



City of Rock Falls Building Code Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 11-2-16

Time Meeting Started: 5:15pm

Time Meeting Ended: 6:11pm

Members		Also Attended	
Ald. Brian Snow - Chair	p	Mayor Wescott	
Ald. Lee Folsom	p	Clerk Arduini	
Ald. Rod Kleckler	p	Administrator Blackert	
Chris King	p		
Sally Scanlan	p		
Mark Searing	p		

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order @ 5:15 P.M. - Chairman Snow	Meeting was called to order at 5:15pm	Meeting begins at 5:15pm
2. Audience Requests	None	No action
3. Approve minutes of the August 3rd, 2016 meeting	The minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4. Building Inspector updates:	None	No Action
5. Old Business:	Building Inspector Searing reported that we are still waiting to find out if Sterling and Whiteside County will be adopting these.	Tabled
a. Adoption of 2015 International Codes		
b. 606 East 4th Street update	Inspector Searing has spoken to Attorney Sanders, and the Committee can extend the amount of time given to Mr. Trujillo to get the property up to code if they wish. Mr. Trujillo reported to the committee that the plumbing inspector has signed off now after a few changes were made. There is some electrical work to finish. He asked for clarification of the code, and another 30 days.	The Committee granted Mr. Trujillo another 30 days to bring the house up to code.
c. Swimming pool discussion	Clerk Arduini mentioned that other cities that he spoke with use the International Residential Code, and that has pool requirements in it. Mr. Searing has those codes, and will bring them to the next meeting	Tabled
6. New Business	Clerk Arduini presented a list of current weed liens sorted by the amount. Many of liens may be uncollectable, and the lien amount exceeds the value of the property. There was much discussion about foreclosing on some of these properties, Alderman Kleckler asked if the lots could be donated to a non-profit like Habitat for Humanity to build new homes on the vacant lots that the City is mowing. Mr. Searing will find out a cost of foreclosure. Alderman Kleckler pointed out that the total was incorrect.	Tabled
a. Grass mowing liens update		
b. Abandoned property registration	Mr. Searing reported that the Mayor and Amy from the PD have had some abandoned property training. There are currently 93 vacant properties in the City. Instituting an abandoned property registration would require that property owners register their property after being vacant for 90 days. This registration can be shared with the Police and Fire Departments so they know if the property is empty. This will require an Ordinance to begin. Inspector Searing will bring a sample ordinance back to the committee at the next meeting.	Tabled
c. 601 West 7th Street – Demolition order	Inspector Searing provided the committee with pictures of the home and garage at 601 West 7th Street. The home has been empty for 30 years, and the roof is collapsing. He would like to seek a demolition order filed against the owners. A neighbor may be interested in the property and garage.	Inspector searing will proceed with the 15 day notice, and consult Attorney Sanders on the options.
7. Committee Member items	Sally Scanlan asked if the tall weeds near Perna's on route 30 could be trimmed. Chris King inquired if there has been any more action on the Micro property on W 2 nd Street concerning the roof.	Inspector Searing will speak to the owner of Micro this fall.

	Alderman Rod Kleckler inquired about the laundromat on West 2nd St. Mr. Searing informed him that it will be a sandwich shop and laundry. The barrel building and fencing will be removed	
8. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:11pm	Meeting ends at 6:11pm

Committee Chairman