



City of Rock Falls

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/28/09 Time Meeting Started: 6:00 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 6:54pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Vandersnick (Chairperson)	P	Marty Kapp	P
Alderman Snow	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Bill Westcott, City Clerk	P
Alderman Hand	A		
Alderman Folsom	A	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. New Business: a) Marty Kapp to address issue of storage container Ordinance 2009-2317	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Kapp addressed the committee regarding Ordinance 2009-2317, which would disallow storage units. Alderman Snow reminded the committee that the committee had considered doing a permit for storage containers, perhaps with a yearly renewal. Committee discussed, about getting a yearly permit basis, conforming with the "scheme" of the City plans. Committee determined that they would request to have items permitted, with a yearly renewal. Committee would like to control run-down trailers in the City. Committee requested item be sent to the City Attorney to be permitted. Committee requested that other city's fee structures be examined to determine what the cost of the permits would be. 	Committee recommended making changes to current ordinance, and would advise Mr. Kapp of the permitting structure.
2. New Business b) Discuss Dog Ordinance - Request Attorney Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported on issue. Committee discussed, and requested that the Mayor speak to the City Attorney about issue and report back to the Ordinance Committee. 	Mayor will speak to City Attorney and report back to committee.
2. New Business c) Drug Paraphernalia- Police Chief Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed issue of drug paraphernalia in local stores, specifically "pot pipes". Committee took no action on issue. 	No action.
2. New Business d) Fireworks sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Clerk Westcott reported on issue on Firework sales. Anyone that sells commercial fireworks, has to get a permit through the fire marshal's office, and only "novelty items". Some stores have packages that have non-novelty items and some itinerant merchants are selling non-novelty items. Committee requested that the City Clerk work with the City Attorney to draft a fireworks ordinance and then bring it back to the committee for recommendations and adoptions. 	Committee requested changes to be made.

<p>2. New Business e) Sec. 8-850 Same - Exceptions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Clerk reported on this issue, Chamber of Commerce is moving their farmer's market to 806 First Avenue, ordinance requires that a license must be acquired by anyone wishing to sell produce in town. • The City Clerk made the following changes: The provisions of Section 8-848 of the Municipal Code shall not apply to any vendor selling or offering for sale fruits, vegetables of other fresh produce from the location of the "Farm's Market" sponsored by the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce. On the days and during the hours of operations of the "Farmer's Market" at the location identified by the Chamber of Commerce, selling of such fresh produce for human consumption, and no license for the sale at such "Farmer's Market" as sponsored shall be required. 	<p>Committee recommended change be sent to the City Council for adoption.</p>
<p>3. Committee member items.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor presented issue of capital and debt service being charged to houses not current being charged the base and usage rate of both the sewer and water service. Committee discussed. Committee requested that an ordinance be drafted that would state that as long as "you are physically hooked to the water and sewer service infrastructure then you will have to pay any prevailing debt, capital and plant replacement fees currently in the ordinance", Item would be sent to City Attorney for review, and drafting of the ordinance. 	<p>Item would be sent to the City Attorney for review and drafting of ordinance.</p>
<p>4. Review and Approve Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were presented and approved by committee as presented. 	<p>Minutes were approved as presented.</p>
<p>5. Adjournment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee adjourned at 6:54pm. 	<p>Adjourned at 6:54pm.</p>

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Ordinance Committee