



## City of Rock Falls Ordinance/License Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 05 17 12 **Time Meeting Started:** 6:00 p.m. **Time Meeting Ended:** 6:26 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Ald. Vandersnick, Chairman	P	Clerk Wescott	P
Ald. Thurm	P		
Ald. Snow	A		
Ald. Folsom	P		
Mayor Blanton	A		
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order @ 6:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roll Call, quorum present</li> </ul>	In session @6:00 p.m.
2. Approve Minutes: April 29, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following review of the minutes, the committee accepted as presented</li> </ul>	Minutes approved
3. New Business: a) Review Proposed Ordinance Sec. 8-295; Sec. 8-287; Sec. 8-266	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The committee reviewed the three ordinances from the City attorney which will amend the sections identified. These changes are facilitated as a result of the Video gaming approval passed by the Council. Following review and brief discussion, committee recommend that the Ordinances be placed on the Council agenda for first reading on June 5th.</li> </ul>	Approve Ordinances for first reading 6-5-12
Police Administrative Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Ordinance for review from the City Attorney, that will allow Administrative Fees for Vehicle impoundment; Administrative, Storage, and Towing fees; Bail Processing Fees under Chapter 9 Article IX. Following discussion, committee recommended referral to Council for First reading</li> </ul>	Committee recommends to Council for First Reading 6-5-12
3b) Re-codification information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clerk Wescott presented information that was received from Municode in regards to the re-codification process and cost related to the same. Two types of services; (1) Legal review- Code book goes through a "physical examination" we get the report on suggested changes that should be made and then we do the work (4 month process); (2) Complete Legal Review- Attorneys for Municode go through Codes and review for State statute reference, obsolete provisions, duplications, conflicting verbiage and implementation of definitions, (9 month process) Cost for the Base services is \$14,400, with additional cost dependent on which process is accomplished. Fees can be payable over a 2 Fiscal year period. Committee recommends that the Finance Committee review the cost considerations and establish if this something that can be budgeted for.</li> </ul>	Committee requests Finance Committee review the costs and report back to Ordinance for further discussion.
3c) Request from Sterling Steel-Tall grass Provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Building Inspector Mark Searing addressed the committee concerning a letter received from Sterling Steel located in the East Industrial Park. They are requesting that the Council consider amending the Ordinance on tall grass to allow business in the industrial park to let the grass get tall enough to be cut and then bailed and sold. Costs are escalating for mowing.</li> <li>A discussion ensued, concerning possibly establishing a different level of grass limits in areas of M-2 only. Maintaining the grass on the front of the business at the current residential limits for appearance. Mr. Searing suggested that the City has approximately 12 acres of land, which it has to mow at a costly budget consideration, and perhaps this would be a process that would provide for a revenue source although limited. However, the City would be free of the cost in equipment and man hours, as well as, use of a depleted City staff in the Street Department.</li> <li>Mr. Searing is going to check other municipalities for an ordinance of this nature and also see what would be necessary in regards to mowing and</li> </ul>	Place on next Agenda under Old Business.

	bailing from several farmers and report back to the committee at their next meeting.	
4. Committee Member items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• No items brought forth</li></ul>	No action
5. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• With no other items to come before the Committee, Chairman Vandersnick called for adjournment</li></ul>	Adjourned @ 6:26 p.m.

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Ald. Mark Vandersnick, Committee Chairman