



City of Rock Falls Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 05/07/09 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 pm Time Meeting Ended: 8:38pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel (chairperson)	P	Bob Gasper, Willett Hoffman & Assoc.	P
Alderman Snow	P	Brian Frickenstein, Willett Hoffman & Assoc.	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Schuneman	A	Ted Padilla, Water Superintendent	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	A	Ed Cox, Sewer Superintendent	P
Also Attended		Jim White, Street Superintendent	P
Stan Bardo, Bardo Specialty Auto	A	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 Request: Mr. Bardo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Cox presented a film on the sewer line on the property of Mr. Bardo. Mr. Bardo thanked the committee for their time after it was determined that his sewer is not connected to the shrine that sits south of Mr. Bardo's property. 	Committee thanked Mr. Cox for the report with no action.
3. Old Business: a) Procedure for Utility Billing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator requested once again to table this item as this item was still under review. 	No action at this time.
4. New Business: a) "live near work" initiative-Mr. Downey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Downey introduced the idea of the "Live near work" initiative, where citizens can live near to where they work and instead of driving to work, but can walk or bike to work, a green initiative. After a discussion committee agreed to allocate some sidewalk funds for the "Live Near Work" initiative. 	Committee accepted the "live near work" initiative and allocated some sidewalk funds for repairs.
4. New business b) Match funds for Bike Path Grant-Mr. Downey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Downey informed committee that there has to be a match for the \$90,000 for the bike path section 1 of the bike path, the area from Dixon Avenue to the former railroad bridge over the Hennepin Canal. Mr. Downey presented information to committee regarding the ½ cent sales tax allocated in the budget. He informed the committee \$606,587.24 would be available for the committee to pay for this year. Committee discussed about how to use the money, and decided that \$460,000 would be for the current West 3rd project, \$15,000 extra would be set aside for engineering on West 3rd street, and \$30,000 would be allocated for future year engineering. Leaving about \$101,587.24 remaining which would mean that \$90,000 could be allocated to the Bike Path grant. Committee discussed. For now committee would allocate money to Bike Path Grant, and if the grant is awarded 	Committee agreed to set aside \$90,000 for bike path.

	money would be made available.	
4. New business c) Center for Watershed Protection Web Casts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Downey reported on webcasts that would be made available for Stormsewer management. Some of these presentations would be free, and the schedule will be submitted to the committee as it becomes available. Costs for these presentations would be taken out of the training fund. 	Schedule would be sent to committee as it becomes available.
4. New business d) 2008-2012 CEDS Submittal List	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported to the committee on CEDS lists, and asked for any more updates to be submitted to his office before May 15th so he could submit it to Blackhawk Hills RC&D. 	Extra items would be submitted to City Administrator as items are submitted.
4. New Business e) Road Patch List - \$20,000 funding - Mr. Downey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Downey presented list to committee on areas of cut out for repairs. The committee has \$ 11587.24, so they committee determined to allow Street Superintendent \$10,000 for spot patching cut outs. 	Items would be patched
4. New Business f) Sidewalk Issues Benchmark Subdivision-Mr. Downey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed the missing piece on 421 Meadow Lark Lane. City Administrator presented information on issue, and after discussion committee requested that the property owner be informed that it would be his cost to install the sidewalk, and to report back to the committee about issue. 	City Administrator will send a letter to home owner to install sidewalk.
5. City Engineer, Brian Frickenstein a) Progress Report W. 3 rd Street Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Engineer reported on issues relating to W 3rd Street project. Issues have arisen with NICOR Natural Gas Company. Committee discussed issues. Mayor informed committee that he will be speaking to NICOR about issues relating to other items, and he will try and speak to them about W 3rd as well. 	No action by committee
6. Committee member items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alderman Snow just informed committee that he would like to have someone speak with NICOR about issues. Mayor informed committee that he will do so. 	No action.
7. Wastewater-Mr. Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee was told that Arland street was submitted as DCEO stimulus money as a project. City Engineer Bob Gasper and Mayor are working on this item, and hence no City work will be done while that application is out. Bob Gasper gave an update on the Sewer Plant project. Construction permit has been received. Mayor is working on getting funding in line. Currently there is some stimulus money that is going to be available for the sewer plant and Mayor will be working on funding for rest of money for plant. Catch basins will be worked on. The basins are all on order, and as soon as they come in they will be installed. Mr. Cox did report that he would be replacing the employee that has retired. Applications will be accepted until May 15th. 	Committee accepted all items from Sewer Superintendent.
8. Water - Mr. Padilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Padilla reported that his newest employee will be coming up on his 6 month probationary period and he will stay on, as he is an excellent employee. Mr. Padilla also reported that as West 3rd project moves forward he will have to adjust the water lines. 	Committee thanked Ted for reported with no action.

<p>9. Street - Mr. White a) Urban Renewal Road Repair Report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. White reported that mowing and pot hole repairs are being done by the department. • Mr. White reported on Urban Renewal Road Repairs. Committee discussed issues and declined action. • Mr. White requested that the city purchase a replacement street sweeper from Sterling. Discussion was had on purchasing machine and Mayor was given permission to purchase machine with limited "New Equipment funds". • Committee discussed about getting a "Dura-Patcher" road repair machine. The machine would cost \$55,000 and the tank that is required would cost \$39,000. Committee discussed about getting machine. Mayor requested electrical costs for the tank, Alderman Snow did report that the other City they looked at their costs were not high. Committee continued discussion. Committee made decision to purchase machine, and recommend to the City Council to confirm purchase. • Sidewalk contract has not been signed as of yet, hence work will not begin yet. Street Superintendent will submit sidewalk list to committee to review. • Crack repair was discussed, and will be done after July. 	<p>Item will be placed on City Council for purchase for next agenda.</p>
<p>10. Review/Approve Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee reviewed minutes as presented and accepted as presented. 	<p>Minutes were accepted as presented.</p>
<p>11. Adjournment.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 	<p>Meeting adjourned.</p>

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee