



## City of Rock Falls Finance / Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: 10-27-15**

**Time Meeting Started: 5:00pm**

**Time Meeting Ended: 6:34**

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Kuhlemier – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Logan	p	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Watts		Clerk Arduini	p
		Carla Pascal –Sikich	p
		Alderman Kleckler	p
		Alderman Schuneman	p
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 5:00p.m. – Chairman Kuhlemier	Meeting was called to order at 5:00pm	Meeting begins at 5:00pm
2.Public Comment	None	No action
3.Approve Minutes – Finance Committee meeting August 25th, 2015	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4. 1.New Business: a.Review of draft audit, management letter, and City response.	Carla Pascal presented three docs to the committee. -Annual Financial -TIF Compliance -Auditor’s Communication to council Mrs. Pascal went through the draft audit material highlighting many areas, and explaining the management letter. Mrs. Pascal warned that the next year’s mandate of GASB 68 will show any unfunded pension liabilities on the City’s balance sheet. City Administrator Robbin Blackert read the responses to the management letter from the City illustrating actions to correct the mentioned deficiencies.	The audit with management letter responses will be sent to the City Council for approval.
b.Tax levy discussion and authorization of a truth in taxation hearing	Adm. Blackert presented a memo and spreadsheet to the committee concerning the tax levy. Adm. Blackert and Alderman Kuhlemier explained that with the new GASB 67 mandates, the levy would need to increase by 15.86% to fund the pensions. Cutting the levy for crossing guards, and ESDA, along with pulling money out of reserves could make the increase 8.56%. This is still above the 4.99% threshold that can be raised without a truth in taxation hearing. This would raise the property tax on a \$71,000 home by \$85.74. Mayor Bill Wescott has reached out to the school district concerning the crossing guards. Alderman Kleckler inquired why not raise the full 15.86% due to this ongoing problem of funding the Police and Fire Pensions.	The committee recommends that the council schedule a truth in taxation hearing be held, and the amount be set by the council.
c.Illinois State financial update	Mayor Wescott stated that the mayors have been sending letters to the Governor, Senator Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, and local legislators concerning the holding of funds from the municipalities. Mayor Wescott reported that the bond rating has now dropped to B+++ and this will hurt all of Illinois.	No action
d.MICA update	Clerk Arduini presented two reports from MICA which is the pool for liability and work comp. coverage for the City. Mr. Arduini reported that the City of Rock Falls did well on an onsite visit, and with a low loss year dropping off for experience the city will be facing another premium increase.	No action

5.Municipal Investment Reports	The committee reviewed the investment reports for September and October.	Reports accepted.
6.Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:34pm	Meeting ends at 6:34pm

Committee Chairman 