



City of Rock Falls

Public Works Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 07/01/10 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 pm Time Meeting Ended: 7:45pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel (Chairperson)	P	Mayor Blanton	A
Alderman Snow	A	Ed Cox, Sewer Superintendent	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	P	Brian Frickenstein, Willett Hoffman & Assoc.	P
Alderman Schuneman	P	Ted Padilla, Water & Street Superintendent	P
Alderman Thurm	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: Old Business: a) 12 th Avenue; Truck Route discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed issue and determined that 12th Avenue according to the State of Illinois is a truck route. The road has to be designated by the City as a non-truck route. Alderman Kuhlemier suggested setting up a meeting between the two cities to coordinate the designation between the two cities. Brian Frickenstein volunteered to speak to the City of Sterling regarding the status of this road. Enforcement would be a concern as well. 	Item would be tabled until more information would be presented.
3. New Business: a) Bridge Inspections 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported that he would like to have the committee designate Willett & Hoffman as the office to inspect the two bridges in town. After a short discussion committee determined that they would designate Willett & Hoffman as the firm to do the inspection. 	Willett & Hoffman was designated by the committee as bridge inspection firm.
3. New Business b) Computer Software and Conversion Services Proposals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported to committee that an upgrade to the utility billing software was available for \$13,000. This would include a \$21,000 credit for Current Customer Upgrade Discount. Committee discussed and upon the recommendation of the Finance Committee Garbage fund would be charged for entire cost of upgrade. 	Committee confirmed that garbage fund would pay for upgrade at this time.
3. New Business c) Stormwater drainage E. 6 th & First Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed water drainage issue at East 6th Street. City Administrator reported that the bank has been contacted that is sitting on East 6th street, and they are reviewing their storm sewer plant. 	Item would be reviewed if necessary at future meetings.
4. City Engineer - Mr. Frickenstein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whiteside County will be coming in last week of July to put on the seal coat on East 6th, Ada Street, and 8th Avenue. West 24th street is still waiting for punch list to be completed, and then retainage will be released to him. Overall project cost was about \$1500 less than estimated costs. 	No action at this time.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benchmark subdivision has been surveyed. Everything is sloped the way it is supposed to be sloped. There are some low spots, which could be repaired, and the surface could be overlaid. All of the inlets that are supposed to be in there are installed. Alderman Reitzel question about Lincoln and Garfield drainage. Drainage dead ends at the park. Alderman Reitzel questioned if the park district was supposed to have some sort of drainage system. Alderman Reitzel question who would know about drainage plan in that park, Alderman Schuneman suggested park director, Mike Sterba might know. 12th Avenue was reported on. Pay estimate for June, will be done and City Administrator will approve pay estimate to be sent to IDOT that will be approved by the City Council at one of their next meeting. Brian and Ed Cox reported that manhole frames have been cracked as they are removed, and Brian reported that in his opinion that these items were not damaged by contractor and needed to be replaced. Committee discussed, and accepted as presented. 	
5. Water/Street - Mr. Padilla a) Project updates 1. Power washing green tower	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted reported that power is completed. The staff has found some developing rusting areas, so he would advise patching over the rust spots and then painting it in the upcoming budget years. 	No action.
5. Water/Street - Mr. Padilla a) Project updates 2. road projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The road projects have gone smoothly despite the storm damage. Material wise and work went pretty well. Staff was pleased with work done. Ponding water issues have been resolved with this work. 	No action.
5. Water/Street - Mr. Padilla a) Project updates 3. storm damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted reported that storm recovery has gone well. This Friday the 2nd will be last day for pick-up. 	No action.
5. Water/Street - Mr. Padilla a) Project updates 4. Generation plant mtg.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bio-pro project is moving forward. Staff in Water department and Sewer department has been fielding issues from engineering firms working on this project. 	No action.
6. Wastewater - Mr. Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress meeting was done with contractor on sewer plant. Issues were raised on storage of items, per contract items are supposed to be placed on gravel pad or inside buildings. Contractor will be addressing issues shortly. Contract #2 is running behind schedule, and staff has raised concern with contractor as contract has requirement to be out of football field August 1st. The hope is that contract #2 will get back on track here in next couple of weeks. Contract #3 on sewer plant replacement is at IEPA offices. Hopefully project will move forward in Spring. Dog Pound Lift station will be going to IEPA here in the coming months. Mr. Cox has spent a considerable time at the corner of Arland and Emmons regarding the storm sewer system. Issue has been 	No action.

	resolved after intervention of Alderman Schuneman, Alderman Reitzel and Mayor Blanton.	
7. Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • United Electric has cut back their trees that were in front of 40mph sign. • NICOR requested to do some work in front of the Post Office and head south, blocking alley. Ted is going to work with the, to ensure work is done with flowable fill. • East 17th drainage issues are still a concern. Issue has still not been addressed. 	No action.
8. Review/Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes were reviewed and accepted as presented. 	Minutes were approved as presented.
9. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm 	Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

Richard Downey, Recorder, Rock Falls Public Works Committee