



## City of Rock Falls Public Property Committee Meeting

**Date: May 14, 2009**

**Time Meeting Started: 6:00 p.m.**

**Time Meeting Ended: 6:55 p.m.**

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Folsom - Chairman	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Vandersnick	P	Alderman Reitzel	P
Alderman Snow	P	Sandy Henrekin, Exec. Dir. RFCDC	P
Alderman Schuneman	P	William Wescott, City Clerk	P
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee called to Order – Quorum present</li> </ul>	No action
2. Old Business a) Fire detection System & Generator system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor presented information that due to the high bids received initially, Deputy Fire Chief Cook has been working with Lectronics to see if the system that they initially bid meets all of the necessary codes. Concern was for compliance and monitoring of the system 24/7. The system offered by Lectronics would meet code requirements. Cost for the system would be \$16,500.00 and then \$20.00 per month for monitoring services and meet the necessary requirements we are looking for. The committee recommends Lectronics be given the project at a cost no to exceed \$20,000.00.</li> </ul>	Recommend Council award the work to Lectronics at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00
2. Old Business b) Heater replacement –Community Building Lobby	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still awaiting proposal from Al Davis, who has been replacing all of the units as needed in City Hall. Electrical service will still be required separately for the placement of the heaters.</li> </ul>	Waiting bid from Al Davis to include electrical
2. Old Business c) Clock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The library staff was talked with and they agree that the clock should be placed on the west side of the sidewalk. Information will be sought in regards to getting this project completed. Electrical connection will be required.</li> </ul>	Committee recommends doing what is necessary to complete this project. Remove from agenda.
2. Old Business d) PA Site Public Usage  3. New Business A0 Discussion on P.A. Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alderman Reitzel presented his ideas to the Council on the usage of the West end of the P.A. site along 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, for the purposes of developing a recreational /green area. Some of the ideas presented; access to extended bike path, boat ramp, public parking, and observation deck for wildlife viewing. This area has been blighted for years, and we need to do something to develop this area for recreation to offer something for the residents in this end of town who have no recreational area. This type of improvement would increase market values on real estate, and is believed to be highly marketable area. It was also asked if the road will still be extended through this area and the response was yes, that is in the design.</li> <li>• Mayor Blanton reminded everyone that we have a commitment to exchange properties on the west end of the Mazel property for land on the east end for the development we are planning at that location. Before that can be completed, clean up on the P.A. site needs to be accomplished. This will insure that Mazel gets a clean lot for the exchanged east end property. A discussion entailed concerning the East end property and whether the phase 1 and Phase 2 studies on the land have been received to confirm that no clean up is needed there before any exchange of properties takes place. It was noted that that information would not be available for several more weeks.</li> </ul>	Await the findings of the Phase 1 and 2 studies on the Mazel property on the East before determining any further actions to be taken on the west end properties. Should be available by next meeting date.

3. New Business b) Avenue D & East 10 <sup>th</sup> Street – Police Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A brief discussion on the high volume of calls received by the Rock Falls Police Department in regards to incidents on and or near the City and Cassens property. Administrator Downey in correspondence to the committee suggested a possible closeable fence on the east end of the property. No discussion on selling of any of the property to Cassens.</li> </ul>	Committee will continue to watch this situation, however, due not wish to fence the area in at this time.
3. New Business c) Pallets on City Property (Avenue D & East 10 <sup>th</sup> Street)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee reviewed a aerial map showing clearly the City property in the vicinity of E. 10<sup>th</sup> St and Ave D. There has been for years a large accumulation of wooden pallets on this property. Committee following discussion, request that the owners of the building adjacent to the area be contacted and inquiry if the pallets belong to them. If so, they are to remove them from the City Property. If not, the City will take actions to remove them.</li> </ul>	Contact adjacent Business to question ownership. Facilitate removal immediately.
4. Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mayor Blanton requests that estimates be available at the next meeting for concrete work for new bench, a new sidewalk walk way off of the library parking lot to eliminate people walking through the grassy area, painting of the canopies at City Complex, Painting of the soffits on the Community Building , City Complex if required and possibly changing the downspouts on the North side of the Community Building.</li> <li>• Alderman Vandersnick requested status on areas along W. 2<sup>nd</sup> St and other areas in the City where NICOR has done work and not finished the work to repair the landscape. Many complaints are being received about the appearance of the Streets involved. The easement areas are so rough and unleveled that they cannot be mowed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present estimates at next meeting</li> <li>• Mayor Blanton is working with NICOR in regards to this matter and should have a response by next meeting.</li> </ul>
5. Review/Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes will be approved at the next regular meeting</li> </ul>
6. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With no other business for the Committee to consider, the meeting was adjourned.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.</li> </ul>

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William B. Wescott, City Clerk Recorder for the Public Property Committee Meeting