



City of Rock Falls

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 03/26/09 Time Meeting Started: 6:00 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 7:09pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Vandersnick (chairperson)	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Snow	P	Alderman Reitzel	P
Alderman Folsom	A		
Alderman Hand	A		
Alderman Thurm	P	Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee called to order at 6:00pm 	No action.
2. Old Business: a) Utility Box Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed Utility Box Ordinance. On page 9 Mayor was concerned about "Annual Registration" 13-202 & 13-203, and asked the committee to examine that item. On page 25 under 13-215 #3 Mayor was concerned about issue, as it does not comply with City backfill ordinance. On page 27 under #5 roman numeral 5, under encasement, Mayor wanted bring that to committee's attention, also under #6 roman numeral and under b of same section as well. On page 32 under 13-218 Mayor was concerned about clean-up and restoration and asked committee to examine that issue. On page 33 under 13-219 Mayor was concerned about emergency restoration, and asked committee to examine that issue. Committee requested the above items be sent to code enforcer to speak with City Attorney about issue. 	
2. Old Business: b) Ordinance Section 15-29 (h)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed issue regarding disconnections on federal holidays that are not observed by the City. Committee determined to change ordinance to read as follows: (h) (1) Utility services shall be terminated for non-payment only during the hours of eight o'clock (8:00) a.m. to four o'clock (4:00) p.m. Monday through Thursday. (2) No terminations shall be permitted on a legal holiday or on the day before a legal holiday, and a federal holiday or on the day before a federal holiday. 	Committee recommended changes as presented.
3. New Business: a) Section 15-77 Municipal and School Water Services (rates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported that rates for Municipal and School Water Services (rates). Committee declined to take any action on this issue. 	No action taken.
3. New Business b) Review Section 16-305. Adult uses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed issue of "substantial portion of its stock in trade" under Section 16-305 Adult Uses. Committee requested after a lengthy discussion to send to City Attorney review 	Item would be sent to City Attorney for

	section 16-305 (a) (1) deleting "substantial" from definition.	review and changes.
3. New Business c) Ex-Officio member	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed making Mayor ex-officio member of each committee of the City. Item would be sent to City attorney for review and ordinance creation. 	Item would be sent to City Attorney.
4. Committee Member Item.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairperson requested that 1208 W 20th be put into ordinance to be sold at the earliest convenience by means of public bid, City now has the deed. Mayor discussed about abandoning alley section south of East 4th Street. Committee determined that an easement would still be required as there are utilities through the alley. Item would be researched and sent to City Council for action. Committee discussed about Water Line insurance ordinance, committee confirmed that they still wanted to do something with this ordinance. Mayor discussed "limiter" ordinance. Committee discussed. Committee requested getting "limiter" ordinance language and getting ordinance committee information. Committee discussed leaf burning and after a discussion committee declined to change the existing ordinance. 	Various items will be addressed as written.
5. Review and Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed and approved minutes as presented. 	Minutes approved as presented.
6. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee adjourned at 7:10pm. 	Minutes adjourned at 7:08pm.

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Ordinance Committee