



## City of Rock Falls Ordinance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-27-13

Time Meeting Started: 6:00

Time Meeting Ended: 6:40

Members		Also Attended	
ALD. VANDERSNICK –CHAIRMAN	X	MAYOR WESCOTT	X
ALD. SNOW	X	ADM. BLACKERT	X
ALD. FOLSOM	X	CLERK ARDUINI	X
ALD. WATTS	X	ALD. REITZEL	X
		INSP. SEARING	X
		ALD.SCHUNEMAN	X
<b>Also Attended</b>			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order 6:00 p.m.	Roll taken, Quorum present	Begin 6:00
2. Approve Minutes from May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	Minutes Approved	
3. Old Business A) Maps Thoroughfare Numbering, Naming	Inspector Searing stated that this is something that he is still working on, and he will present it to the committee when he is finished working on it.	Tabled
B) City Projects Building Permits	Adm. Blackert and Insp. Searing explained that during a recent project a concrete pad was poured for a new generator. This pad with the generator on it would not meet the setback guidelines in the city code. Insp. Searing asks that all city projects be approved through the building department as well as Police and Fire, a building permit is then to be issued at no cost.	Recommend that the city adopt an amendment to the current ordinance to add language that make the city apply for permits.
4. New Business a) Section 9-183 Prohibited on Certain Streets – Police –Semi-trucks on residential streets.	It was explained that there are complaints on Semi truck traffic on w 14 <sup>th</sup> Street. After long discussion about the gas station, as well as the other businesses along that street it was decided that the committee needs more information.	Tabled – More information needed
b) Business Litter Ordinance	Insp. Searing reported that there is a lot of trash, and cigarette butts around the downtown area. He proposes an ordinance to force business owners to clean in front and in back of their property.	The Mayor will bring this up to business owners in July during his scheduled meetings.
c) Hay Cultivating Ordinance	Insp. Searing proposes allowing the “haying” of vacant lots in town. Adm. Blackert reported that the city spends an average of 86 hours per week mowing currently. Insp. Searing said that there is a National Code for raising hay in urban areas. It was noted that the city should permit growers. The city will also need to decide what type of grasses will be allowed.	Tabled- Insp. Searing will report back with some grass plans information.
d) Discussion and recommendations	Mayor Wescott handed a draft of proposed	Recommend to City Council

for amending Article IV, City Council; Section 2-76, Standing Committees	ordinance amendment involving committee member changes and explained the consolidation of some committees. Adm. Blackert recommended that we change the paragraph describing the Electric committee to report to the Finance committee rather than the Public Works with issues dealing with the Customer Service Office. It was also discussed that we recommend a time change for the Planning and Zoning Committee to 6:00 from 7:00p.m.	for adoption.
5. Committee Member items	None	No Action
6. Adjournment	With no other discussion for the good of the committee the meeting is adjourned.	Adjourned at 6:40p.m.

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Chairman

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Date


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Committee Chairman