



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

Date: June 4th, 2015


Time Meeting Started: 5:30pm

Time Meeting Ended: 6:54

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 following a tour of the Water Department facilities	Meeting begins 5:30pm
2.Audience Requests	None	
3.Approve Minutes of the May 14th 2015 Public Works - Public Property Meetings	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4.Old Business a.Rock Falls Public Library	Mayor Wescott reported that a couple of the items that the library had requested have been addressed. The parking lot drainage will have to be re-bid, and engineering work done. The previous bid was for boring, and it was not engineered. Crack filing will be scheduled for next year. The old parking lot was not removed when the new one was added. This compounded the water problem that had already existed in the winter. If the State cuts City revenues, the City will not be able to do much.	Mayor Wescott will give his responses to Amy from the library. Tabled
b.Bid Reviews a.Sewer F-250 Truck b.Street Dump Trucks	The bids were reviewed and the low bids accepted. If the City has its State revenues cut, the city will be unable to purchase the trucks. Monroe won the bid for chassis, Thompson won the bid for the truck.	No action
5.New Business: a.Filter number 3 iron issue – Water Dept.	Water superintendent Ted Padilla reported that Cell #7 has been releasing more iron bacteria than normal. He reported that they found no problems with the air wash lines. He also reported that to replace the sand would cost \$17,000, if all of the material needed to be replaced it would cost \$23,000. Mr. Padilla would like to monitor the cell and attempt to find out what is happening. He will report his findings at the next Public Works meeting.	Tabled
6.Engineer's Report – Brian Frickenstein	City Engineer Brian Frickenstein reported that 7 th Avenue drainage items are finishing up. There should not be any more road closures. Mr. Frickenstein reported that the crack sealing is done, and the contractor did a very good job this year. Alderman Kleckler asked about the difference in cost for crack sealing and tar and chipping one block. Mr. Frickenstein stated that the crack filling is preventative maintenance for blacktop. With the expansion and contraction of the blacktop it is necessary to crack fill to make it last. Alderman Schuneman asked what the difference between rototill and grind is. Mr. Frickenstein explained that rototill leaves the ground up material to help make a base, and grinding removes the material before an overlay. Mr. Frickenstein stated that tilling is being done now on the roads and alleys.	No action

7. Wastewater – Ed Cox Superintendent a. NPDES / Projects report	Ed Cox Wastewater Superintendent stated that there has been no violations.	No action
b. Leander Schedule for Pump Station	Mr. Cox handed out a schedule of the work to be done by Leander. Mayor Wescott encourages anyone who has not been to the pump station to have a look at it now before the changes are made.	No action
c. Hotel project boring update	Mr. Cox informed the committee that the pre-con meeting was held today, and the project will take 3 days with no street cuts.	No action
	Mr. Cox stated that the Emerald Ash Borer treatments are done for this year, all trees have been treated or removed.	No action
8. Water – Ted Padilla Superintendent e. Update on Projects	The Aldermen thanked Mr. Padilla for the tour of the facility. Mr. Padilla stated that all of the GIS and laptops are mounted in the vehicles. The networking still needs to be set up.	No action
8. Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka a. Update on Projects	Street Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka told the committee that they have been busy. The department is currently patching in the Benchmark area. The crews have been keeping up with the mowing.	No action
9. Committee Member Items	<p>Alderman Kleckler asked whose responsibility is it to mow the barriers for haying. Mr. Spinka stated that they have been mowing them, The amount the city crews have to mow has gone from 4 days a week to 2 days a week. Alderman Kleckler called attention to East 2nd Street by the river. The road seems to be sinking in that area. It was explained that the bank is controlled by the Army Corps of engineers. There were some repairs made a few years ago that have held up well.</p> <p>Mr. Kleckler also mentioned that the west side of 6th Avenue near City Hall used to be painted yellow, and was “No Parking” he reported that there were vehicles recently parked on both sides of the road, and it appeared that it may not be possible for fire trucks to pass through.</p> <p>Alderman Schuneman reported that there was a hole on West 14th Street that was recently filled with gravel.</p> <p>Alderman Kleckler inquired about what could be done with the large downtown trees. When the city has the funds, the trees could be grated at the bottom, trimmed or removed.</p> <p>Mr. Kleckler inquired about removing, or screening the dumpsters at city hall. Adm. Blackert explained that the amount of dumpsters at city hall is part of the garbage contract. The number and sizes are appropriate with the amount of trash produced.</p> <p>Mr. Kleckler asked if the city could return to doing a 50/50 sidewalk program. It was explained that the program was stopped because when the city gives half of the cost, the project then must pay all prevailing wages. The cost to the resident is higher when the city pitches in 50%.</p>	<p>The ordinance will be reviewed for parking on 6th Ave.</p> <p>Mr. Spinka will investigate the filled spot on West 14th Street.</p> <p>The city will find out how other towns run their sidewalk programs.</p>
10. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm	Meeting ends at 6:54pm.



Committee Chairman