



City of Rock Falls Public Works / Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-5-2015

Time Meeting Started: 8:13

Time Meeting Ended: 9:28

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Kleckler	p	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Watts	p	Clerk Arduini	p
		Ed Cox	p
		Ted Padilla	p
		Larry Spinka	p
		Brian Frickenstein	p
		Alderman Schuneman	p
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order - Chairman Reitzel	Meeting was called to order at 8:13am	Meeting begins at 8:13am
2. Audience Requests	None	No action
3. Approve Minutes of the October 1st, 2015 Public Works - Public Property Meeting	The minutes were reviewed by the Committee	Minutes approved
4. Engineer's Report – Brian Frickenstein	Mr. Frickenstein reported that Martin and Co. will be doing adjustments to the manholes and water valves. Painting will also be done this week.	No action
5. Old Business a. Sidewalk and tree issue – 200 block of 1 st avenue.	Asst. Street Superintendent has spoken to Wilkins Tree service, but has not received a quote for the removal. Another quote for replacement of the sidewalk will have to be done after the tree and roots are removed.	Tabled
a. Review & Update on MFT budget including salt bid award	The salt bid is \$66.79 per ton. The total for 1400 tons will be \$108,878.00 will be paid by MFT. The remaining 370 (\$24712.30) tons would be paid for by 1 cent funds if necessary. Adm. Blackert explained the calculation of motor fuel tax funds. Brian Frickenstein stated that the general maintenance supplies bid will go out in December.	No action
b. Review and projections on 1 cent budget (roads & sidewalks, etc.) a. Allocation of 1 cent funds for roads, sidewalks, etc.	Administrator Blackert presented a one cent budget of \$800,000. After much discussion the committee allocated \$400,000 to slag & oil – rototill and sap repairs. \$50,000 in crack sealing, \$50,000 repayment to electric. \$200,000 to be put away for work on 14 th Avenue. \$100,000 was allocated to sidewalks and ADA ramps. There was much discussion about the process that is being used for these overlays. Mr. Spinka would like to go back with a second coat of slag on this year's roads next year.	Tabled
c. Mural on North End wall discussion	The mural that is on the West wall of the former library is still painted pink, and does not match the rest of the hallway. The Rock Falls High School has recently removed the murals at the school, and Building Inspector Searing would like permission to have Sheila paint the wall to match the rest of the area at the new tourism office.	The committee approves repainting the wall.

d.Uptown tree replacement	Building Inspector Mark Searing reported that Brian Tribley may have had access to some hybrid pear trees for the uptown. Some of the trees on the south side of west 2 nd street have been removed, and some on the north side are too large and need to be removed by means other than our Street Department. The city needs to know what types of trees are suitable for downtown.	Tabled: Clerk Arduini will contact Naperville, and St. Charles to find out what kind of tree are used in those communities.
7.Wastewater – Ed Cox Superintendent a.Wastewater Updates	Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox stated that the plant is running good. The crews will be hand packing grease in the screw lift bearings twice a year. The lift station is progressing, currently waiting on parts. The department was using the camera truck on the East side where they have cleaned the sanitary lines. The camera broke, and had to be repaired for \$2700. It should be back early next week.	No action
b.West End Sewer Extension to Long Shot	Adm. Blackert explained that longshots needs to hook up to city sanitary sewer in the near future. The plan is for a 24” gravity line going north from Riverdale Rd. to the sewer plant. The cost would be \$437,000. The city has not been able to obtain grants for the project as Shaffer’s market has not added the jobs yet, and the jobs at Longshots have not qualified. Other plans that have been produced including sanitary along Prophetstown Road with a lift station were presented.	The council gives approval for the City Administrator to spend some money to investigate more options for funding the project.
c.Benchmark drainage discussion	Mr. Cox reported that his crews were able to obtain GPS coordinates for the manholes and located the storm sewer pipe east of the Benchmark subdivision. The pipe is fine, but the 4 manholes in benchmark are not flowing into the pipe.	No action
8.Water – Ted Padilla Superintendent a.Water Department updates	Water Superintendent Ted Padilla reported that he will soon be adding leak detection alarms to the utility bills. 1/3 of the water system has been switched to the new meters. Mr. Padilla would like to be informed with the road work list so roads that need to have water projects done are only opened up once. Mr. Padilla will be adding depth, and other necessary information to the GIS system dropdowns. Mr. Padilla would like to replace the SCADA computer, and have it replaced every 3 years. – Well # 7 is out for bid. Mr. Padilla explained that the dewatering contractor backed out, and Behrens have given him a quote. The quote was for \$11968.00 which is less but the water crew will have to assist.	The committee agrees with the replacement schedule of the SCADA computer. The Committee approves the dewatering bid from Jeff Behrens Excavating for \$11968.00. The project has already been approved by Council for a higher amount.
9.Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka	Mr. Spinka reported that all of the street signs have been replaced. The Sweeper is on its second time around the city, and he hopes it will make it one more time before Winter.	
10. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 9:28am	Meeting ends at 9:28am


Committee Chairman