



City of Rock Falls

Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 12/17/09 Time Meeting Started: pm Time Meeting Ended:

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Vandersnick (Chairperson)	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Ruben Gutierrez, local taxi service	P
Alderman Snow	P	Mike Kuelper, Police Chief	P
Alderman Hand	A	Maria Gutierrez, local taxi service	P
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. Citizens Request: Emil Benzakry a) Request designated Bus Stop locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Gutierrez requested information on bus service within town, and where the shuttle can run, if the bus service drivers have CDL licenses, and which laws regulate it. Police Chief informed them that the bus has to run along a bus route, that the bus service is current on CDL and licensing. Committee discussed issues concerning the bus service. The Committee felt that no action was necessary. 	No action was taken on issue.
3. New Business: a) Water & Sewer Debit-Time Frame	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor presented information on Water and Sewer service for a property. When the service is cut at a property the debt and capital still accumulate. Mayor suggested having that debt and capital discontinued after 90 days of no payment on a service, and after it is discontinued, then the balance would be placed as a lien against the property, and the deposit, if any could be collected. Committee discussed and approved these changes as presented. 	Item would be sent to City Attorney for drafting of an ordinance to make the suggested change to the ordinance.
3. New Business: b) Wind Tower Setbacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item was presented for state law House Bill 3746 that set back for a wind tower cannot be more than 1.1 times the height of the renewable energy system from the end user's property line. Committee reviewed changes and requested that ordinance be changed to comply with state law changes. 	Item would be sent to City Attorney to have ordinance changed to comply with state law.
3. New Business c) Commercial Lighted Signs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor presented information to the committee, that the City of Sterling is examining banning LED and NEON signs. Committee declined to take any action on issue at this time, until they could be provided a copy of the ordinance from the City of Sterling. 	Committee took no action on issue at this time.
4. Committee Member items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alderman Vandersnick questioned if the fees of the ordinances are being looked at for comparison of the city fees to other cities. Mayor mentioned that the City Clerk's office is reviewing the fees at this time, and they will bring list to committee when 	No action on issues.

	it is ready.	
5. Review/Approve minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were approved as presented. 	Meeting was approved as presented.
6. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm. 	Meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Ordinance Committee