



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

Date: 7-2-2015

Time Meeting Started: 9:00am

Time Meeting Ended: 10:15am

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

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to order - Chairman Reitzel	Meeting was called to order	Meeting begins at 9:00am
2.Audience Requests	None	
3.High Bill Complaint a.514 11th Avenue	No discussion	
4.Approve Minutes of the June 4th 2015 Public Works - Public Property Meetings	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
5.Old Business a.Rock Falls Public Library	<p>Mayor Wescott stated that he had met with Amy Lego from the Library, and went over the items that needed attention</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Edging around the sign</i> – The City will remove the wood and mulch from around the sign and trim the grass that grows around it. - <i>Storage Room Lighting</i> – A new bulb fixed this issue. - <i>Snow Clearing</i> – The city crews will take care of the lot at the same time as the other municipal lot at City Hall. The Street Department will remove snow piles from the corner at 10th St. so that the sidewalk can be cleared. - <i>Brickwork for the sign</i> – The sign does not need a full tuck-pointing job to be done. The City will have city maintenance personnel inspect the bricks, and find out if she may be able to do the needed repairs. - <i>Drain issue on the sidewalk</i> – The issue will require an engineering report to find a way to drain the water from the sidewalk away somewhere. The Library Board will need to share costs because this will be a great expense to remediate. Even with the recent heavy rains, the sidewalk was not flooded much longer than any other areas. The problem exists in the winter. - <i>Parking Lot Weeds</i> – The weeds in the parking lot are being sprayed by city maintenance personnel. Sealcoating will need to be done on both lots, this will have to be a cost sharing expense between the library board and the City. 	The City will have the drainage issue engineered, and the seal coating costs will be determined for next year.
b.Filter number 3 iron issue update – Water Dept.	Ted Padilla reported that the filter is working better, and it is now flushed every other day rather than every day.	No Action
6.New Business: a.Vacation of Alley 901 W. 21st Street – Inspector Searing	Inspector Searing had an inquiry from a homeowner about the City abandoning the alley south of 21 st St. to build a garage. Mr. Padilla informed the committee that he has a 48” backwash pipe that runs along the area. There are also users of the alley on the west end of it.	No action
b.Display of meeting agendas – Alderman Klecker	Clerk Arduini explained the complaint by Alderman Kleckler, and pointed out the State Statute that allows the City to use the website as sufficient notification	No Action
7.Engineer’s Report – Brian Frickenstein	Mr. Frickenstein informed the committee that he had sent a letter to Twin City Construction concerning the lack of progress on the 7 th Avenue street project. It will	No Action

	<p>have been 4 ½ weeks since any work has been done if the contractor waits to start back up. The only allowance for going past the deadline of August 7th was for dirt and seeding work.</p> <p>Adm. Blackert stated that the city has been spending money filling holes in the road that should have been cored out at this point.</p> <p>Mayor Wescott thanked Mr. Frickenstein, and Larry Griffiths for their help at the sewer main collapse site.</p> <p>Mr. Frickenstein stated that they will be getting all of the costs from Civil and reviewing them from the incident.</p>	
8.Wastewater – Ed Cox Superintendent a.NPDES / Projects report	<p>Mr. Cox reported that the City has received a 30 day Notice for the NPDES Reports. In reviewing the new license, there are a number of new requirements that were not required previously.</p> <p>CMOM Reports Feasibility, and I&I study. There will be higher requirements for phosphorus discharge which will add to the city’s chemical costs. The City received no violations for spills or discharge into the river.</p>	No action
b.Pump Station update	Leander began work on the lift station on July 1 st . The pumps have been changed over to submersible motors	No action
c.Hotel project boring update	WHA will be on site to observe the boring project connection to the manhole on the south side of the road. The levels were too high during the bore to hook on at that time.	No action
d.Sump Pump Program e.I and I Study	Infiltration &Inflow study will narrow the problem down to an area. The new controllers will have digital flow history, and will be tied into the scada system. This will show how much each lift station is handling at any time. A reminder to residents about roof drains, and sump pumps discharging into sanitary sewer.	<p>A reminder about illegal hookups will be added to utility bills.</p> <p>An Ordinance will need to be drafted having violators go through the administrative hearing process.</p> <p>A letter will need to go to the realtors letting them know that these connections will be inspected along with electrical when property is sold.</p>
Update on projects	<p>The department is behind on catch basins due to the recent events. The department will be setting priorities for work to be done.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Lift stations have been good - 2nd Gearbox bearings for screw lifts are making noise. - Crews will be televising lines. - A DVD of West 1st Street will be sent to Visisewer for analysis and potential slip lining. 	No Action
9.Water – Ted Padilla Superintendent e. Update on Projects	<p>Hydrant Testing begins July 15th.</p> <p>A booster pump is in Aurora being rebuilt.</p> <p>Sewer will be purchasing the 4” bi-pass pump from the Water Department for half of cost due to contamination.</p> <p>The water department is scheduling appointments to replace the 1990 series meters. The water department is working with WHA for the Well #7 bid opening</p> <p>The water department still plans on replacing the valves near the High School.</p> <p>Inspector Searing asked if the city could have some training in how to properly use the GIS system to find information.</p> <p>July 8th there will be a meeting with the Mayor about the well to city residences still not hooked up to City services.</p>	Mark Searing will speak to Dick Simon to schedule a training time.

<p>10. Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka</p>	<p>The Street department has been helping Sewer crews. Street crews have been patching south of Route 30. Excess sand and gravel from W. 1st Street will be taken to the Street Dept. Renters who are haying need to be responsible to mow around their fields as it states in the contract. The City will no longer be mowing this for the renters. Mayor Wescott asked that the clinic parking lot be brushed / swept when the crews are on 1st St. There was much discussion about limb and branch pickup by city crews after a storm. Alderman Reitzel mentioned that 8th Avenue needs to be sealed with tree sap to due to dust. Alderman Watts mentioned that touch a truck is coming August 1st, and they will need barricades for East 2nd and the slab.</p>	<p>Storm damage pickup for residents after storms will be determined by the City Administrator and Street Superintendent.</p>
<p>9. Committee Member Items</p>	<p>Alderman Schuneman mentioned that the rake had been delivered to the hydro plant. He also mentioned that the road repairs on W. 14th street had been done by the contractor.</p>	
<p>10. Adjournment</p>	<p>With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 10:15pm</p>	<p>Meeting ends at 10:15am</p>

Committee Chairman