



## City of Rock Falls Hennepin Canal – Trails Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 9-8-2016

Time Meeting Started: 12:00pm

Time Meeting Ended: 1:08pm

| Members                            |   | Also Attended          |   |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Alderman Schuneman – Chairman      | p | Mayor Wescott          |   |
| Alderman Folsom                    |   | Administrator Blackert | p |
| Alderman Snow                      |   | Clerk Arduini          | p |
| Larry Spinka – Street Department   | p | Inspector Searing      |   |
| Mike Sterba – Coloma Park District |   | Alderman Kleckler      | P |
| Eric Arduini – RRDA                | p | Bill Milby             | P |
| Tom Vandemore - IDNR               |   | Tammy Nelson           | P |
| Brian Tribley – Firehouse of God   | p | Janell Loos            | P |
| John Larson                        | p | Rhonda Reese           | P |
| Tim Keller                         | p |                        |   |

| Topic   | Discussion   | Plan of Action   |
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| 1. Call to Order @ 12:00 p.m. – Chairman Schuneman              | Meeting was called to order  | Meeting begins at 12:00pm  |
| 2. Audience Request   | None   |  |
| 3. Approve Minutes – Hennepin Canal Committee August 11th, 2016 | Minutes were reviewed by the committee   | Minutes approved   |
| 4. Old Business:<br>a. Location markers along the canal.        | Deputy Chief Milby presented a quote for the canal markers. The cost for 20 markers, and the driver to install them will cost \$573.76. There was some question about the markers being a life-safety item by the Fire Chief. The INDR has given approval for the installation of the markers. The Fire Department will install the markers.   | The markers will be ordered by the Fire Department                                       |
| b. Tree removal from the prairie under ComEd ROW.               | Mr. Spinka would like to schedule the tree cutting for late October. Larry will coordinate this project with the other department heads to get the manpower for the project. The trees will be cut and treated with Tordon.  | No action  |
| 5. New Business<br>a. Grant writing discussion.                 | City Administrator Robbin Blackert informed the Committee that the State may be funding the recreational trails grant. The grant is \$150,000 for projects not to exceed \$250,000. The Committee discussed priorities for the parts of the trail that may qualify for the grant. Some money will need to be spent on engineering to attain cost estimates for the grant applications. Any parking lot would be costly, as it would need to be reinforced for bus traffic. The Committee would like to see a bituminous surface extending from McNeil Road to 5th Street as a first priority for the grants application. Crossings and entrances will need to be ADA compliant. The next priority is lighting and cameras along the trail. A parking lot, and benches are another priority. It may be possible to use old poles with new heads for lighting along the trail. | Adm. Blackert will speak with the City Engineers to get cost estimates for the projects. |
| 6. RRDA Report  | Eric Arduini informed the committee that the last RRDA meeting for the year will be held at the Upper Dam overlook on September 19 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Deputy Chief Milby reported that the buoys will be removed around the 28 <sup>th</sup> of the month.   | No action  |
| 7. Volunteerism Report  | Mr. Brian Tribley reported that his group has been keeping up with graffiti, and recently replaced one of the pexi-glass covers.<br>Tourism Director Janell Loos reported to the committee that volunteer help is needed for the Hennepin Hundred event. There are 28 aid / food stations along the run. Stops 1-6 will need assistance in delivering supplies to them. Helpers will need to follow the truck to move food and water to the stations.  | No action  |
| 8. Committee Member Items                                       | Tim Keller reported that he has been working with boy scouts collecting milkweed pods. He will be expanding the prairie plot at the mouth of the feeder canal.   | No action  |
| 9. Adjournment  | With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08pm   | Meeting ends at 1:08pm   |

Committee Chairman

