



City of Rock Falls

Public Works Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 11/06/08 Time Meeting Started: 6:30pm Time Meeting Ended: 8:45pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Arduni (chairperson)	A	Ted Padilla, Water Superintendent	P
Alderman Snow (acting chairperson)	P	Ed Cox, Sewer Superintendent	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Angie Valenzuela, 305 5 th Avenue	P
Alderman Reitzel	P	Daniel Valenzuela, 305 5 th Avenue	P
Alderman Kuhlemeir	A	Jim White, Street Superintendent	P
Also Attended		Tracy Stevens, Garfield Rd.	P
Bob Gasper, Willett, Hoffman & Associates (WHA)	P	Brian Frickenstein, (WHA)	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 	Called to order.
2. Approve Minutes of October 2, 2008 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes approved as presented. 	Approved as presented.
3. Citizen Request a) Mr. Glen Hendryx 223 Avenue E Water Leak	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item was resolved before meeting, hence no action. 	Item resolved, no action.
3. Citizen Request: b) 305 5 th Avenue - Orangeberg issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Valenzuela addressed the committee regarding her sewer connection, her sewer has backed up twice, and she has an orangeberg pipe has to be serviced. Ms. Valenzuela claims poverty, and has had a bid of \$5-\$10,000 from one plumber, and the ordinance requires that the entire line has to be replaced. Committee discussed issue at length and requested that this issue be sent to the Ordinance committee and requested Ms. Valenzuela attend that meeting. The Committee members present discussed attending the meeting as well as they were unsatisfied with the discussion of the Ordinance committee at their August 28th meeting where the committee determined that they would take 	Item would be sent to Ordinance Committee with a request to change ordinance to allow patch repairs.
3. Citizen Request: c) Garfield Street - Curb Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issue would be tabled until the next meeting, as the Alderman after a lengthy discussion determined that they would like to examine this issue before determining what needs to be done. 	Item would be tabled until the next meeting.
4. Old Business :A) Tar & Chipping Roads 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed this issue. Alderman Reitzel reported that he had talked to Alderman Arduini and they were thinking of doing 4 blocks per ward to keep up with all the wards. Committee discussed reducing work on roads and allocating 	Item would be tabled and placed on next agenda for more

	money to do some grinding and seal-coating.	discussion.
5. New Business a) Bridge Inspections- Richard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported on Industrial Park bridge inspection report from the County. County has been requested by the Street Superintendent to inspect the bridge, and make recommendation to the Public Works. Issue will be addressed when report becomes available. 	Issue would be brought back after inspection is complete.
6. City Engineer- Mr. Frickenstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian reported that the two parking lots, farmer's market and lower dam are complete. Brian has submitted the legal description to the City Attorney for property at 19th and 9th Avenue to sell property to District 13 School system. Brian reported on 3rd Avenue and design work being done by Willett & Hoffman. Jerry Henricks with WHA is trying to work on design. Brian would like to move forward with a TOPO survey and some other initial design work. Committee directed Brian to move forward with doing design work. Brian reported on Dixon Avenue Bridge. Falsework is supposed to come out on Friday and Saturday and then the bridge deck grooving would happen on Monday. 	Committee thanked Brian for his report.
7. Committee items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alderman Reitzel asked about repairs on 2nd street by the Hydro where a storm sewer is collapsing into the river. Jim White said they are looking at this issue, but cannot do anything with this until the Dixon Avenue bridge opens. 	
8. Wastewater-Ed Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Avenue slip line project from 3rd Street down to 2nd street. E 17th Street Sewer is complete. Backwash @ Water Plant-Ed discussed his rates going up or the Water rates going up to pay for additional back wash water, because the Sewer department is taking an immense amount of water. Ed is requesting that his department get paid more for taking this water. Committee discussed and determined to take a look at this issue if and when the rates for the water department would be adjusted. 	No action on issues.
9. Water-Ted Padilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted reported on status of filter #1, Water department is removing media in the filter to determine what is in the filter. Once the media is removed then the Water department can determine issue with filter. Currently working with Sterling Steel to share costs of vacuum truck to come and remove media. Scadaware people will be in before Thanksgiving for upgrade. Main break season has begun, as the department has been involved with 2 in one week. Suppliers are possibly looking at 3-5% increase on costs of supplies. 	No action on any issues. Committee thanked Ted for his report.
10. Street-Jim White a) Dig out points-Mayor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim white handed out a list of areas that he would recommend having repaired. Committee examined and accepted as presented. 	No Action.

<p>10. Street-Jim White b) Discussion on Street repairs.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim reported that cold patch buggy has been running every day. He also reported that the buggy has a spring broken. • Jim reported that trying to blow out the holes would take too long and less would get done. Alderman Snow requested that the holes be blown out instead of just having patch thrown in. The committee discussed also about tamping down areas. Committee insisted about having Street Superintendent look at repairing roads in different way, as the current way is not acceptable. Committee directed Street Superintendent to research new ways and requested he report back at the next committee meeting. 	<p>Committee requested the Street Superintendent examine hole patching process.</p>
<p>11. Review/Approval of Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee reviewed the minutes and approved them as they were presented. 	<p>Minutes were approved as presented.</p>
<p>12. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee adjourned at 8:45pm. 	<p>Committee adjourned at 8:45.</p>

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee