



## City of Rock Falls Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 10-3-13      **Time Meeting Started:** 5:30p.m.      **Time Meeting Ended:** 8:10p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Kuhlemier- Chairman	P	Mayor Wescott	P
Alderman Watts	P	Administrator Blackert	P
Alderman Reitzel	P	Clerk Arduini	P
Alderman Schuneman	P	Inspector Searing	P
		Superintendent Ted Padilla	P
Also Attended			
Drew Schlumpf	P	Larry Spinka	P
Dan Arickx	P	Tony Poci	P
Tim Wilson	P	Brian Frickenstein	P

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order	Meeting was called to order by Glen Kuhlemier	Begin 5:30 p.m.
2. Audience Request a. Drew Schlumpf	Mr. Schlumpf of Walnut, IL handed out a packet of pictures, and copies of bills for a 4 unit apartment complex that he had renovated on Circle Dr. During the construction there were over \$600.00 in charges accrued to the empty apartments. He is asking that \$609.00 be considered to be credited to the account. The committee explained the necessity for capital and debt charges, and also the expenses tied to the new sewer plant that was built.	Committee will review the information, and determine if any redevelopment help is available. The city will also arrange a tour of the sewer plant for Mr. Schlumpf.
b. Dan Arickx Dillon School 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Mr. Arickx requested that improvements to 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue be considered for next year so that the school district would have a solid road to build a parking lot against. This proposed lot would be across 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue on the West side of the street. Mr. Aricks asks that the curb be extended South to the utility pole. He presented a Power Point slide and handouts with an illustration of the project concept. He also explained that the district would like to move the bus traffic to 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, and have parental pickup on 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenue.	The Committee will discuss it along with the plans for road improvements for next year.
c. Tim Wilson Rock Falls Tourism	Mr. Wilson asked the committee who is in charge of the “Welcome” signs for Rock Falls. The committee did not have a specific person or department in charge of them, and if Tourism would like to improve, or change them, then the committee would like to review the design prior to the work being done	The committee recommends that this be sent to the tourism committee for ideas and funding.
3. Approve Minutes	The committee approved the minutes of the September 5, and September 18 <sup>th</sup> Public Works / Public Property Committee meetings.	Minutes approved
4. Old Business a. Discussion of new skid loader upgrade	Mr. Padilla explained to the committee that when the city purchased the new skid loader he was under the impression that it would be adequate to operate the snow blower that the City currently owns. The new skid loader can run the snow blower, however it would need to be ran at full throttle the entire time to make it work. The Street Department is asking to trade in this 500 series for a 750 series that would be able to run the snow blower without having a large negative impact on the longevity of the skid loader. All of the city’s current attachments will fit the larger size skid loader. After much discussion the committee approved a trade.	The committee recommends that the City Attorney be consulted because the price may be lower than \$20,000 after the trade in, and if it does need to go through the complete bid process we will need a short lead time due to Winter coming soon.
b. Summary of functional classification	Mr. Searing explained a handout that showed increases and decreases in traffic and usage for streets within town. This information is used to determine which roads can be designated as FAU routes.	No action
5. New Business a. Residential Garbage pickup in the downtown area	Mr. Searing spoke about the residents that live in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor apartments located downtown. There was an issue that one business did not have a dumpster, so the garbage was left along the alley for pickup by the tenant. The tenant had been paying for garbage on the utility bill. The business now has a dumpster. The committee	Asked that the Ordinance be reviewed by city attorney for clarification,

	recommends that the tenants above use the dumpsters of the business in their building.	
b. Ward evaluations for streets and sidewalks	Chairman Reitzel asks that the alderman get together and drive through their entire ward and make up a list of the 4 neediest streets, and 6 sidewalks for future planning	No action
c. Discussion of abandonment of alley between 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue -Ave. A from Dixon Ave.- East 5 <sup>th</sup> St.	A landowner wants to get a letter of commitment from the city to abandon the alley between Ave. A and 1 <sup>st</sup> . Avenue from Dixon Avenue South to East 5 <sup>th</sup> Street. This will allow for a one way exit on to East 5 <sup>th</sup> St. for a drive through. After much discussion the committee agreed with the letter being drafted. The committee states that it would need to keep its full easement through the area, and that no structure could be erected on the site. The city would need the interested parties to pay all legal fees involved with the abandonment, and plat work.	A letter of commitment will be drawn up and sent to the requestor.
6. Water / Street Update on projects.	Superintendent Padilla showed a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the streets that he has deemed the most necessary to repair. A lengthy discussion of 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, (\$800,000) and Buell Road (\$500,000) followed. Discussion about alleys involved the idea of doing the repairs in one concentrated area. Insp. Searing reported that the replacement of the sidewalk in front of the Whiskey Barrel and The Cooler will involve a lot of pitch and grade change to line up with the ADA ramp as well as the storefront doors. AAA quoted \$22,500 Twin City \$20,327, and Hendricks was the lowest estimate at \$18, 140. Due to the price of the estimates, funding from the sidewalk budget may be necessary.	Allow Hendricks to do this work as they were the lowest estimate.
7. Committee member items	Alderman Schuneman stated that while shopping, a lady was complaining that the City forced her to cap her well. He inquired why this would be, and why there would be a fee of \$50 for new sand points installed for irrigation. Adm. Blackert explained that we do not make people cap there wells if they want to use them for irrigation, and the charge covers the price of having the city inspect them.	No action
8. Adjournment	With no other business for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.	End 8:10 p.m .

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Committee Chairman