



City of Rock Falls Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 12-30-2015

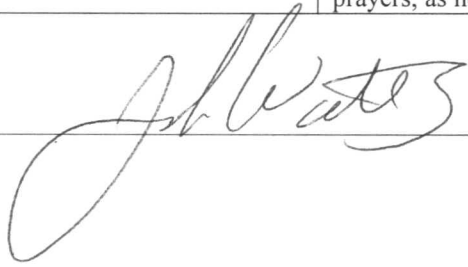
Time Meeting Started: 5:30

Time Meeting Ended 6:35

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Watts – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Reitzel	p	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Snow	p	Clerk Arduini	p
		Alderman Schuneman	p
		Alderman Kleckler	p
		Chief Nelson	p
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order. – Chairman Watts	The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm	Meeting begins at 5:30
2.Audience Requests	Alderman Kleckler expressed concerns of businesses falling through the cracks if they are not obtaining proper business licenses. It can have the appearance that some residents do not need building permits, and licenses. Mayor Wescott explained that the staffing levels do not allow the City to police all of these, but if a specific issue arises, the Police, or Building Inspector should be made aware of it.	No action
3.Approve Minutes: Ordinance /License /Personnel /Safety Meeting December 3rd, 2015	The minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4.Old Business: a.Portable / Mobile Vendor License discussion.	Mayor Wescott urged the committee to table this item until specifics of the riverfront are realized, and any new ordinance could address vendors in that area as well	Tabled
b.Municode Update	Clerk Arduini informed the committee that Municode attorney has turned the municipal code book over to the staff for editing, and proof preparation. The proofs will be current through July 7 th , 2015, and should be ready for the City in late January or early February.	No action
5.New Business: a.Towing – Police Department	Police Chief Nelson explained that Illinois has passed a new law for the towing services used by the Police Department that takes effect on January 1 st , 2016. The new law puts a lot of the burden of these new rules on the Police Department. The Police will now have to verify insurance minimums, fingerprints of drivers, Driver’s license classification, and verify TIMS training for the towing companies that they use. Chief Nelson recommends a \$75.00 towing recording fee to be on the Police list and to be used for Rock Falls Police calls. Chief Nelson reported that the department gets stuck paying for high tow bills when perpetrators no longer want their vehicle, and when a Police vehicle needs service.	Consult with City attorney for the \$75.00 admin fee, and the \$50.00 admin tow agreement
d.Pawn shop adult use discussion	Administrator Blackert mentioned that the committee had talked about making pawn shops considered “adult use” and placed in the Industrial Park. At the time there was one operating pawn shop in the downtown, and the record keeping, along with detective cooperation was not being done satisfactorily. The committee would explore the possibility of raising the business license for the operation of a pawn shop.	Clerk Arduini will research what other cities are charging for a yearly business license.

b. Review and Update of Liquor Licenses	Mayor Wescott informed the committee that the Class A liquor licenses that were increased to a maximum of 20 in July of 2014 are currently at 11. He has 2 more licenses that have been paid for, and 5 more inquiries on his desk. Many of these are for gaming parlors, and the committee may want to look at tightening restrictions for those establishments.	No action
c. Review of new Bassett Requirements- January 2017	Mayor Wescott stated that last July the Illinois legislation changed many rules for bars including "happy hour" and BASSET training requirements. The new laws will take effect in Whiteside County in July of 2017, and it will require anyone who serves alcohol to take annual 4 hour training, and anyone who sells package liquor to take a 3 hour training class. The city attorney is checking into the ways of shutting down non-compliant operations as required by the new law. .	No action
6. Workers Compensation/Liability Reports	The committee reviewed the work comp liability report	Report accepted
7. Department Safety Meeting Minutes Review	The committee reviewed the minutes presented, and it was noted that the minutes form should be changed, or used properly to illustrate the actions to be taken to fix safety issues.	Minutes approved
8. Committee Member items	Alderman Snow would like to leave the room when gaming issues are discussed. Alderman Reitzel hopes everyone would keep Alderman Logan in their prayers, as he was sent to Madison today.	No action



Committee Chairman