



City of Rock Falls Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 06/04/09 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 pm Time Meeting Ended: 7:55pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel (chairman)	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Snow	P	Brian Frickenstein, Willett & Hoffman Assoc.	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	P	Jim White, Street Superintendent	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Ed Cox, Sewer Superintendent	P
		Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
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. Citizen Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requests were presented. 	No items were presented.
3. New Business: a) Road Evaluation Software-Richard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator presented information on Micropaver software and talked to committee about information about electronic rating software. Committee requested this item be placed on the agenda and information be placed in their boxes. 	Item would be tabled.
3. New Business b) Additional Road Project Quotes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator presented some information on additional road plans. Currently the committee has adopted a long-term plan for getting projects completed. Committee discussed about the new projects. City Administrator also presented information that the committee should consider the FAU routes in 2011. Currently the planned FAU project, is being done under ARRA (American Recovery and Reinvestment Act). Alderman Kuhlemier suggested that between 5th Avenue and 1st Avenue on West 12th Street, W 13th and West 14th should be looked at due to flooding. 	Committee will look at the lists of project and asked to have item placed on agenda.
3. New Business: c) Update of (5) Five Year street plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee tabled additions to 5 year plan until the next meeting. 	Tabled.
4. City Engineer, Brian Frickenstein a) West 3 rd Street Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Cox reported that NICOR gas hit a sanitary sewer today and they will be working to repair that project. Brian also reported on schedule of project. Campos construction, the concrete contractor will be starting at the West end and working east. Twin Cities will not be working next week, and the thought that Campos will catch up with Twin Cities when Twin Cities works between 2nd and 1st Avenue, to minimize issues with traffic. City Administrator reported that there could possible be a picket on project, although it was uncertain if the Teamsters out of Dixon would be setting up a picket. 	No action.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A concrete retaining wall was damaged by the work, and will have to be replaced and will be a change order in the contract. Brian estimated that the cost of this would be between \$3,000-\$5,000. Jim White suggested "sea wall" retaining wall for repair. Brian said he would get a cost either way for project. Brian also said he would contact property owner and see if land owner would prefer to have the area landscaped. 	
5. Committee member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor reported that Bob Gasper reported back to him on 12" connection for IDOT station south of Industrial park. There were no problems with the design. • Mayor reported that the City of Sterling does not charge anyone when they are "turned off". Committee discussed. Committee determined that there should be no change in policy at this time. • Mayor reported on new Water Well and discussing with the landowner that is near the current water plant. The price for the land was somewhat expensive. Mayor reported that he has also discussed this issue with Coloma Park District, as they are also in the area. Committee discussed. As issue progresses Mayor will report on issue. • Mayor reported on issue on 2nd Street regarding NICOR repairing dirt and grass along street. Committee discussed. City Administrator reported that customer requested to place a dumpster at the City's expense on his property and he would replant the grass. Committee discussed. Committee declined to pay for a dumpster. Committee felt that once it was prepared per city ordinances that the city's commitment would be ended. Committee felt that because city staff had seen it installed as a green sod, that issue was not on NICOR. • On West 15th Street, across from body shop (Hall's) and first white house, Alderman Kuhlemier reported that there is a dip in the road. Could the street department please investigate. • Alderman Snow reported that downtown, near Foster's Body Shop that the road was failing. He requested that street department investigate issue. • Alderman Reitzel requested that something be done with parking lot across from former farmer's market. Committee discussed, Alderman Snow suggested concrete barricades be placed on sidewalk to protect what is left of the sidewalk, as the semi's are breaking down sidewalk. Committee discussed. Committee also suggested placing posts and chains to prevent semi-trucks parking in lot. Committee requested that a memo be sent to the Police department to ensure that Sec. 9-165. Semitrailers; trucks be enforced downtown, as trucks are parking more than 12 hours down there. • Mayor also requested that the ordinance that was just changed for utility office, be sent to their attention. 	City Administrator would be sent to Police and to the Utility Office.
6. Street-Mr. White.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. White reported that his department is working on street painting. They are also doing a bunch of sign repairs. There are 35 street signs ordered and will get them up shortly. • Alderman Thurm requested that the speed limit signs on Avenue 	Committee thanked Jim for his report.

	<p>D be looked at to get done. Jim reported that those signs should be installed either Friday or Monday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. White reported that patching machine is on order. Tank is also on order. Concrete pad is also being worked on, and rebar is being made. Price on emulsion oil will be about \$2 a gallon, and we will have to find someone to haul the oil to fill the tank. Electricity will be installed shortly. • Jim has talked to the City of Sterling, and will share the cost of crack sealer with them. Jim said that his crews will blow the cracks out before they are filled. • Jim reported that new sweeper has been purchased, and will be available shortly. • Mayor requested an update on prices on parking lot signage. Jim reported that he has not received any prices from local sign company. Jim questioned how many signs would be needed. Committee discussed. • Brian suggested that crack sealing be done on streets that were done in the previous year, specifically Marsha Street and Rocket Drive. 	
7. Wastewater-Mr. Cox.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catch basins are ordered, but still not in, so catch basins are on hold. • On Reliant, the company that will slip line main under building, cleaned the line. Mr. Cox reported that the main had previous opening for services, and after line is going to be slip lined, all of these laterals will be sealed. Committee discussed. • Mr. Cox reported that he will be gone on extended medical leave starting next Tuesday. 	No action.
8. Water-Mr. Padilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Padilla had nothing to report. 	Nothing to report.
9. Review/Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were approved as presented. 	Minutes were approved as presented.
10. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm 	Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee