



# City of Rock Falls

## Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6:00pm      Time Meeting Started:      pm      Time Meeting Ended:      pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Vandersnick (Chairperson)	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Snow	P	Police Chief Kuelper	P
Alderman Thurm	P	Alderman Reitzel	P
Alderman Folsom	P	Building Inspector Mark Searing	P
		Richard Downey, City Administrator	P
P-Present A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 6:00pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting begun at 6:00pm</li> </ul>	Meeting begun at 6:00pm
2. New Business: a) Request for Handicapped @415 W. 18 <sup>th</sup> Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>City Administrator reported on issue, but Chief Kuelper reported that city does not own property so no action is required.</li> </ul>	No action required.
2. New Business b) Sandpoint Installations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee reviewed information by Water Superintendent. Committee recommended no change, so citizens can keep their sandpoints for watering of their gardens, washing cars, etc. If Whiteside County does not wish to permit sand point, then the city will not allow. Sand points that are installed below grade, are disallowed. Water Superintendent is requesting that any that are below grade be removed if they fail. Committee discussed, and determined that an ordinance would be redundant, as the county has outlawed issue already. Committee discussed and would outlaw repairs to below grade wells but took no action on outlawing wells in general at this time.</li> </ul>	Committee recommended crafting ordinance to disallow repairs to a below grade well.
2. New Business c) Snow Route & Odd/Even Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Street Superintendent recommended making calendar parking to be parking on odd side of road on odd number day and even side of road on even side of day. Committee discussed and approved changes as presented.</li> </ul>	Issue would be presented to city council at earliest convenience.
2. New Business d) Small Wind Energy Conversion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building inspector presented information on Wind Energy Ordinance. Issue has already been sent to planning commission on wind generation ordinance. Committee directed building inspector to change ordinance as presented and return the ordinance to the city council for adoption.</li> </ul>	Building inspector would put ordinance together and send to city council for adoption.
2. New Business e) Ornamental/Prairie Grass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building inspector presented information on prairie grass. Committee discussed. Building inspector was directed to complete ordinance and submit to city council for adoption as time allows.</li> </ul>	Building inspector would work with City Clerk to put ordinance

		together and send to city council for adoption.
2. New Business f) Bee Keeping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee reviewed letter sent by city attorney regarding bee keeping issue.</li> <li>• Committee tabled issue and requested that the building inspector speak with city attorney on this issue regarding state permitting, and, send issue if there are no further concerns, to city council.</li> </ul>	Building inspector will speak to city attorney regarding bee ordinance.
2. New Business g) Truancy Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Chief reported on Truancy Ordinance, and would like to adopt the state law as the local ordinance for enforcement. Committee concurred.</li> </ul>	Ordinance will be drafted by the City Clerk and returned to the City Council.
2. New Business h) Curfew Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Chief reported on Curfew Ordinance, and would like to adopt the state law as the local ordinance for enforcement. Committee concurred.</li> </ul>	Ordinance will be drafted by the City Clerk and returned to the City Council.
2. New Business i) Trash on Right-of-way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police chief reported on issue. When a foreclosure occurs and the property of the resident is deposited on the city right-of-way the landlord association is claiming the city must clean this up. Committee discussed and requested clarification from the City's Attorney.</li> </ul>	Committee requested review by the City Attorney, City Administrator will call City Attorney on issue.
2. New Business j) Downtown Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Chief reported on issue. Downtown businesses have requested unlimited parking downtown, or two hours parking. Chief presented information that within a 45 day period from the beginning of December to January 26<sup>th</sup> 2011.</li> <li>• Committee requested to make all 90 minute spots uptown to 3 hour parking. Ordinance would be drafted and sent to city council for action.</li> </ul>	Ordinance would be drafted to allow for 3 hour parking and sent to city council for approval.
3. Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• City Administrator reported on letter from city attorney regarding brownfields. Committee requested City Attorney to address issue at their next meeting, either by attending or by letter.</li> </ul>	Single issue would be sent to City Attorney for action.
4. Review/Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Committee reviewed minutes as presented and accepted them.</li> </ul>	Minutes were approved as presented.
5. Adjournment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting was adjourned at 7:13pm</li> </ul>	Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm