



## City of Rock Falls Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: 04 11 13**

**Time Meeting Started: 6:00 pm**

**Time Meeting Ended: 6:55 pm**

Members		Also Attended	
Ald. Folsom, Chairman	P	Ald. Reitzel	P
Ald. Snow	P	Adm. Blackert	P
Ald. Schuneman	P	Ed Cox, Wastewater Reclamation	P
Ald. Vandersnick	P		
Mayor Blanton	P		
Also Attended			
Mr. John Atkinson, True Green lawn Care Rep.	P		

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 pm
2. Approve Minutes: February 14, 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Following review of the minutes, committee approved as presented.</li> </ul>	Minutes approved
3. Old Business: a) Sign to entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mayor Blanton reported on the sign that was previously in place on the Northwest side of 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue at the entrance to the City off the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue Bridge-southbound. The signage had been removed during the demolition of the Reliant Property and Bridge construction project. The sign is still in excellent condition, and the committee approved the sign being placed accordingly back in the same area.</li> </ul>	Street Department will be contacted for placement of the signage.
b) Discussion on Municipal Properties'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adm. Blackert walked the committee through a review of 10 parcels of land currently owned by the City, which she had appraised by Chris King; Sauk Valley Realty and Dave Leonard; Leonard Real Estate to get an idea of their respective values. The purpose of this evaluation was to help determine going forward what the City might want to do with the properties, as they are costly to us in regards to ongoing maintenance required yearly. In the near future, we will look into the possibilities of selling these off to development.</li> </ul>	No specific actions taken.
4. New Business: a) City of Rock Falls Emerald Ashe Borer Action Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Cox presented to the committee for their review and recommendation to the Council the City of Rock Falls Emerald Ashe Borer Action Plan for adoption. Due to the infestation that is currently underway, the City has an immediate need for an action plan. The goal of the plan is to prevent new, or more widespread, problems in our immediate area from this insect. The plan will allow us to provide residents, contractors and neighboring communities with educational information and survey findings. Mr. John Atkinson, Rep. from True Green was present and talked about treatment options that are best designed to be utilized in combating the problem. The "Triage" method is highly recommended. Currently (24) trees on City owned property have been identified. In the very near future, Mr. Atkinson and Mr. Cox will be touring our city to identify trees in need of either treatment or removal.</li> </ul>	Recommend Action Plan to Council for adoption.
b) Ordinances for review-discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The following three (3) Ordinances were reviewed:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Division 2A Garbage: Debris, Graffiti</li> <li>2. Division 3 Dutch Elm Disease; Emerald Ash Borer; Elm Bark Beetles</li> <li>3. Section 10-142. Same- performed by City upon failure of owner, creation of lien.</li> </ol> <p>The ordinances are prepared regarding the nuisances provisions of the municipal code. They are prepared to allow the City to eliminate the Emerald Ash Borer; as well as; allow the city to abate the accumulation of garbage, debris or graffiti. Following review of the draft ordinances, and in consideration that a majority of the public works committee also constitutes a majority of the</p> </li> </ul>	Refer to Council for first reading on 4-16-2013

	ordinance committee, the ordinances are referred to the Council for first reading.	
Committee Member items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ald. Schuneman presented a brief update of the survey of the area residents being completed by Western Illinois University. Apparently the College was going to entitle the survey the Rock River Waterway and the committee unanimously offered the Hennepin Canal survey instead.</li> </ul>	Mr. Schuneman will discuss with Western representatives.
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• With no other business to come before the committee, Chairman Folsom called for adjournment.</li> </ul>	Adjourned: 6:55 p.m.

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Ald. Lee Folsom, Committee Chairman