



City of Rock Falls Electric Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2009 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 p.m. Time Meeting Ended: 7:50 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 January 13, 2009 Electric Committee Minutes. 	No action.
3. Financial Update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jakubczak distributed to all present the financial information for the month of January, 2009. A rate comparison was also included from APPA showing where Rock Falls fell with Investor-Owned; Co-Operatives and other Municipals within the State. 	No action.
4. Broadband Update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jakubczak reported on how many customers we currently have, how many leased customers and pending customers. It was brought to Paul's attention by Richard Downey that he would like to know where this falls in with our previous projections. Discussion was held on the wireless project downtown; we are waiting for a response from T6 Broadband. Paul supplied an article from Public Power Daily regarding Ponca City, OK, the wireless services they are offering in their state and through their downtown. 	No action.
5. Retail Demand Response Issue.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is an issue that came up through IMEA. It allows an outside company to come in and talk to Commercial/Industrial customers about interruptible loads and bidding those into the PJM Market. It has been suggested to us by IMEA that we pass an Ordinance that prohibits this until further review is done. 	Council Agenda for review by the City Attorney.
6. Disconnect Policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was held regarding the Disconnect Policy that we started putting into place in 2007 in Ordinance form that had limiters involved with them. It was suggested also that we send this to Ordinance for their review, along with the letter from the Attorney from 2007 where he voiced his concerns. 	Ordinance Committee.
7. Personnel Policy Discussion.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was held in regards to having an agreement signed by incoming Apprentice's; that basically once they complete their training that they would be required to give the City a certain amount of time to work back the cost of the program. 	Personnel Committee for review (2 items)

	<p>If they would leave prior to this, they would be responsible for reimbursing the City. This would be similar to what the tuition reimbursement policy is set up as.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee also discussed having an Agility Test for Apprentice's; or any employee, to make sure that they meet the qualifications physically for the job they are applying for. • We also talked about having an on-going Agility Test for every three/five years for all employees that have a physical description in their jobs to pass, i.e. lift a certain amount of weight, climb a ladder, climb a pole etc. This item will be brought up at the next Department Head Meeting and the Departments will decide if anything needs to be done and if anything further needs to be taken care of. 	
8. Organizational Checkup.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lengthy discussion was held regarding the Organizational Checkup. A lot of the Committee Members did not have a list put together of what they would like to see; priorities and such worked on. A special meeting will be held to discuss this item which will be determined. The Committee Members agreed to have their top five issues put together and dates to hold the meeting to Mr. Jakubczak by the next City Council Meeting on February 17, 2009. 	No action.
9. Committee Member Items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed the proposed cap and trade and what those costs would be and how much it would be incurred. An example that was given is currently we pay roughly \$7.00 per megawatt hour and with the cap and trade program it would boost that up to \$45.00 per megawatt hour. This would be a substantial increase in cost to the customer. • The Committee discussed conference attendances. Due to the economic times and due to how the budget is laid out that we may not be able to offer to everyone that wants to go the conferences the opportunity. 	
10. Adjournment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned meeting @ 7:50 p.m. 	

Paul A. Jakubczak, Electrical Director