



City of Rock Falls Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 01/08/09 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 pm Time Meeting Ended: 8:30pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Arduini (Chairperson)	A	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Snow (acting chairperson)	P	Lou Pignatelli, 205 1 st Avenue property owner	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Brian Frickenstein, Willett, Hoffman & Assoc	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	P		
Alderman Reitzel	P	Richard Downey, City Administrator	
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 6:30pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee called to order at 6:30pm 	No action.
2. Approval Minutes of December 4 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes were accepted as presented. 	Minutes accepted as presented with no changes.
3. Old Business: a) Tar and Chipping Roads.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed tarring and chipping of roads with the assistance of Hopkins Township and their chipping machine. Alderman Kuhlemier requested that Arland Folkers, township highway commissioner with Hopkins Township be invited to the next committee meeting. Brian Frickenstein suggested to committee that committee can get about a mile's worth of tar and chipping. 	Mr. Folker would be invited to next committee meeting and placed on agenda.
3. Old Business b) Pothole Repair Machine/Spray Patchers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee is looking at working with Hopkins Township and will have more work on this for next meeting. 	No action.
3. Old Business c) Project Readiness-EDA Submittals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported on submittals to EDA for "job creation" projects under the Obama administration project creation. 	Committee thanked the City Administrator for brief report.
4. New Business: a) Garfield Street Curb repair project (e-mail)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed issue. Alderman reported that driveway was installed on top of current dirt without digging down and hence there is a drop off at the end of the driveway. Committee discussed and declined any action as this issue was not caused by the City. 	No action on issue.
4. New Business b) Rt. 30 Truck Route Designation (e-mail)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed issue of making Route 30 through the City of Rock Falls a "truck-route". Issue is moving forward due to Mayor's letter sent in October, but is moving slowly, and activity should move forward here shortly. 	No action.

<p>5. City Engineer- Brian Frickenstein</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian reported on current design project on 3rd Street and that the design work is being done by his office and should be able to completed and bid by March. Committee discussed about using MFT money for project. • Committee discussed working on residential section of 3rd street first and then do the commercial section of the street. • Brian handed out a report on the FAU projects. Committee discussed target areas for FAU projects. • 2009 general maintenance, is now ready for City Council to pass, Brian reported. The City has not used the amounts allocated in the past. If the City wishes to submit for the same amount of materials the committee will have to advise that the City Council approve \$127,000. 	<p>Committee thanked Brian for his reports.</p>
<p>6. Committee member items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alderman Reitzel questioned fleet purchasing for the utility departments. Committee discussed issue. • Alderman Snow discussed snow plowing along Avenue A where 3 plow vehicles were on the road, one was plowing and two others were merely following. Committee discussed and requested that Jim speak to department employees about utilizing their time better. • Alderman Reitzel discussed snow removal down town. He was concerned about 2nd Street snow removal. Committee discussed. • Mayor also discussed that if there is a snow route that has parking on it, that is called to the police department to have vehicles towed away and the police department doesn't have vehicles towed he wishes to have that reported to him. • Mayor discussed about him contacting NICOR. Mayor has sent a letter to them until NICOR starts using flowable fill they will not be getting any city permits to do any work. Mayor has requested that the City will receive a letter from them that they acknowledge flowable fill has to be used on projects. • Mayor also questioned status on damage done at community building on sidewalk. City Administrator reported that issue was being worked on by City Clerk. Mayor will check with City Clerk on this issue. • Mayor discussed issues on Arland Street. Committee discussed and requested that issue be placed on agenda for next month. 	<p>Items would be addressed, and final item would be placed on next agenda.</p>
<p>7. Water-Mr. Padilla</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Pignatelli reported that he was concerned about his high bill complaint. He has found information that there is potential issue with electronic metering system, and that his building is "bone dry" and he cannot see how there could be the amount of water that he is being charged to flow through the system. Committee discussed, and requested that the charge of 358 units of both water & sewer off the bill. Mr. Pignatelli thanked the committee and left. • Ted discussed abandonment of Water Well to be done by Layne Western. Committee discussed and requested "not to exceed" numbers from Layne to be paid out of the Water department. • Ted discussed water rates. Committee discussed, and requested 	<p>Committee requested an adjustment of bill to remove the 358 units off of the bill.</p>

	Ted send suggested rate adjustments to City Council for approval.	
8. Street-Mr. White	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim reported that 88 of the 100 street signs are in, West 2nd from 12th Avenue to 1st Avenue, 12th Avenue to Route 30, Route 30 from 13th Avenue/Buell Road to 1st Avenue signs will be done. • Floor drains at Street department is plugged up, Jim is working on getting it fixed with the Sewer department. • One of the dump trucks is over getting a radiator replaced on it, also had to order a strobe light control box for one of the dump trucks and one truck has a broken rear spring is broken. • New Salt shipment is in. • Concrete barriers on Avenue A have been delivered to the Reliant site, and fencing will be done here shortly. 	Committee thanked Jim for the update.
9. Wastewater-Mr. Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor reported on sewer plant permitting. City will have to have two sewer plant permits, and Mayor is saying, even though we have no plant at second site, the City is still going to have to pay for the second permit. Mayor is working on seeing about getting some of these funds returned. • Mayor reported on status of new sewer plant. Committee discussed. 	No Action.
10. Review/ Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee reviewed and accepted the minutes. 	Minutes accepted.
11. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee adjourned at 	

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee