



# City of Rock Falls

## Building Code Committee Meeting

### Minutes

Date: 06/03/09 Time Meeting Started: 5:15 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 6:45pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Snow (Chairperson)	P	Rita Rodriguez, re: Eddie Rodriguez owner of 500 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	P
Alderman Vandersnick	P		
Dave Leonard	P		
Mark Searing, Building Inspector	P		
Sally Scanlan	P	Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 5:15pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee called to order at 5:15pm</li> </ul>	No action.
2. New Business: a) Correspondence: Mr. Ismet Akitit, 702 First Avenue, Rock Falls, IL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building Inspector committee that bids are out to demolish the property and the bids will be back into the City June 16<sup>th</sup>. Committee discussed.</li> <li>Alderman Snow expressed no interest in getting an extension on this demolition. Committee discussed and after a lengthy discussion committee determined that they would move forward with no change of schedule.</li> </ul>	Building Inspector will contact City Attorney and determine how to respond to Mr. Akitit.
2. New Business b) Channel 5- High Grass Broadcasting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Administrator requested to the committee if they would want to have high grass properties taken pictures of, and then have them placed on Channel 5 until it was mowed. Committee discussed. City Attorney has already been consulted on this issue and it is cleared to go ahead and do it. City Administrator advised that he and building inspector would make one of the slides up and then submit it to the City Attorney's office. Committee suggested when the item would go on Channel 5, the notice to the property owner would be sent at the same time. Committee also discussed potentially putting items in the newspaper, but at this time the committee thought to keep this issue to Channel 5 only.</li> <li>Committee &amp; Building Inspector discussed future process. Committee requested building inspector work with City Attorney and Police Department to work out the process. Committee also discussed fines and potentially suggested setting fines at minimum of \$75.</li> </ul>	<p>Committee agree to put items on Channel 5.</p> <p>Building Inspector will work with City Attorney.</p>
3. Condemnation Proceeding Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Rodriguez representing Eddie Rodriguez 500 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, she would like an extension from the committee. They bought the home for \$22,000 about 18-19 years ago and would like to fix up the home and get the home repaired. They have done a replacement on the front door, done some siding work. Ms. Rodriguez does work here in town and has monitored the</li> </ul>	Building Inspector will move forward on these issues as directed.

	<p>property. Dave Leonard requested getting a timeline from her, to determine when she would be done with what the building inspector would need to be completed. Ms. Rodriguez stated she would not know when she would be done. Alderman Snow requested that exterior be completed, committee agreed. The appearance of the property is the concern that the committee has regarding this property. Committee requested that the outside work be completed, and that the lawn would be kept up. Alderman Snow requested that Mr. Rodriguez send a letter to the building department to show the intent to accomplish the exterior upgraded to be turned into the department by June 8<sup>th</sup> 2009. Building Inspector will meet with owner when he returns to set down what needs to be completed as well.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1208 W 20<sup>th</sup>-Bid Opening for May 19<sup>th</sup>, high bid was \$23,750. Closing date will be soon.</li> <li>• 610-612 W 2<sup>nd</sup>-Nothing has been done. Contractor has met with property owner to fix up property. Deadline was May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Letter sent to owner from City Attorney, and no action has been taken. Committee directed issue to move forward in court system.</li> <li>• 812 Ave A-No action. Next Court date will be July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Owner has been required to vacate the property.</li> <li>• Letters sent to vacant properties. Building Inspector has sent a letter to each. 802 Avenue D has applied for a Small Rental Property Program grant. 221 Avenue D &amp; 228 Avenue E-Property owner has contacted building inspector, and informed building inspector he plans to utilize the residential buildings at these properties for "storage". Committee will review these properties and will place them on the next agenda.</li> </ul>	
4. Committee Member Items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Administrator reported on status of SFOOR and SRPP. Committee is looking forward on working on new HOME program money.</li> </ul>	No action.
5. Review/Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee reviewed and approved minutes as presented.</li> </ul>	Approved minutes as presented.
6. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.</li> </ul>	Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.