



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

Date: 3-3-2016

Time Meeting Started: 8:15am

Time Meeting Ended: 10:09

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Kleckler	p	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Watts	p	Clerk Arduini	p
		Ed Cox	p
		Ted Padilla	p
		Larry Spinka	p
		Alderman Schuneman	p
		Building Inspector Mark Searing	p
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to order - Chairman Reitzel	Meeting was called to order at 8:15am	Meeting begins at 8:15
2.Approve Minutes of the January 7th, 2016 Public Works - Public Property Meeting	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
3.Old Business a.Update - 200 Block 1st Avenue tree and sidewalk work	Larry Spinka reported that the tree had been removed, and the street crews will be working on removing the sidewalk, and having the stump ground.	No action
4.New Business: a.Review letter from Bethany Bland concerning the Community Building	The committee reviewed a report from Bethany Bland concerning issues with three of the air conditioning / heating units in the Community Building	The committee recommends that the units be replaced with Community Building Funds. Mr. Searing will have Davis heating look into a lockable thermostat system for the bathroom units.
b.Review of 2016 Concrete Bids	The committee reviewed the bid tabulation sheet for 2016 concrete bids.	The committee recommends to award the contract to the low bidder Murray and Sons Construction of Sterling.
c.Sidewalk list review	The committee viewed the list of sidewalks and the current estimate totals to \$115,888.60 the budgeted amount of repairs is \$62,000. The committee will review the sidewalks in person and meet again to make the final decision.	A special Public Works-Property meeting will be held on March 14 th , 2016 at 8:15am Mr. Searing will contact Nicor on the sidewalks and ramps that need to be replaced because of their work.

d. Review of Street Department budget.	City Administrator Blackert displayed the proposed street budget on the screen. Two new snowplows were included in this budget. Alderman Reitzel inquired about the possibility of allowing overtime for the Street Department to get the roads prepped for the County to coat with slag earlier in the year.	No action
e. Discussion of handicap ramp for Dead Tree Saloon	The Dead Tree Saloon on the corner of First Ave. and W. 2 nd Street needs to install an ADA ramp to the entrance on W 2 nd St. The owners have requested that rather than alter the interior of the restaurant greatly, the City allow for the construction of the ADA ramp on the sidewalk in front of the building. A tree will need to be removed at the owner's expense to keep the ADA width of the sidewalk after the ramp is installed.	The committee approves the ramp project, but it will need an agreement drawn up for Council approval.
5. Wastewater – Ed Cox Superintendent a. Wastewater Updates	Superintendent Ed Cox informed the committee that the gate at the sewer plant will remain closed throughout the day. Larry Thomas from Stanley Consultants will be giving an update to the City Council at their next meeting. Mr. Cox explained that they will be replacing four Rt. 30 “flat tops” per year, and he invites everyone to add to his list of catch basins that are to be repaired. The Sewer Dept. will be adding manholes, and catch basins to the GIS system.	No action
6. Water – Ted Padilla Superintendent a. Water Department updates	Superintendent Ted Padilla reported that his department has been using electronic tablets in the field. The department recently found two service boxes that they had been looking for. The department is still waiting for EPA approval of the Well #7 project.	No action
b. Capital improvement 8th Avenue 6” water main extension	Mr. Padilla pointed out to the committee that he would like to add a 6” water main to the west side of 8 th Avenue heading South to the current dead end. The project will place a new hydrant at the dead end.	No action
c. Galt Avenue water main replacement	Mr. Padilla reported that the Water Dept. will need to replace the water main on Galt Avenue going North from 5 th St. EPA requires that the current 1” main be upgraded to a 6” main. The Street Dept. will need to open up 10 feet to do the work. The new line will have to run East across 5 th Avenue, and will also run west to upgrade West 4 th Street	No action
7. Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka	Mr. Spinka reported that they have been using cold patch. Jay has been making yield, and school signs. The department will be looking to replace the mowing tractor with something larger to handle the mowing deck.	No action
8. Committee Member Items	Alderman Kleckler expressed his concerns with the rototilling process. Mr. Kleckler also reported that there is a large puddle that has formed at the corner of 8 th Avenue and Leroy. Clerk Arduini inquired if the committee would like any changes made to the haying bid before it gets posted.	Clerk Arduini will put out the rototilling bid, and the haying bid.
9. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:09am	Meeting ends at 10:09am