



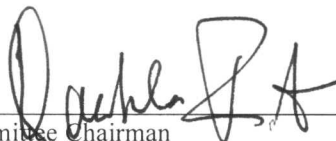
City of Rock Falls Public Works / Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 12-3-2015 Time Meeting Started: 8:15am Time Meeting Ended: 9:20am

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	
Also Attended			
		Alderman Schuneman	p

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order - Chairman Reitzel	Meeting was called to order	Meeting begins at 8:15am
2. Audience Requests	None	No action
3. Approve Minutes of the November 5th, 2015 Public Works - Public Property Meeting	The minutes were reviewed by the Committee.	Minutes approved
4. Engineer's Report – Brian Frickenstein	Alderman Kleckler remarked that 7 th Avenue has been striped.	No action
5. Old Business a. Review of 2016 road and sidewalk projects.	Nothing to report.	No action
b. Sidewalk and tree issue - 200 Block 1st Avenue	Larry Spinka has spoken to Wilkins Tree Service, but he had not received a cost to remove the tree.	Tabled
c. Uptown tree replacement	Clerk Arduini reported to the committee that he had spoken to the arborist in Naperville, and the trees used there are a combination of Honey Locust, Hackberry, and State Street Maple. St. Charles uses Columnar English Oak, State Street Maple, and Pear. Both cities warned to select a tree that is resistant to the effects of salt, and neither town has a policy for removing them after they become overgrown.	No action
d. West End Sewer Extension to Long Shot.	Administrator Blackert explained that the City may be eligible for grants to do the sewer extension if it would be proven to create jobs. Shafer fisheries current has a 15 year lease on the former Rock River Provisions facility, and is doing some cold storage there currently. The facility may need upgrades to water and sewer service to allow for production. The area of Allen's addition, and the mobile home park are going to need sewer service at some time in the future as well.	The city will attempt to reach out to Shafer fisheries to see if they need assistance in acquiring grants.

6. New Business: a.Easement agreement for handicapped ramp on the south side of 102 West 2nd Street.	Inspector Searing present an issue at 102 West 2 nd Street with allowing handicapped access into the restaurant to be located there. The owner would like to build an ADA accessible ramp 12 inches into the city sidewalk on the North side of West 2 nd Street. A similar ramp was allowed in the past, and it has been difficult for City employees to work around with snow removal and sweeping. Other businesses have made modifications to the entrance of their building to comply with ADA. Mayor Wescott would like to see a consistent factor for all of the businesses in the area. The committee does not want to see the sidewalk filled with ramps if there are other options.	The committee does not allow the ramp to be placed on the sidewalk.
b.Utility Board information.	Mayor Wescott informed the committee that discussions about designing the Utility Board have begun in the Electric Department. He will keep the Public Works Committee updated as the board is structured, and he would like to see it begin within the next fiscal year. Alderman Kleckler expressed concerns that citizens on the board may not be as effective, or be held as accountable as an elected official. Mayor Wescott stated that when the basic structure of the board is formed, it will be brought to a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss any questions and issues. Administrator Blackert mentioned that things are not being done consistently between departments. She mentioned that the members of the board will receive APPA training, and the board will do cost studies to find out if the City is paying and charging correctly.	Tabled
c.Sidewalk, ADA, Crack Filling, and Rototill bids.	Administrator Blackert told the committee that bids should be ready for approval at the January meeting.	Tabled.
7.Wastewater – Ed Cox Superintendent a. Wastewater Updates	Superintendent Cox reported that the plant is running well, and the department has not been able to camera due to fog in the lines. Adm. Blackert reported that major reconstruction of the pump station will begin in March due to the lead time on the new pumps.	No Action
8. Water – Ted Padilla Superintendent a. Water Department updates	Superintendent Padilla is sending Inspector Searing to backflow prevention inspection school. Enforcement will continue to be through the water department. The leak detection notices on the utility bills have been reviewed by the Electric Committee, and he hopes the program begins in January. Mr. Padilla reported that Galt Ave. and 3 rd Ave. will need water main work when those streets are torn up for repairs.	Ted will consult with engineers concerning water main replacement on 3 rd Ave. and Galt Ave.
9.Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka	Larry Spinka reported that there were a couple of truck repair issues with the first snowfall. Insp. Searing asked that the City Crews clean off the edges of the municipal sidewalks at City Hall. There was much discussion about using other materials and processes in future road repairs. Adm. Blackert stated that she can get cost estimates, if there are roads that the committee would like to see done differently. The slag overlay is still experimental.	
10.Committee Member Items	Alderman Schuneman reported spotting two eagles.	No action
11. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21am	Meeting ends at 9:21am



Committee Chairman