

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

Date: 9-10-2015	Time Meeting Started:	9:00am Time Meeting Ended:	10:30am
Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel – Chairman	р	Mayor Wescott	р
Alderman Kleckler	р	Administrator Blackert	р
Alderman Watts	р	Clerk Arduini	р
		Ed Cox	р
		Ted Padilla	р
		Larry Spinka	р
		Brian Frickenstein	р
		Larry Thomas - Stanley Consulting	р
	Also Atter	ided	

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order - Chairman Reitzel	Meeting was called to order at 9:00am	Meeting begins at 9:00am
2. Audience Requests	None	No action
3. Approve Minutes of the August 6th, 2015 Public Works - Public Property Meeting	The committee reviewed the minutes of the 8-6-2015 meeting	Minutes approved
4. Engineer's Report – Brian Frickenstein	Brian Frickenstein explained that 7 th Avenue is almost done. He has spoken to the contractor about the plants growing in the new soil not being grass as specified. He feels that the City should hold back retainage for the issue. The blacktop should be installed by Martin & Co. in October, and it should take about 3 days. Alderman Schuneman asked about standing water on 7 th Avenue, and Mr. Frickenstein said it should not be a problem.	The city will hold retainage for the grass.
5. New Business a. 901 W 21st Street Alley - Inspector Searing	City Administrator Robbin Blackert showed the area of alley on the map that the resident would like the City to abandon. The garage addition would extend into the current alley. The committee has spoken on this item before, and Attorney Reese does not feel that any abandonment of City Property should be fast tracked for projects. Due to problems in the past, all affected landowners would need to be notified, and the City should develop a policy for abandonment with price also being determined when City property is sold. The homeowner may go before the Planning and Zoning Commission. Water Superintendent Ted Padilla said that the setback from the backflow pipe would have to be at least 16 feet due to the depth of the pipe, and accessibility for repairs.	No Action
6. Wastewater – Ed Cox Superintendent a. Wastewater Updates	Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox gave the committee an estimate of \$113,800 for slip-lining the sewer main along West 1st Street that collapsed in the spring. Mr. Cox explained that the process cannot be done when the temperature is below 40 degrees. This estimate does not include new blacktop for 1st Street He also explained that the contractor will need to close a portion of Rt. 40 for the project. The contractor is current booked and would have to try to squeeze us in to do it this fall. Mayor Wescott stated that the city may receive FEMA grants to help with funding these projects in the future.	The Committee will put it out for bid in January to have the work done in the spring.

11.Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 10:30am	Meeting ends at 10:21am
10.Committee Member Items	Alderman Kleckler expressed concern about the trees and brush encroaching and hanging over Avenue E south of Dixon Avenue.	Mayor Wescott will contact Dave Hahne with the IDNR about the concern.
9. City Administrator – Robbin Blackert	City Administrator will be emailing out last year's list of roads. The new lists will be reviewed at the October meeting.	Aldermen need to review their Wards and add only new roads that are not already listed.
updates 8.Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka	Mr. Spinka said that the street department is winding down on summer projects. There is 1-2 weeks' worth of emulsion left. When the leaves fall the city will be swept 2-3 times completely. October is a time for maintenance and getting ready to plow.	No action
Water – Ted Padilla Superintendent a. Water Department	Ted Padilla stated that booster pump #1 is coming back, and there has been many JULIE callouts for a major Nicor project.	No action
	Mr. Cox informed the committee that the lift stations have been updated the LMS1 alarms to save money, the new alarms will be getting the SCADA pack next week to help monitor flows. Sewer Crews are currently cleaning the sanitary lines around Marsha Lane, and Wiker Dr. The lines will begin to be filmed on Monday. The City will need to setup a timeline for sub-pump compliance in the area. Alderman Klecker asked about Thomas Street water retention, and the City will be working with landowners and developers in the Benchmark subdivision when the crops are harvested. Larry Thomas from Stanley Consultants gave a briefing about the work being done, and upgrades to the main pump station. Due to the pumps being larger, and submersible, the electronics will also need to be upgraded. A bypass on the force main going into the station is also recommended. These upgrades and revisions could be \$300,000 to \$500,000. Alderman Kleckler asked how this will affect the flow to the plant, and how can the city reduce the incoming flow. The flow to the plant will only increase by about 10%. The inflow will need to be addressed as part of a long term plan. CMOM and phosphorus requirements have become stricter from the EPA and long range plan for infiltration will be developed. Mr. Cox added that all (CSOs) connections between sanitary, and storm water are believed to be separated.	

