

City of Rock Falls Building Code Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-3-2015

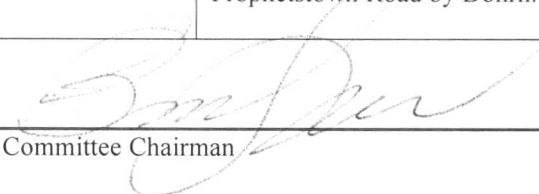
Time Meeting Started: 5:16pm

Time Meeting Ended: 6:10pm

Members		Also Attended	
Ald. Brian Snow - Chair	p	Mayor Wescott	
Ald. Lee Folsom	p	Clerk Arduini	p
Ald. Rod Kleckler	P	Administrator Blackert	p
Mark Searing	p		
Dave Leonard	p		
Sally Scanlan	p		
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order @ 5:15 P.M. –Chairman Snow	Meeting was called to order at 5:16pm	Meeting begins 5:16pm
2. Approve minutes of the May 6th, 2015 meeting	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
3. New Business: a. Rock Falls Customer Confidentiality Policy	Clerk Arduini distributed the policy to the volunteer members of the committee: Sally Scanlan, and Dave Leonard	Receipts will be filed in the Clerk's office
4. Old Business: a. Insurance requirements for contractors	The committee reviewed the insurance requirements that the City Clerks had submitted to Clerk Arduini. The committee discussed looking for more information, and also discussed the City's responsibility in checking the rating of each contractor's insurance company.	Mark Searing will collect more data from other cities, and insurance companies before the committee makes a decision. Tabled until the next meeting
b. Ordinance changes regarding plumbers	The City Attorney has drafted the ordinance removing plumbers from our list of contractors as requested at the last meeting, however the City attorney is not in favor of this change. The point was made that plumbers sometimes do extra construction in the process of their plumbing jobs. The committee feels that if the scope goes beyond plumbing the job should be permitted so it is known that the other building and electrical codes are being followed.	This item is tabled to find more information.
5. Building Inspector updates a. Current Remediation updates	Mr. Searing reported to the committee that the amount of trouble houses is down. There are still a few houses that are empty and deteriorating, but for the state to consider it abandoned, and speed remediation, the house has to have 3 things: 1. Taxes not paid for 3 years 2. No one living there 3. No utilities for 3 years There are a couple of houses that have been empty for decades, but the taxes are being paid. Mr. Searing reported that the new GIS for the county will now show foreclosures.	No action
7. Committee Member items	Alderman Kleckler asked if the city has a way to take vacant lots and give them to a group such as Habitat for Humanity. Mr. Searing only remembers one house being built in Rock Falls by Habitat for Humanity. It was discussed that Sterling may have had some houses built this way. Sally Scanlan inquired about the status of the restaurant on the corner of 1 st Avenue and West 2 nd Street. Alderman Snow asked if there has been a timeline set for the bricks to be finished at the bottom of the restaurant on 2 nd Avenue.	Mr. Searing will Check with Sterling to find out if they are utilizing a program like this Mr Searing reported that there has not been much movement on that site. Mr. Searing will speak with the owner and set a date for completion.

	<p>Alderman Kleckler asked if the new contractor's license is \$50.00 or \$52.00.</p> <p>Alderman Kleckler asked about the city's ordinance requiring a dust-free surface for parking lots and driveways. There was much discussion about the Dohrn transfer terminal on Route 30. There was also discussion about the truck and trailer parts parked along Prophetstown Road by Dohrn.</p>	<p>Mr. Searing stated that it would only be \$52.00 if the contractor used a credit card. There is a \$2.00 fee for any credit card use in the city.</p> <p>This item is tabled for the committee to review the rules, and monitor dust at Dohrn.</p>
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Committee Chairman