



City of Rock Falls

Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/02/08 Time Meeting Started: 6:30pm

Time Meeting Ended: 8:30pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Glen Kuhlemier	P	Ed Cox	P
Alderman Bob Thurm	P	Brian Frickenstein	P
Alderman Brian Snow	P	Jim White	P
Alderman Daehle Reitzel	P	Ted Padilla	P
Alderman Eric Arduini (chairperson)	P	Herman and Marlene Lenaburg	P
Also Attended		Frank and Jeri Fritz	P
		Tracey Stevens	P
X-Attended A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call to order at 6:30PM 	No Action
2. Audience Request - West Wolf Ridge Home owner's Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No one representing the West Wolf Ridge Home owner's Association present in the audience. 	No Action
3. Old Business : a) Area Storm Sewer Study (Arland and Emmons Ave.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Frickenstein explained the portion of the study that pertained to the corner of Arland, and Division 	No Action
b) Curb work Garfield Ave.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. White explained that the residents would like an asphalt berm to be created along the side of the road to help channel rainwater, and Jim said that a small part of the road on the west side will need to be repaired. Tracy Stevens also questioned the committee about being reimbursed if they were to install a "California Curb" across their driveway. 	The work is planned for next Spring, and Jim and Brian are to go and examine the Steven's property the Oct. 3rd
c) Status Report - NICOR Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed reported that NICOR has a high pressure natural gas line that runs through the corner of 5th St. and 10th Ave. this gas line is located under our manhole in the middle of that intersection. Nicor requested that we move our manhole in case a leak were to happen. Ed reported that there are 5 connections to this manhole and it would be very costly to the city to move it. Glen brought up the point that Nicor is breaking sidewalks as they park their trucks on them while replacing gas lines around town. Mr. Snow and Mr. White stated that the street cuts that Nicor has been doing have been very poor, and in some cases not following ordinance. A discussion followed that perhaps we 	No Action No Action Committee decided to direct to the city attorney and ask how we can better enforce our ordinances - Tabled

	<p>should change the franchise agreement to require permits for their work.</p>	
<p>d) Water Service Industrial Park (Fertilizer Company)- Mr. Padila</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted explained an extension of water main to a potential building and business outside of the industrial park. This business would be a big water user. 	<p>Committee agreed to extend the water main pending a letter of commitment from the buyer.</p>
<p>e) Repair Patches on roads - Mr. White</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim reported that the street dept had a contractor repair a few spots of road around town, the work was done well. 	<p>No Action</p>
<p>f) New Construction - Trace Line Sewer Laterals -Mr. Cox</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Cox explained that trace lines for later locating buried sewer lines may be soon a law. He thought that we should be proactive and institute an ordinance for "full replacement, and new construction" soon. This will help accidental damage to sewer laterals 	<p>Referred to the Ordinance committee</p>
<p>4. New Business a) 2009 Road Projects Initial discussion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daehle brought an idea to the table about running a sidewalk right next to the street after tilling and then tar and chipping the road as a cost saving measure to maintain more roads per year. A long chip seal-coating discussion ensued. The committee recognised that per the road projects plan that West 3rd street from 1st Ave. to 5th Ave is to be replaced next year. 	<p>Tabled until next month to choose a couple of test roads.</p> <p>Committee recommended that Willett Hoffman begin engineering for W. 3rd St.</p>
<p>5. Committee Member items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glen remarked that the trucks doing the roof work on the community building had parked on the sidewalk and cracked it in several places Alderman Arduini brought up the speed limit on Ave. E it is currently 30MPH, and since it is a residential street with a school bus stop , and is a park it should be changed to 25 MPH. Mr. Snow noticed that the re bar holding the railroad ties down at the upper dam were sticking out and could be a hazard. Daehle mentioned that there should be a responsible party for weeds growing up around town at places like P.A. and a law by ordinance could help enforce that weeds are being trimmed. Daehle also asked Ted about being able to charge other communities for doing hydra-stop work with our new equipment. Mr. Frickenstein stated that if we are planning to use MFT funds for the city's portion of the Dixon Ave. bridge project than we will need to have a resolution passed it approved at the city council meeting. Mr. Cox reported that the camera may be back this week January will be the opening for bids on the new waste water treatment plant. Sewer Dept has five more catch basins to replace 	<p>No Action</p> <p>Referred to ordinance.</p> <p>Street Dept will fix them</p> <p>Tabled Jim will look into keeping the weeds down on city property.</p> <p>Ted reported that he has done and was paid for using the equipment in Sterling.</p>

6. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Committee was adjourned at 8:30pm	Committee adjourned at 8:30pm
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Eric Arduini, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee