



City of Rock Falls Electric Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: August 24, 2010 Time Meeting Started: 8:15 a.m. Time Meeting Ended: 9:15 a.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Hand (chairperson)	X	Mayor Blanton	X
Alderman Schuneman	X	Paul Jakubczak, Electrical Director	X
Alderman Reitzel	X	Richard Downey, City Administrator	X
Alderman Kuhlemier	X	Dick Simon	X

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 8:15 a.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the July 27, 2010 Electric Committee Minutes. 	
3. Financial/Reliability/Broadband Report.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paul Jakubczak reported on billed, expensed and cash received for the month of July. Mr. Jakubczak explained to the Committee why our reliability numbers went up. Discussion was held regarding the Sewer Plant fiber. The conduit is currently about 85% complete. After the fall when the harvest is complete we will be installing the fiber optic cable itself. 	No Action
4. IMBCA/Rural Health Net Grant.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jakubczak explained to the Committee that we have been selected as a recipient to assist with the Northern Illinois University for the Rural Health Net Cure Network Grant. This grant provides rural health care institutions such as CGH Hospital and KSB the ability to connect to Chicago over high speed internet. Part of the grant is to utilize the fiber going through the City of Rock Falls. This is all part of and will be paid for by the grant itself. Mr. Jakubczak mentioned to the Committee that he had scheduled a meeting with Irshad Ansari from NI Solutions, Inc. on Thursday, September 2, 2010 to go over some other details the IMBCA is working towards to make sure the City is protected. 	No Action
5. IMEA/APPA Updates.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jakubczak mentioned to Mayor Blanton and Alderman Kuhlemier regarding the Prairie State Tour that he prefers to leave on the 8th and spend the night. The 2011 APPA Legislative Rally will be held February 28, - March 3, 2011 in Washington, D.C. The hotels will be open for booking beginning November 1, 2010. Paul Jakubczak mentioned he would like to know before the next Electric Committee Meeting on September 28, 2010 who plans on attending. 	No Action
6. Cost of Removing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was held regarding why we would like to have a cost 	No Action

Services.	associated with having services removed. This would be for tree trimmers that request services be dropped for their work or for customers that are doing re-hooks or upgrades to the electrical system. The Committee approved to charge a \$25.00 fee to start to offset some of the cost that we are incurring now.	
7. PPA Calculations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jakubczak distributed a graph showing the Committee how the PPA reflects what the actual costs are that we are receiving from IMEA. This is in reference to a large number of complaints that we heard regarding high utility bills and the purchase power adjustment. Paul explained to the Committee that unfortunately our cost went from 6.2¢ to 8¢; which is a pass through cost from the utility to the customer. 	No Action
8. Ground Water/ Electric Scholarship.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was discussed with Ted Padilla, Water Department Superintendent and he had recommended that we look at a joint ground water and electric scholarship for seniors graduating from Rock Falls High School. Mr. Padilla and Mr. Jakubczak feel that with the training that we are giving in the fifth grades and now the High School that the students should be able to be rewarded for paying attention and learning a little bit more about efficiency as well as the water aquifers and where the power comes from. The Committee approved for the Electric Department to donate \$500.00 towards the scholarship and the Water Department would donate \$500.00 as well to make a \$1,000.00 scholarship available for the graduating seniors of Rock Falls High School. 	No Action
9. City Hall Lighting Update.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jakubczak distributed a sheet from Holophane showing the updated drawings of what the light fixtures will look like. Paul mentioned to the Committee there are a total of six not five as previously thought. The Electric Department did seek bids for these light fixtures. The lowest bid was awarded to Power Line Supply in the amount of \$28,913.00. 	City Council Approval
10. Truck Bids.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A total of five sealed bids were received on August 20, 2010 for a One Ton and a 3/4 Ton Truck. After evaluation, the Committee approved a bid for the 3/4 ton truck with plow from Pete Harkness Chevrolet in the amount of \$38,295.00. 	City Council Approval
11. Committee Member Items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Jakubczak advised the Committee that he had been approached by Edler Engineering and the City of Peru with the possibility of selling some miscellaneous relays that we have. The Committee agreed to help out the Utility and sell these relays for a total of \$2,000.00 per relay; there are two relays involved. A letter will be drafted and sent to the City of Peru. Paul Jakubczak updated the Committee regarding our insurance claim that we have for our roof repairs. He mentioned that he has been contacted by Bill Wescott that the insurance claim should be settled before the end of the week, which means we should have a check by then. Once we have that we will see how the breakdown was put together and determine the course of action for getting the repairs done. Mr. Jakubczak mentioned to the Committee he had received 	City Council

	<p>five bids for the Switchgear at S. 14th for the Generation Project. After review and to keep continuity with the equipment that the City has; it was recommended the contract be awarded to Pederson Power Products out of Omaha, Nebraska in the amount of \$389,430.00.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jakubczak mentioned to the Electric Committee that ComEd is looking at a 7% rate increase which goes inside with another rate increase which they recently had come up with. • Alderman Schuneman brought up that he had been contacted by a customer at 509 East Ninth Street regarding some over grown shrubs that were around the base of a utility pole. Mr. Jakubczak advised he will check into this. • At the corner of Eighth Avenue and West Second Street there appears to be a ground wire that may have been broken off. This will be repaired as necessary. 	approval
12. Adjournment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjourned meeting @ 9:15 a.m. • Next meeting scheduled for September 28, 2010 @ 8:15 a.m. 	

Paul A. Jakubczak, Electrical Director