



City of Rock Falls Electric Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 13, 2009 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 p.m. Time Meeting Ended: 8:15 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Hand (chairperson)	X	Mayor Blanton	X
Alderman Arduini	X	Paul Jakubczak, Electrical Director	X
Alderman Kuhlemier	X	Richard Downey, City Administrator	X
Alderman Reitzel	X		

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 6:30 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of December 17, 2008 Electric Committee Minutes. 	No action.
3. Financial Update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Total expenses \$715,312.00; Cash received was \$564,379.00; Capitol Cost Recovery was \$31,024.00; Reliability for the year was 99.97%; Year-to-date cash was \$7,299,057; Capitol Cost Recovery payment was \$442,009.00. Discussed the decrease in the number of outages; however it increased some of our reliabilities statistics because of the length of the outages. We also noted that there were four outages caused by our supply to the City from ComEd. It was also discussed about how to loop in the South 14th Substation by either running a new transmission line to them or a possibility of installing some generation. This will be further discussed as we get into some long range planning. 	No action.
4. Hydro Plant Update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jakubczak reported that Unit #1 is up and running without any problems; Unit #2 is scheduled to be completed January 20, 2009. On January 21-22, 2009 the stop logs will be removed and the gentleman from GE Energy will be in to fine tune the unit. By the end of the week of January 19, 2009 we should have both units up and running and producing for the City to see the benefits from. 	No action.
5. Wind Generation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We had a discussion regarding Wind Generation; the Mayor, Richard Downey and Paul Jakubczak had met with a consultant that is proposing to do a wind study for us. Mr. Jakubczak expressed his intention to look at the possibility of forming a partnership with the local schools as well as the Whiteside County Health Department and Housing Department. They're ways to help lower their electric bills as well as to save the environment with green power. It was decided that Mr. Downey would get Paul Jakubczak a RFB sample that Dave 	No Action.

	Dorenboosh had used for the Blackhawk Hills and we would look at this and review it and also send it out to get an idea what it would cost for the City to spend money to get a consultant in to do a wind study.	
6. Organizational Check Up Discussion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item was tabled for a special meeting; there wasn't enough time to discuss what we fully needed to do. Meeting was scheduled for January 23, 2009. 	No Action.
7. Clock Quote.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussed the clock on First Avenue and where it needs to be relocated. Reviewed the proposal by United Electric regarding re-lamping and upgrading the lighting inside the clock itself and the auto reset package for if a power failure occurs then the clock automatically resets to the current time. The Committee recommended turning this over to the Public Property Committee. 	Referred to Public Property Committee.
8. Member Items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A discussion was held regarding the limiters and the policies to rounding the limiters and the number of quantities. Paul Jakubczak mentioned to the Committee that I would let them know how many limiters that we do have; which checking we currently have 43 limiters of which we will be ordering more. We also discussed what the policy was. Paul informed the Committee the limiters are installed and the Police Dispatchers are told how to get the limiters to reset. If the customers cannot do the reset on the limiters for whatever reason; if they have turned off everything within the house, then the Electric Department Standby Personnel will go out and investigate if they can get it to hold and it trips after we leave, therefore the customer is drawing too much power then it becomes a customer issue. Discussed the proposal from Irshad Ansari of NI Solutions. Through President-Elect Obama's stimulus package is talking about running broadband or having broadband available to all customers or all willing rural areas. One thing Mr. Ansari was suggesting is running fiber to the home. This will be discussed further with him and brought back to the next Committee Meeting to find out just what the actual cost would be and what his cost would be to put together this grant proposal. A discussion was held regarding Mark Searing and what needs to be done when residents are not compliant with the Ordinance relating to inspections for property transfers. Mr. Searing will be directed to have the Police put in an Ordinance violation to the residents if they to refuse to answer the letters or get with his office regarding upgrade needs. This will be passed on and will be put forth. Discussed the possibility of the City hiring a City Mechanic to handle the maintenance and operations of the vehicles both diesel and gas; in the past it had been done. Discussion was held regarding where to house this person, and how to pay for him. This item will be added to the Department Head Agenda for further discussion at the next meeting. Paul Jakubczak discussed with the Committee in-house tree 	No action.

	<p>trimming and bidding out. Paul mentioned to the Committee this has been a project that has been in the works for quite some time, deciding as far as what's going to be more economical feasible for the City to continue contracting the services out or possibility of hiring the services in-house. Mr. Jakubczak mentioned to the Committee that he would be putting together an RFP for tree trimming for the next budget cycle; in that proposal he plans to look at the possibility of doing an in-house once the proposals came in and find out which was going to be more economically feasible for the City to do.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adjourned meeting @ 8:15 p.m.	

Paul A. Jakubczak, Electrical Director