



City of Rock Falls Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 03 01 12

Time Meeting Started: 6:30 p.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 8:00 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Ald. Reitzel, Chairman	P	Adm. Blackert	P
Ald. Snow	P	Clerk Wescott	P
Ald. Thurm	P	Ted Padilla, Water/Street Supt.	P
Ald. Schuneman	P	Ed Cox, WWR Supt.	P
Ald. Kuhlemier	P		
Mayor Blanton	P		
Also Attended			
Brian Frickenstein, WHA Engineer	P	Bob Gasper, WHA Engineer	P

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Roll call, quorum present 	In session @ 6:30 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of February 2, 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following review of the minutes, they were accepted as presented. 	Minutes accepted
3. Old Business: a) Customer inquiry resolve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A letter will be sent to Mr. Bruce O'Neil by the City Clerk in follow up to his concerning over utility billing at two locations in the City of Rock Falls. The outstanding fees on both properties will be forgiven when Mr. O'Neil signs up and takes ownership of the properties in question. 	City Clerk to send letter of resolve to Mr. O'Neil
3. b) Avenue D Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion was held on the Avenue D Project East 5th Street – Dixon Avenue. Engineering drawings will be completed soon, at which time a pre-construction meeting will be held involving all of the parties to insure clarification and responsibilities for the various parts of the project are understood and coordinated. Drawings may be done during the week of March 12, 2012. 	Pre-construction meeting following the completion of the Engineering.
4. New Business a) Downtown Business Owners Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Blanton suggested the formation of a committee comprised of Business owners from the Downtown area. They would elect their own Chairperson and discuss goals and vision perspectives for the Downtown area. The Committee would bring those ideas forth and work with the City on achieving them. A discussion ensued, and consensus was that the first step would be for the Business owners to get organized. 	Reports will be given as received on this project.
b) Sewer rate Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adm. Blackert brought forth the recommendation to change several of the components of the sewer rate scheduled to change on May 1, 2012. This topic has been through the Ordinance, as well as Finance. The change would be to put forth all of the changes that are already in ordinance, with the exception of the RC line item (Replacement Treatment Plant Charge) would stay at \$25.50 instead of increasing to \$31.00; and the P line item would stay at \$0.85 instead of increasing to \$1.00. This rate would stay in place and be reviewed in 5 months, at which time the next rate schedule shall go to Ordinance for adoption. 	Recommend to the Council at the March 20 th meeting the rate change for passage.
c) Update on Bridge Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Darien Baughman of Civil Engineering, the head of the First Avenue (IL. Route 40) Bridge Project addressed the Council. He clarified the current status of the use of concrete demolition debris being removed from the bridge. Initially, he was told by IDOT that a request from Civil Engineers to utilize the concrete for projects of the City had been denied due to environmental considerations. However, he has since spoken with IDOT representatives in Springfield directly, and as a result of those discussions sent a letter to IDOT and requests Adm. Blackert to do the same, and there is a high probability that we will be allowed to utilize the concrete not only at the RB&W Riverfront site, but also the P.A. Site and Bike path project. 	Adm. Blackert will draft letter making request.

5. Engineers Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bob Gasper spoke briefly about the work underway to upgrade the Water Reclamation Facilities SCADA system (i.e. 1st and 2nd stage screw pump control and Non Potable Water system flow and Ultra Violet dosing) SCADAware's quotation is \$18,891.00 with an additional \$1,500 -\$2,000 for engineering. Committee concurs and recommends approval to the Council. 	City Council for approval.
6. Water/Street Supt. Padilla	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Padilla informed the committee that due to lack of need for salt usage this winter, he is going to need to find a storage solution for the 2000 ton that he will soon be receiving for the coming year. The current storage dome is still full and will not accommodate the additional salt. Several ideas were discussed and will be looked into. Report given on Well #6 test drill. Limestone was hit at 50 feet and went to a depth of 120 feet. Problems could result from the usage of this drill site. However, as Mr. Gasper contributed, he and Ted will be meeting with representatives from Layne Western to discuss possible resolve. If not it may require us to look for an additional site. In addition, once all of these issues have been resolved, a discussion on the money for this project will need to be discussed. Mr. Padilla informed the committee that the Filter room project has been completed, and encouraged the electrode officials to stop by the plant and take a look at the completed project. 	<p>No action on Salt storage at this time</p> <p>Additional report will be forth coming.</p> <p>No action</p>
7. Water Reclamation – Supt. Cox a) Maintenance agreements for emergency standby generators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Cox submitted a request to the committee for a council recommendation to approve the POW-R-GUARD Maintenance Agreements with Altofer. Six (6) year agreement for the lift station emergency generators (\$42,084.00) and a three (3) year agreement for the Water Reclamation Plant emergency standby generator (\$16,770.00). 	Recommend to approval to the Council
8. Committee Member items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Blanton shared, a recent conversation had with Gene Jacoby of the Coloma Township Board, concerning sidewalk installation along Dixon Avenue. There is a grant available thru "Safe Routes to School" a federally funded program through the State of Illinois. The monies can be used to develop pedestrian friendly roads and sidewalks in the community. Mr. Jacoby is requesting that the City make the application for the grant monies. Following a discussion, the feeling is that the school should be applying for this money. 	No action, information only.
9. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With no other business to come before the committee, Chairman Reitzel called for adjournment. 	Adjournment at 8:00 p.m.

Ald. Daehle Reitzel, Committee Chairman