



City of Rock Falls Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 28, 2016 **Time Meeting Started:** 9:00 a.m. **Time Meeting Ended:** 10:45 a.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Chairman Folsom	P	Mayor Wescott	P
Alderman Reitzel	P	Admin Blackert	P
Alderman Kleckler	P		
Chief Nelson	P		
Chief Cook	P		
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Folsom 	
2. Audience Request	None	
3. Department Review of Past Year	<p>A. Police Dept. Chief Nelson reviewed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of two officers to the ILEAS program. • Safe Passages program initiation in Whiteside County to address the heroine problem. • Active shooter training program • K-9 Handler changes and success with current handler • <p>B. Fire Dept. Chief Cook reviewed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant improvement in both City and rural rating through ISO • Success of Twin City Joint Fire Command how well the two departments are working together • Truck & Equipment condition and preventative maintenance to extend the life of the vehicles • Reviewed Age and condition of departments apparatus • Condition of the building and needed repairs to the bathroom facilities • Continuing training being conducted by SVCC • Fire inspections are continuing on both sides of the river • Received grant from Nelson Energy for new light on aerial. • Foreign Fire Board continues to work with City on joint funding of necessary equipment. 	No action
4. Current Manning Levels	<p>Fire Dept. Chief Cook reviewed current manning levels and are currently hiring two full-time firefighters to fill open positions. Currently there are 6 paid on call firefighters</p> <p>Police Dept. Chief Nelson reviewed current manning levels, with the new hire occurring in March, the department will be fully staffed</p>	No action
5. Dispatch Consolidation Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Wescott briefed the committee on the necessary changes to our current PSAP system in Whiteside due to legislation passed by the IL General Assembly. Meetings are continuing between all entities. 	No action

6. Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Alderman Kleckler asked how staffing levels are determined for the Police Dept. Chief Nelson explained that the levels were set by past administration and those levels would only change with a significant change in population. Alderman Kleckler asked if volunteerism could be used as an avenue to alleviate the overtime for the Police Dept caused by City events such as Fiesta Days. Committee discussed the large amount of volunteers already being used for community-wide events such as Fiesta Days and Bridge the Communities.	No action
7. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.	


Committee Chairman