



City of Rock Falls

Public Works Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 07/29/10 Time Meeting Started: 6:30 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 7:35pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel (chairperson)	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Brian Frickenstein, Willet Hoffman & Assoc.	P
Alderman Snow	P	Ed Cox, Sewer Superintendent	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	P		
Alderman Schuneman	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. New Business: a) IDOT - Emulsion Sale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> City Administrator reported that the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) has requested to purchase Emulsion from the city for usage in their patching machine. Committee discussed and had numerous questions; what are their expectations for year around usage? When will they want to pick up the emulsion? After a discussion on these and other questions, the committee declined to allow IDOT to utilize the city's emulsion tank over concerns of the city running short of emulsion, personnel on duty when needed, and the cost of maintaining the tank. The committee declared they would return to discussion in a year. 	Committee declined IDOT usage of the tank at this time.
2. New Business: b) Set next meeting date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next meeting date would be on September 2nd at 6:30pm. 	Committee determined to use regular meeting time and date in September.
3. City Engineer a) Project Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brian reported on 12th Avenue project. Manhole adjustments will be completed on Friday the 29th and painting will be done shortly after that. The project is estimated to come in about \$3500 under the awarded project cost. Two items will be on time and materials, manhole replacement, and repair of collapsed manhole. These two items would be under the current contract. Committee discussed scrap on manholes. Scrap value is very low currently and contract requires contractor to take scrap. Brian reported that if city wants this item in contract item has to be placed in future contracts. Seal-coating on two projects will be next week. 	Committee thanked Brian for report.

3. City Engineer b) Estimate on Avenue B overlay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian reported that project will be \$45,000 to \$55,000. This project would be paid for by the Water department in full. 	Project would be completed by the water department in full.
4. Wastewater-Mr. Cox	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Cox reported on new plant construction. Work is still on rebar and concrete. • Mr. Cox reported on contract #2, the contractor is out of the football field and it is sodded, and it looks good. West 2nd Street work will be closing from 14th Avenue to 13th Avenue only. • Coffe Dam work at the old sewer plant is at a standstill. Mr. Cox reported that work was supposed to be completed this week, but will probably not be completed until next week. • Contract #3 the pump stations work will be heard about shortly. All of the letters for right-of-ways have been sent out. • Work for underneath the High School is being camera run currently. The movie of the work has been showing that there is a large amount of grit that is in the pipe. Pipe has never been cleaned and hence is somewhat built up inside. 	Committee thanked Mr. Cox for report.
5. Water/Street-Mr. Padilla a) Crack Filling update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Administrator presented information from Street Superintendent that he had sent to committee earlier in the week. Committee discussed, and expressed that West 2nd Street crack filling went very well. Street Superintendent requested that next year the committee set aside \$25,000 for a continuation of the project. Committee discussed city purchasing material, and committee declined to do this process. Committee determined that crack filling should be started earlier in the calendar year and that this program should be continued next year. Brian recommended collecting information from contract on how many pounds of material was installed and how many feet was completed on streets, committee concurred, and Brian was directed to speak to contractor on quantities. 	Committee looked forward from hearing on project from Brian and Ted.
5. Water/Street Mr. Padilla b) Avenue B, E. 2 nd St. to E. 3 rd St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See above. 	See above.
5. Water/Street c) Watermain Project: Avenue A, E. 2 nd St. to E 3 rd St.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information was presented from Water Superintendent regarding water line expansion. Permits are being requested from the State of Illinois for this project and once the projects fall out then project can progress. 	Project is moving forward.
5. Water/Street d) High Bill Complaint :613 3 rd Avenue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information was provided to committee that meter on property was tested and tested ok. It was slow on the low side, and hence was actually reading under the usage. Committee reviewed information and declined any adjustment of the bill. 	Committee reviewed info and declined to adjust bill.
5. Water/Street e) Painting: City Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee reviewed information from Ted and thanked him for report. 	Committee reviewed report from Ted.

5. Water/Street f) Weed Kill: Uptown Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee discussed weed destruction. Weeds need to be cut before being sprayed with weed killer. 	Committee reviewed issue and thanked for report.
5. Water/Street g) Mowing Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed issue and thanked department for work. They also commented that summer helper this year should be commended for work. 	No action.
5. Water/Street h) Sidewalk Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed sidewalk report from Street Superintendent. Project on Dixon Avenue is completed. 2nd Street work is moving forward. 	No action.
6. Committee member items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alderman Snow requested to see Total Patcher on 11th Street between 5th Avenue and 6th Avenue. Alderman Snow also requested 7th Street between 7th and 8th Avenue also have the patcher used in that area. City Administrator will report issue to the street department. Alderman Kuhlemier requested West side of 5th Avenue between W. 12th Street it needs some "ironing out". Also in front of Save-A-Lot on W 10th Street between 5th Avenue and 1st Avenue. Alderman Reitzel requested that on West 2nd street near high school there is a sewer catch basin that has dropped. He and Alderman Snow both requested that this area be examined. Brian did report that area has been marked for repairs. Committee requested that Ted Padilla, the Street Superintendent examine area. Alderman Thurm requested 3rd Avenue just south of Route 30 be examined, as it is "getting bad again". Mayor reported that the ADA committee had a discussion that between Civic Plaza and West 10th Street there are no ADA ramps in that location. Alderman Kuhlemier and Mayor both suggested that ramps be placed in this area, and requested that the are be examined for ramp installation. Issue would be sent to Ted for review and if possible for installation during this calendar year. Alderman Kuhlemier requested that the handicapped parking be reviewed at Grummert's Hardware, as he believes that there is no handicapped parking for business. City Administrator will send to building inspector for review. 	
7. Review/Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee approved minutes as presented. 	Minutes approved as presented.
8. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee was adjourned at 7:35pm 	Committee adjourned at 7:35pm