



City of Rock Falls Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 7-31-15 Time Meeting Started: 5:30pm Time Meeting Ended 6:15pm

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
		Ed Cox	P
		Mark Searing	P
		Tammy Nelson	P
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 5:30 p.m. – Chairman Watts	Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm	Meeting begins at 5:30pm
2.Approve Minutes of the 6-25-15 meeting	The minutes were reviewed by the committee.	Minutes Accepted
3.Old Business: a.Amendment of Sections 7-82 and 7-81 to reflect new Fire Command (refer to City Attorney)	Clerk Arduini explained that he has spoken to Attorney Reese, and he is currently developing an ordinance for this.	An Ordinance will be drafted Tabled
b.Review of Ord. 2015-2222 defining garbage can	The committee reviewed the ordinance.	Recommend to City Council for approval
c.Review of Ord.2015-2226 changing the distance to from property to public sewer to mirror state administrative code.	The committee reviewed the ordinance, and questioned why the new requirements for industrial, and commercial were not included in the ordinance. The committee would like to send it back to Attorney Reese for review.	An Ordinance will be drafted Tabled
d.Review of Ord.2015-2227 removing language from dry cleaning requirements.	The committee reviewed the ordinance.	Recommend to City Council for approval
e.Review of Ord. 2015-2229 removing language from laundry requirements.	The committee reviewed the ordinance.	Recommend to City Council for approval
f.Temporary Signs 12.5-13 discussion	Inspector Searing explained that every banner and flag around town would need to be permitted, as the ordinance now reads. Enforcement of the current rules would affect most business owners located in the uptown area. Adm. Blackert explained that the committee should spell out what they do not want to allow, rather than list the numerous types of signs that will be allowed. Mayor Wescott added that in researching this topic in other towns, some have lists of 70 definitions of temporary signs in their municipal code. The ordinance should be easy to enforce, and easy for business owners to follow. Sandwich board signs will always have to allow for ADA space on the sidewalk.	An Ordinance will be drafted Tabled
g.Review of Ord. 2015-2230 Farmer’s Market language changes	The ordinance presented allowed for more types of items to be sold at the farmer’s market.	Recommend to City Council for approval

5.New Business: a.Discussion of additional language for sump pump, roof drains, and sanitary sewer connections.	The topic of illegal sanitary connections has been widely publicized, and many people are taking notice. Mr. Searing has fielded calls to his office from residents, and it is now to be part of the electrical inspections. There has been information on Channel 5 and in the bills.	Tabled
b.Tow Truck Licensing Discussion - Alderman Kleckler	8-671 and 8-672 require a license of \$25.00 for an auto garage, and \$75.00 if there is a wrecker service associated with the garage. The owners of these garages with tow vehicles do not find it fair that other wreckers are able to do business in town without a business license because they are from out of town, or do not have a garage.	Tabled
c.City Administrator performance review	Adm. Blackert's contract has not yet been renewed.	No action
d.Review of Ordinance 2015-2228 – Business License for mobile home parks.	Attorney Reese has drafted ordinance 2015-2228 that helps the city code comply with new state statute that only allows for the city to collect \$50.00 as a business license fee.	Recommend to City Council for approval
e. Child Playing Ahead signs Wiker Drive.	A resident had requested to the Mayor that a slow child playing sign be added to Wiker Dr. near Selmi Ln. Police Chief Nelson stated that there has been no complaints about speeding vehicles, or reckless driving in that area in the last 10 years.	No action
f.Section 15-428 Residential Dumpsters By Permit Registration Fee – Mayor Wescott	Section 15-428 Dumpsters – Inspector Searing explained that the current ordinance requires that a dumpster permit be purchased for \$5.00 prior to a dumpster being delivered to a residential address. This has been difficult for the dumpster companies, as well as the home owners. After much discussion the committee would like to have the ordinance changed that a dumpster permit not be needed, and the dumpsters may only be at the residence for 30 days.	An Ordinance will be drafted Tabled
g.Porta-Potty regulations – Mayor Wescott	Mayor Wescott has received numerous complaints about the porta-pot that is outside of “The Cooler” in the alley. Residents state that the porta pot is being cleaned out regularly, but patrons of the business are using the ground outside when the porta pot is occupied. After much discussion the committee would like to see an ordinance that prohibits the use of porta-pots in the City except for festivals, construction sites, and times when the regular facilities are temporarily not functioning.	An Ordinance will be drafted Tabled
6.Workers Compensation/Liability Reports	The committee reviewed the Workers Compensation/Liability Report.	Report accepted
7.Department Safety Meeting Minutes Review	The minutes were reviewed by the committee	No action
8.Committee Member items	Alderman Reitzel noted that “Cell Phone Use Prohibited” signs had been attached to electrical poles on West 2 nd Street. This may have happened around other schools too.	Adm. Blackert will have Mr. Spinka look at them and have it corrected.
9.Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned.	Meeting ends at 6:15pm

_____ Committee Chairman