



City of Rock Falls

Public Works Public Property Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 2-6-2014

Time Meeting Started: 5:30pm

Time Meeting Ended: 6:45pm

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel –Chairman	X	Mayor Wescott	X
Alderman Schuneman	X	Administrator Blackert	X
Alderman Watts	X	Clerk Arduini	X
		Ed Cox	X
		Ted Padilla	X
Also Attended			
Tim Wilson	X	Brian Tribley	X

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order	Meeting was called to order	Begin 5:30
2. Approve minutes of the December 5 th , 2013 Public Works – Public Property Meeting	Committee reviewed and accepted minutes	Minutes approved
3. Old Business a) Discussion on Rip Rap Repairs River Bank at PA Property	The rip rap is washed out at the P.A. property along the bank of the Rock River. Adm. Blackert has contacted Steve Colentino at the IEPA and there are procedures that need to be followed to make this repair. It will not be able to be repaired until March or April	No action
4. New Business a) Fire House of God volunteer city improvement projects	<p>Brian Tribley, pastor at the Firehouse of God stated that last year his organization began a service outreach program. This volunteer work will be expanding this year. He has 6 projects that he would like to get approval for now so that they may start early in the Spring. He presented the committee with pictures to describe each project.</p> <p><i>Project 1.</i> This project involves adding benches to a 6 foot wide area along West 2nd Street just south of the sidewalk at the Firehouse Museum between 4th and 5th Avenue. Mr. Tribley explained that Modern Woodmen will pay for the concrete, and could also provide trees if wanted. The committee suggested that some sort of a parking block or barrier be placed along the entire length to protect the planters, and benches from parking cars.</p> <p><i>Project 2.</i> Clean up tree line, and remove old fencing along the property line at the lower dam. Mr. Tribley will confirm which trees are okay to remove with the city.</p> <p><i>Project 3.</i> Remove guardrail in the municipal parking lot in the alley at 3rd Ave. and 2nd Street. The committee states that some sort of barrier will need to be installed to keep the parking in order as the lot is used by many patrons, and workers.</p> <p><i>Project 4.</i> Re-painting of 6 antique light poles (Rustoleum Green) at the Hennepin Canal bridge on Dixon Avenue. If Mr. Tribley cannot reach high enough the city will contact the Electric Dept. to see if the poles could be laid down for painting.</p> <p><i>Project 5.</i> Painting of bridge rails, and 2 antique light poles at the 11th Street canal bridge. City engineer Brian Frickenstein stated painting the bridge rails would be okay, and the committee agreed on using green paint.</p> <p><i>Project 6.</i> Paint 8 antique light posts around Dixon Ave. and Wiker Drive green as they were at one time red.</p> <p>Mr. Tribley also informed the committee that he would like to move the current Fire Museum at the city hall, to next to the new Firehouse Museum. The committee agrees with this, as a lot of concrete work is needed at the current location.</p>	Committee approves all of the projects

b) RFHS use of Louie Bellson's Drum Set	Ramiro Martinez asks the city for permission to display Louie Bellson's Drums at Percussion Palooza on March 2 nd , 2014 at Rock Falls High School.	The committee approves, and requires that it is roped off with supervision at all times. These will not be allowed to be played or touched as they are original and not replaceable. The city would need to be added as an additional insured for the event.
c) Crowded Street Complaint	Mayor Wescott reported that he went on a ride along with the Street department during snow plowing. He reported that on some of the older streets in town it is difficult to remove snow with cars parked on both sides of these narrow streets. He measured Leroy Ave at 24', W. 4 th Street at 25', and 3 rd Avenue at 26'. After an ordinance search he found that these had been at one time restricted to parking only on one side of the street.	Recommend to Ordinance committee to consider changing these, and possibly other streets to parking restricted to one side of the road.
d) Private property access, and snow removal	Mayor Wescott informed the committee that a city truck backed into a garage on private property when removing snow from a corner.	It will be policy that no city vehicle will use private property for backing trucks into for snow removal.
5. Engineer's Report – Brian Frickenstein	Brian Frickenstein reported that the plans for Sewer, and Water main extension along west Route 30 are finished. The city is hopeful for DCEO grants to help with this project, but Adm. Blackert has asked that 50% of the cost be added in the Water and Sewer budgets for this project. Mr. Frickenstein also stated that he is still working on the 404 application for dredging at the Arduini boat launch.	No action
6. Wastewater – Ed Cox a) NPDES / projects report	Superintendent Cox reported that problems at the pump station are under control, and there has been no major issues.	No action
7. Water / Street – Ted Padilla	Superintendent Padilla reported that the downtown snow removal will begin at 1:00 am tonight, and that the department is having a lot of broken parts from plowing for 8-12 hours in the extreme cold. Mr. Padilla explained to Alderman Watts the technique of using plow trucks 3 wide to clear snow off of the streets.	No action
8. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm	Meeting end 6:45pm

Committee Chairman