



City of Rock Falls Ordinance-License Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 02 23 12 **Time Meeting Started:** 6:00 p.m. **Time Meeting Ended:** 6:39 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Ald. Vandersnick, Chairman	P	Administrator Blackert	P
Ald. Snow	P	City Clerk Wescott	P
Ald. Folsom	A	Ed Cox, Water Reclamation Supt.	P
Ald. Thurm	A	Mark Searing, Building Insp.	P
Mayor Blanton	P		
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order @ 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll call, quorum present 	In session @ 6:00 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of January 26, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following review of the minutes, they were accepted as presented. 	Minutes approved
3. New Business a) Div. 12. Photographers and Photograph Solicitor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A recent inquiry concerning a business license for a photography studio caused a review of the ordinance. The current ordinance sets license fees on a monthly, weekly and per day schedule. No provisions are allocated for a yearly license in Sec. 8-562. In addition, in Sec8-563 Location of Business defines fixed location. Clerk Wescott presented the following Ordinance change: Sec. 8-562. Same Fee “The fee for a license engaging in business under this division shall be (\$50.00) yearly for any business that is established with a fixed location. The fees for transient license applicants shall be (\$50.00) monthly ; (\$25.00) per week; (\$10.00) per day.” Following a brief discussion, committee recommends approval to Council. 	Send ordinance change to council for approval
3. b) User Rate – Sewer c) Sewer Plant Improvement Rate Ordinance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adm. Blackert and Ed Cox, Water Reclamation Supt. provided a briefing on the proposed changes to Div. 4 Rates; Section 15-266. Basis, rates and charges for sewerage service 7 (c) Wastewater service rates and charges. (1). Following a lengthy discussion of the current revenue income to projected payments necessary starting in FY 2013 for repayment of the loans associated with the construction of the new Wastewater Reclamation Plant which will total \$991,000 divided into two (2) payments yearly. The rates currently in place for implementation on 05-01-2012 will remain the same, with the exception of column (f) RC (replacement treatment plant charge) will not be increased but shall remain at the current rate of \$25.50 per month; column (g) P (replacement wastewater treatment plant usage rate will not increase but remain at \$0.85. Both of these charges will be in place for a period of six (6) months 11-01-2012. Prior to that time, the finance committee shall review the results of these changes and set the rates for subsequent years for all rate schedules in this ordinance. 	Committee approves proposed rate changes as presented to the Council
3. d) Non-conforming Lots in Residential areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the request of the Planning/Zoning Commission, the committee with input from Building Inspector Searing discussed the current ordinance that covers Non-conforming Lots in the R-2 one family residential districts. Recently the P/Z acted upon a variance requests that brought attention to the need for consideration of current practices. Following a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that any change would be limited to pre-existing structures/foundations not new construction. Case by case consideration will remain a must, however, with a justified recommendation; they would like to see the hearings eliminated to expedite approvals. Additional research will be done and brought to the next committee meeting 	Tabled till next meeting

4. Committee Member items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Searing was allowed to present an item for discussion. He would like to see us check into the possibility of placing cost recovery for lawn mowing, etc. on the property tax bills instead of the liens process that is currently utilized. Current practices take so long for recover of the cost the city has to expend. This matter will be reached and brought up at a future meeting as an agenda items. 	No action
5. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With no other business to come before the committee, Chairman Vandersnick called for adjournment, committee concurs. 	Adjournment at 6:39 p.m.

Ald. Mark Vandersnick, Committee Chairman