



City of Rock Falls Public Works Committee Minutes

Date: 10-01-09

Time Meeting Started: 6:30 p.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 8:10 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel, Chair	X	Ted Padilla, Water Supt.	X
Alderman Thurm	X	Jim White, Street Supt.	X
Mayor Blanton	X	Brian Frickenstein, City Engineer	X
Alderman Kuhlemier	X	Richard Downey, Administrator	X
Also Attended			
		Bill Wescott, City Clerk	X

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
Call to Order- 6:30 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quorum Present 	
2. Unfinished Business a. Garfield/Thomas St. Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City Engineer presented maps of the Benchmark Subdivision, which would seemingly indicate that many parts of the drainage system that was to be installed in that area which directly affect the Thomas/Garfield area were never completed. Following a brief discussion, it was determined that once the corn fields have been harvested that are on the property, The City will access the area and verify what has and has not been completed in regards to the drainage system. 	Unfinished Business: Procure Agreements and provide the same for the next meeting
3. New Business a. Road Projects 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mayor addressed the committee and stated that with the loss of sales tax receipts that is anticipated to be near 15% (8.5% ½ cent & 7% sales), it will be in the City's best interest to forego any major road projects for next year and focus on road maintenance issues, that repairs can be facilitated on with out major expenditures of monies. We have a financial commitment to the 12th Avenue Project and stimulus monies. However, the committee wishes to begin the planning for 2011 so that our utilities can plan budget items that will be required in anticipation of major projects. Roads identified for the engineer to present cost estimates on: 7th Ave., W. 13th, W. 14th, W. 15th, 6th Ave., 5th Ave., Leroy Ave., 19th St. between 1st Ave & 8th Ave., 3rd Ave. between 19th & 20th 	Unfinished Business: Review of roads for 2011 with anticipated estimated costs from the City engineer for the next meeting
3. New Business b. West 24 th Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mayor shared the results of a recent meeting with representatives of IDOT in regards to this on going problem with runoff on W. 24th Street. IDOT wants the projected to be done in such a manner that it will correct some issues that they have. Rep. Mitchell has secured \$45,000 for this project and the City intends to proceed with another plan that will have the drainagel go from the manhole into the creek that runs in the area. A letter was sent by the City to George Ryan (IDOT) outlining its intent, we are awaiting a response to that letter at this time. 	Unfinished Business: Update on IDOT response
3. New Business c. Garbage rate removal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrator Downey requested the committee to provide guidance on whether we want to remove the garbage charges from the monthly billings of those individuals that leave the community for months at a time. The reason is that our current garbage contractor calls in on a monthly basis and bills the City for services based on the number of active residents. We are in essence collecting monies from individuals that are not receiving services while they are gone. A discussion issued, concerning the contractor calling in for a residential count monthly vs. a set number. 	Unfinished Business: Contract will be reviewed and information brought back to committee
4. City Engineer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Frickenstein presented a brief report on West 3rd Street. He is going to be submitting a change order for the previously approved \$10,000.00 change for additional rock required for the project. He in addition, requested the committee to determine if at this time they wanted to release the retainage, which is at \$23,000.00. The punch list for the project has been reviewed and all work is complete, with the exception of a question 	Committee recommended the payment of the change order and the retainage as well. Referred to

	<p>surrounding the NW corner of 3rd St. & 3rd Avenue. Mr. White and Mr. Downey, Chairman Reitzel will meet with Mr. Frickenstein at the location tomorrow morning to verify that all work is completed. The only outstanding items remaining are the signal connections, which can not be completed until the First Avenue project is complete.</p>	the Council
5. Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mayor Blanton presented general information on the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. WWTP construction schedule moving along on time. Sewer line has been placed under the roadway. Aggregate base to be put in place on Clearwater Drive next week. 2. Rt. 40 Project progressing, contractor hopes to start grinding next Tuesday if the weather holds. Mayor requested that all questions or concerns about this project be directed thru Mr. Downey and or himself, as opposed to multiple inquires to IDOT and the contractor from numerous sources. 3. Meeting to be held with Mr. Dehann, owner of the Rock River Trailer Park for discussion of his accessing City Water for his residents. Approximately 71 trailers occupy the park. 	No Actions
6. Street a. East 11 th Street Drainage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. White reported that several years ago when the city did work on E. 11th Street, not all of the driveway approaches were completed on the project. Because of that, low areas exist that allow water to standing and accumulate, especially during heavy rains and during winter snowmelts. 	Mr. White is to determine costs necessary to finish those areas that were not completed and report back to the committee.
b. Street Department Building repairs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● On the south side of the Street Department Building, severe rusting is occurring. The problem is related to water problems secondary to concrete base of the building. Bids are going to be let for the work to be completed. 	Bids to be obtained to determine cost.
c. Retirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Mr. White announced to the Committee that he is going to be retiring from his position here with the City effective November 18, 2009. It is a very difficult decision for him to have made, however, health related issues and his desire to spend more time with his family take a higher priority. He expressed his love of the job and the people that work here at the City and that he will miss what has been his life for the past 33 years. 	Issue of replacement of Mr. White, will be referred to the Personnel Committee.
7. Water a. Update on Loss due to lighting Strike	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All repairs resulting from the lighting strike to the Water Plant have been completed except, the final testing of the SCADAware system. They were schedule to be here on Wednesday of this week, however, illness prevented that visit. To be completed next week. Clerk Wescott is handling the claim. 	No Action
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● With no further business for the committee to consider, Chairman Reitzel declared the meeting adjourned. (8:10 p.m.) 	