



City of Rock Falls Finance / Insurance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6-28-2016

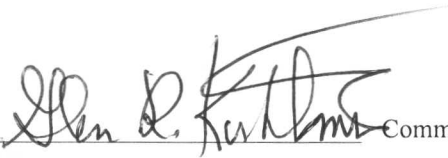
Time Meeting Started: 5:00

Time Meeting Ended: 6:20

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Kuhlemier – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Logan	p	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Kleckler	p	Clerk Arduini	p
		Alderman Reitzel	P
		Alderman Ebenezer	P
		Alderman Schuneman	P
		Chief Nelson	P
		Attorney Reese	P
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order @ 5:00p.m. – Chairman Kuhlemier	Meeting was called to order	Meeting begins at 5:00pm
2..New Business: a. Squad car lease discussion	Police Chief Tammy Nelson presented two options for adding squad cars to the fleet, keeping the miles lower, and avoiding repair costs. Chief Nelson reported that the squads have been giving the department no problems. The cost for an outfitted squad is \$34,826.32. One of the options was to purchase two cars outright this year giving the department a fleet of 6 squads. The other option was to lease 6 squads this year. Alderman Ebenezer mentioned that the Police do a great job of keeping the vehicles up.	Tabled
b. Review of bond issuance documents from Chapman & Cutler	<p>City Administrator Blackert gave the committee a presentation called TIF 101 which explained how Tax Increment Financing works, and how it works in the Downtown TIF District. Alderman Kleckler asked what would happen if the TIF failed. The hotel has mortgages that would require a rebuild if a natural disaster damages the building. Adm. Blackert informed the committee that as buildings are sold, they are re-assessed, and that increment is added to the TIF fund. Greenspace was a selling point for the hotel, and the TIF will also gain increment from any other developments on the south side of East 2nd St. Alderman Ebenezer asked if the TIF grows, and has more funds, could the G.O. Bonds be paid off early. They cannot, and extra funds will be used to create a maintenance fund. Attorney Reese stated that the first project in the TIF was a big one, and a typical deal would have reimbursed the TIF money to the developer for building on the site.</p> <p>City Attorney Jim Reese went over the proposed ordinance and other documents pertaining to the bond. \$5,000,000 was used as a maximum, and the market will be the limiting factor for the amount of bonds sold. The initial enabling ordinance would give the city a 3 year window and an option to do more work if revenues increase. After the Ordinance passes there are 30 days given to file a petition calling for referendum. If there is no petition, or referendum, the bond sale would be in September and the interest rates are set. These are insured bonds.</p> <p>Alderman Kleckler asked if the bid letting should be in September closer to the bond sale. Adm. Blackert explained that the process is now about two months behind, and the good bid that was let expires July 11th, 2016.</p> <p>Alderman Ebenezer asked if the City could use the OSLAD Grant money after bonding if the State releases it. The OSLAD grant is for a different area of the property.</p> <p>Alderman Kleckler mentioned that the bond has specific items that it can be used for. Could the City use bond money for missing sidewalk along east 2nd, or repairs on West 1st Street? The issue on W. 1st was a utility problem, and utility funds should be used rather than TIF funds. After much discussion the issue was sent to the Council for approval.</p>	Recommend to Council for approval. The TIF information will be distributed to help interested residents understand TIF Financing

3. Municipal Investment Reports	The report was reviewed by the committee	Report accepted.
4. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm	Meeting ends 6:20pm

 Committee Chairman