



City of Rock Falls Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-25-2015

Time Meeting Started: 5:30

Time Meeting Ended 6:30

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Watts – Chairman	P	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Reitzel	P	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Logan	A	Clerk Arduini	p
		Alderman Schuneman	p
		Alderman Kleckler	P
		Inspector Searing	P
		Chief Nelson	P
		Ed Cox	p
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 5:30 p.m. – Chairman Watts	Meeting was called to order	Meeting begins at 5:30 pm
2.Approve Minutes: 6-4-2015 Ordinance /License /Personnel/Safety Committee meeting	The minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes Accepted
3. 4.Old Business: a.List of Ordinances for review – Alderman Kleckler b.12.5-13 Signs	There was much discussion about the placement of signs, as well as the intent of the language of the ordinance. The committee feels that many signs are fine in the MU-1 area, but the language needs to be specific to what the intent of the Ordinance	Tabled - The minutes will be reviewed to determine what signs were meant to be allowed in MU-1
c.7-82 Dept. Chief	Mayor Wescott read the current code and both Section 7-82 and 7-81 need to be changed due to the current joint command structure	Tabled - Ordinance will be sent to the City Attorney for revision.
d.8-343 8-365 Health requirements	Language for venereal disease will be removed as it is unenforceable	Tabled – New Ordinance will be reviewed at the next meeting
e.8-889 8-980 Carnival Procedures	These sections of code have not been enforced as it is written. The City will make the regular users of carnivals aware of the rules, and bring them before the council twice.	The City will make them aware of the timelines.
f.8-850 Farmers Market	Mayor Wescott stated that there is no language that governs over the selling of non-produce items at the farmer’s market.	No Action
g. Stop sign request. West 5th Street and Galt Avenue	Chief Nelson spoke again to the requestor of a stop sign, and clarified that the request was for the corner of west 5 th Street, and Galt Avenue. She informed the requestor that the issue had been discussed at the last meeting, and there was not enough traffic problems to warrant a four way stop.	No Action
h.Review of Ordinance - Service Outside City Limits, Sewer i.Review of Ordinance – Service outside City Limits, Water	The Committee reviewed the Ordinances for sewer and water rates when the customer is out of city limits, and does not have a pre-annexation agreement. It was agreed that there would be a 60 day notice of the new rates to the affected customers after the Ordinances are adopted.	Ordinances are recommended for Council Approval
5.New Business: a.Code change for the distance to property for sewer hookups to comply with new state statute.	Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox explained that the state administrative code changed in 2013 requiring anyone with property within 300 feet of a public sewer system to connect to the system upon failure of a private septic or sale of the property. It was discussed that the cost to hook onto the public system is the responsibility of the home owner. There are certain conditions under the code that allows this to be waived, the administrative code will be reviewed when drafting the ordinance	The committee recommends this be sent to the attorney for drafting of an ordinance.

b. Temporary sign ordinance review	This Ordinance was missed when the MU-1 Zoning was implemented. Administrator Blackert would like to review the MU-1 rules to determine if any other items need to be discussed.	Tabled
c. Burning ordinance discussion	Mayor Wescott reported that he continues to receive calls about burning in town. Most callers are elderly, or have breathing problems that won't allow them to open their windows because of the smoke. The City has polled the public 3 times in recent history, One petition, and two surveys, all were overwhelming in favor of allowing burning. Mayor Wescott remarked that the City has taken steps to allow for other free ways of yard waste disposal. Allowing fires to smolder after dark seems to be the biggest problem. Chief Nelson stated that her department fields quite a few of these calls, and the offenders typically comply when asked to extinguish their fire.	No Action
d. Wrought iron fence required, amending Section 5-134(b)(3)(L) Uptown Business Design Guide.	Inspector Searing stated that during the uptown design guide meetings, it was determined that wrought iron or wrought iron style fence was determined to be what should be used in the uptown. When attempting to enforce it he found that the language is not in the ordinance.	Tabled Minutes will be reviewed and language added to the ordinance for review.
e. Discussion of additional language for sump pump, roof drains, and	Mayor Wescott stated that Sec. 15-191 states that rainwater cannot be dumped into the sanitary sewer system. It is difficult for the sewer superintendent to see if this is happening. Mayor Wescott would like to have this item checked by the Building Inspector when he is doing the inspection of electrical after a sale.	The Mayor will send letters out to the realtors to make them aware for their clients.
6. Workers Compensation/Liability Reports	Clerk Arduini reported that there was one new accident since the last report in which a twisted knee and ankle was reported, but there was no lost time.	No action
7. Department Safety Meeting Minutes Review	The Committee reviewed the minutes of the Water and Electric Safety minutes. Bodywork on 201 was questioned, and plans of action need to be filled out.	No action
8. Committee Member items	Mayor Wescott recommends that all ordinances that have any changes made to them, or are drafted by the attorney be brought back to the Ordinance Committee for another review before being sent on to City Council.	The Clerk will bring ordinances back to committee before first reading.

_____ Committee Chairman