Water Department-Ted Padilla d) Information on Leak Detection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on leak detection from new meters by Ted Padilla. Ted has been calling individual to let resident know that issue has occurred, and resident is now working on getting issue corrected, hence the new meters are doing their jobs. 	No action.
7 Street Department-Jim White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim White reported that work is being caught up on projects. Lower dam is being worked on. Sidewalk contractor will be back next week and will complete 3 more projects, sidewalk downtown, driveway entrance that was removed some time ago, and curb line on 14th Avenue at 1713 and this will end the sidewalk program for this year. Alderman Thurm questioned about alley behind Cedar Woods has it been done. Jim reported that cold patch was used on that project, and the Mayor questioned why we are using cold patch instead of hot patch. Jim reported that he uses cold patch because they never know when the asphalt plant is running. Discussion was held on how patches are repaired and wanted to know if there was a better way to do this repair work. Discussion was had on doing saw cuts and then having contractor do repairs on saw cut areas. Committee wanted to do something new for the next budget year. Street Superintendent will speak to Water Superintendent regarding what could be done. Brian with WHA will also speak to local contractors about doing this type of work. Item would be placed on next agenda for work. 	Items will be addressed as presented.
8. Wastewater Department - Ed Cox a) New Construction-Trace Line all Sewer Laterals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item will be tabled until next meeting as Mr. Cox was not in attendance. 	Tabled.
8. Wastewater Department-Ed Cox b) Budge Shortfall-Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> See 6d above. 	No action.

8 Wastewater Department-Ed Cox c) Sewer Camera Repair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Cox will bring back a report on sewer department camera to next meeting. 	Report for next meeting.
8. Wastewater Department-Ed Cox d) Report on Orangeburg Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported on Orangeburg ordinance regarding repairs. Ordinance committee declined action on it. Committee concurred and declined any action. 	No action.
9. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed and approved minutes from the August 7th 2008 meeting. Committee reviewed and approved minutes from September 4th 2008 meeting. 	Minutes approved as presented.
10. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee adjourned at 8:35pm. 	Adjourned.

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee