



City of Rock Falls

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/17/09 Time Meeting Started: 6:00pm

Time Meeting Ended: 6:47pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Vandersnick (chairperson)	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Snow	P	Bill Wescott, City Clerk	P
Alderman Folsom	P	Mark Searing, Building Inspector	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Mike Kuelper, Police Chief	P
Also Attended		Michael Murphy	P
Glenna Murphy	P	Dorah Dockstader	P
Sylvia Frey	P	Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 6:02pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee called to order at 6:02pm 	No action.
2. Audience Request: Mr. Dohrn Dockstader, Gateway Belt - Weed Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Dockstader was informed by the chairperson that as the issue was under litigation that the committee would not be able to discuss this issue. 	No action.
3. Unfinished Business: a) Establishing Standards for Construction of Facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mayor suggested to the committee changes for this ordinance as presented. The following was presented. Pg 9 13-202 -Utilities would register the first week of each year. 13-203-Committee discussed the fee for the permit of this ordinance. Committee discussed fee and settled on \$50 for a fee. Pg 25 #3-Backfill-according to Rock Falls Ordinance. Pg 27 Roman Numeral V-Committee discussed about Pg 32 13-218 Was discussed as well, and the 10 day agreement for work was agreed to by the committee Pg 33 Under emergency repair under C. Mayor expressed a concern about finding out when emergency repairs were done. 	Committee would place under Unfinished Business.
3. Unfinished Business: b) Section 15-126 Fees Designated	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Clerk brought to the attention of the committee the City of Sterling sign ordinance and informed committee City of Sterling was reviewing the ordinance. Committee directed the Building Inspector to work with City of Sterling building inspector to clarify the sign ordinance to conform with City of Sterling. Committee discussed raising fees under 15-126 to \$15. Item would be changed and sent to City Council for action. 	Building Inspector will work with City of Sterling. Also fee structure would be changed to \$15 under 15-126.

4. New Business: a) Div. 2 Weeds Section 10-117	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No action due to pending litigation. 	No Action.
4. New Business b) Residential Building Code. Section R105.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Building Inspector presented section R105.2 for revision suggestions. The first was under square foot of the accessory building, he suggested not exceeding 144 square foot. Building Inspector requested fences not over 6 feet be removed. He also requested striking sidewalks and drives not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade and not over any basement or story below. He also suggested striking cabinets, counter tops and similar finish work. Window awning supported by an exterior wall which do not project more than 54 inches from the exterior wall and do not require additional support. Committee discussed and accepted changes as presented. 	Committee accepted changes that the building inspector suggested.
4. New Business c) Stop Sign Requests - Chief Kuelper Designate 4-Way stops at 3 rd Ave. & W. 3 rd St./4 th Avenue & W. 3 rd St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Kuelper reported on issue. Committee discussed and accepted recommendations of police chief with placement of stop signs. 	Ordinance would be drafted and sent to City Council for adoptions.
4. New Business c) Stop Sign Requests - Chief Kuelper Stop Sign @ E. 2 nd St. & Emmons Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Kuelper reported on issue. Committee discussed and accepted recommendations of police chief with placement of stop signs. 	Ordinance would be drafted and sent to City Council for adoptions.
5. Committee member items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor reported on the Deputy Clerk is reviewing costs for permits. Alderman Snow reported that the electric department has a fee scale for underground work and requested that the sheet be made congruent with current fee schedule. 	Committee thanked Mayor for reported and requested Electric director be made aware of fee sheet errors.
6. Review/Approve Minutes of Meeting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed the minutes of the meeting and approved them as presented. 	Minutes were approved as presented.