



City of Rock Falls Public Works / Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 8-1-13 **Time Meeting Started:** 5:30 **Time Meeting Ended:** 6:32

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel – Chairman	A	Administer Blackert	P
Alderman Schuneman	P	Mayor Wescott	P
Alderman Watts	P	Clerk Arduini	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	P		
Also Attended			
Mr. Frickenstein	P	Mr. Cox	P
Mr. Padilla	P		

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1 Call to Order – Alderman Kuhlemier	Call to order at 5:30	Begin 5:30
2. Audience request	Citizen on the agenda was not present	No action
3 Approve Minutes from July 11, 2013	Committee reviewed minutes	Minutes approved
4. Old Business		
a. Salt Storage Building	No discussion	Remove from agenda
b. Dog Pound force main	Mr. Cox handed out a preliminary map showing the proposed route for the new 10” force main along the old rail road tracks. The project cost estimate is \$590,000 which is approximately \$100,000 less than the previous estimate.	No action
5. New Business		
a. Wood Avenue Discussion	Mayor Wescott informed the committee that Pastor Tribley from the Firehouse of God had approached the City. He would like to do a cleanup project along Wood Avenue to clean up the shrubs and old fence on the West side of the street. They would like to remove the fence and scrap it to fund other community projects. They may need to use a city truck to hold the brush.	The committee unanimously agreed to allow this project be done. The city would allow the truck to be onsite for them to place the brush in.
b. Discussion on establishing Five (5) day garbage pick up	The committee reviewed the map that was presented at the committee of the whole meeting. Robbin explained that the split truck would allow less truck traffic through town.	The committee recommends that the City Council adopt 5 day pick up
c. Discussion on establishing curbside pickup only	Randy Duncan of 709 Grace Ave. approached the committee and explained that because of his disability it would be difficult to put the trash out front rather than in the alley. Adm. Blackert and the Committee did have some suggestions that may make this transition easier for him. Mayor Wescott stated that he has received 11 phone calls concerning this matter, and 7 of the calls were in favor of the change, while 4 calls were against it. It was confirmed that some of the inaccessible roads in the city may still be serviced from the alley. After much discussion the committee agrees to recommend this change to the City Council.	The committee recommends that the City Council adopts this change.
6. Engineer’s report	Mr. Frickenstein reported that Dixon Avenue is done. The street department is currently working on the bike path. Mr. Schuneman inquired about the forecasted longevity of Dixon Ave. Mr. Frickenstein stated about 20 years.	No action
7. Wastewater Ed Cox	Mr. Cox reported that the new utility truck will be delivered on Friday, or Monday.	No Action

8. Water / Street Ted Padilla		
a. Update on projects	Mr. Padilla reported that the Access Road at the RB&W District is nearly finished, and it has been a good learning experience for the Street Department. He stated that roto tilling and grinding will begin on 8-3-13, and that the county will be here on the 12 th of August to seal or double seal the streets. He also reported that the sidewalks at W. 18 th Street are nearly finished, and he stated that Leroy Avenue will be getting some sidewalk replaced. There is one more ADA ramp to be installed. The crack sealing is 2/3rds done. The Mayor made Ted aware of a sidewalk problem on the East side of Galt Ave. and 5 th Street. Alderman Kuhlemier stated that there is a sinking spot at the corner of Rt. 40 and 2 nd Street. Adm. Blackert is aware of this and she stated that Nicor was supposed to have this fixed by August 1 st .	The city will contact Nicor concerning their patch on 1 st Ave.
b. Contractor work on Lindy Avenue	Sup. Padilla informed the Committee that Burger Brothers was working at the bus parking lot on the South side of W. 19 th Street. When it rains it puddles in front of the gate because the grade is not correct to allow the water to flow. Ted asked Burger how much it would cost to have them fix it, and Burger quoted the city \$500 to remedy the problem.	The committee instructed Adm. Blackert to authorize this expense.
9. Committee Member items	Alderman Schuneman inquired what could be done about the weeds growing along the curbs in town and in the 3 rd ward. A lengthy discussion arose about crack filling and herbicide usage to help remedy this problem.	No action
10. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

Acting Committee Chairman _____