



City of Rock Falls

Public Property Committee Meeting

Minutes

Date: 04/14/11 Time Meeting Started: 6:00 pm

Time Meeting Ended: 7: pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Folsom (Chairperson)	P	Mayor Blanton	P
Alderman Snow	P	Don Wood	P
Alderman Vandersnick	P	Mike Poci	P
Alderman Schuneman	P	Daniel Miles	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"> Meeting called to order at 6:00pm 	Meeting called to order at 6:00pm
2. Approve Minutes of February 10, 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting minutes were approved as presented. 	Meeting minutes were approved as presented.
3. New Business a) Farmers Market Committee - Mr. Poci	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Wood, Mr. Poci and Mr. Miles, presented information to committee regarding usage of former farmer's market location. Committee discussed. Mayor questioned how hard would it be to plow lot, what about surface maintenance, and how many parking spots would be lost with trees being planted. Committee discussed. Mayor also had a concern with the trees as they grow, will they come up through the lot. Mr. Wood suggested some Norway Maple trees for area. Mayor also expressed a concern about charging for usage of a public lot. Committee discussed. Mayor expressed a concern about competing with private industry, and putting too many rules on market. Alderman Snow expressed an interest to keep the Farmer's Market here, and also expressed support for the people that were volunteering to get things more organized. Committee discussed how the City could work with the Farmer's market. Alderman Schuneman asked a couple of questions regarding issue. He wanted to know locations of trees, if there would be boxes or sandstone boulders around trees. He also expressed a concern about liability for market, but also did express that he supported market concept. Alderman Schuneman requested that Farmer's market get together. Committee discussed about having monthly events, where someone would come in and give rides. Also discussed about "pet day", and having local veterinary volunteers to come in and do a program. 	Committee thanked Mr. Wood, Mr. Poci and Mr. Miles for their attendance.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee discussed about having trees. Committee after a discussion determined that trees would not be acceptable at this time. • Committee discussed about having a port-a-potty on lot. Committee discussed and said that they could be used on a one day basis only. • Committee discussed about having a sign on the site. Committee discussed. Committee said that if the sign complied with city sign ordinance they would allow a sign. 	
3. New Business b) Use of Municipal Parking Lots.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor reported that he has sent a letter to National Guard regarding usage of municipal parking lot at City Hall. • Committee requested that signs would be posted for 48 hour parking. Also a request would be made to the Police Department to determine how many parking spaces be marked as "G" for guard parking, which would allow for unlimited parking for guard unit parking. 	Issue would sent to Street and Police department for designation. Mayor will write a letter to National Guard to inform them of parking.
3. New Business c) Update on Energy Grant- Mr. Downey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Administrator gave short report on energy grant on community building. Committee thanked City Administrator for report. 	No action.
4. Committee Member Items.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alderman Snow requested the committee look at restroom facilities at lower dam. He would like to see about getting some sort of structure at lower dam that would be bathrooms. Discussion was had on speaking to park district, but committee discussed about having City put it in. • Alderman Snow reported a street light out on West 2nd Street between Innovations and Rosie's barbershop. In the parking lot on West 1st Street some of the lights are lighting and then going out. • Mayor presented information on Route 40 Bridge lighting portion and Bike path. Committee discussed, and thanked Mayor for his short report. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee thanked Alderman Snow for his request. • Lights issues would be sent to Electric department for action. • No action.
5. Review and Approve Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee reviewed minutes and approved as presented. 	Minutes were approved as presented.
6. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm 	Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.