



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

Date: 8-4-2016

Time Meeting Started: 8:15am

Time Meeting Ended: 9:30

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel – Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Kleckler	p	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Ebenezer		Clerk Arduini	p
		Ed Cox	p
		Ted Padilla	p
		Larry Spinka	p
		Brian Frickenstein	p
		Inspector 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 8:15am
2. Audience Requests a. Gary Wilson – 306 Ada Street ROW	Gary Wilson of 306 Ada Street approached the committee about acquiring the right of way on the west and south side of his property. It was intended to be an alley, but the city has not developed it. The members expressed their concerns about other utilities using the right of way. Mr. Wilson mentioned the price of \$1000 for the west, and south parts of the alley adjoining his property. Alderman Rod Kleckler expressed his concern with selling only a part of it and leaving pieces of city land unused.	Mr Wilson will submit a formal offer, and this matter will then be sent to the City Attorney for review.
3. Approve Minutes of the July 7th, 2016 Public Works - Public Property Meeting	The minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4. Engineer's Report – Brian Frickenstein	City Engineer Brian Frickenstein reported that Phase I of the RB&W District Riverfront path project will begin on Wednesday, and substantial completion will be attained by the end of October. Alderman Kleckler would like to see sidewalk added to the west of the hotel, and added to the south side of east 2 nd St. Alderman Daehle Reitzel reported that the sidewalk going east along east 2 nd street is in bad shape.	No Action
5. Old Business a. Nicor repairs update	Building Inspector Mark Searing reported that he had issued a couple of stop work orders on poor work being done by Nicor two weeks ago. The contractors are now working with the City, and have continued moving forward on the repairs around town. West 2 nd street that was seeded by Nicor appears to be all weeds and needs to be addressed	No action
b. Septage receiving hours	Sewer Superintendent reported that dumping is currently allowed from 8:50am to 11:50am. Alderman Kleckler stated that the ordinance does not state these new hours, and it should be changed. Mayor Wescott added that flexibility has to be given in the ordinance to do business and adapt to changes in the department	An ordinance will be drafted and sent to the Ordinance committee.

c. Avenue E dead end discussion	The southernmost portion of Avenue E is in bad shape. It leads to a dead end at the recreational trail. The City could vacate the road as there are no homes or utilities along it. This would then become a private drive. Alderman Kleckler contended that it could provide access to Linville crossing. Mayor Wescott noted that the lots are still in city limits, and they would need to be maintained as all other lots in town.	This issue will be presented to the city attorney to find out more details about vacation. Tabled
6. New Business: a. Sewer and Water Lien for 302 6th Avenue	City Clerk Eric Arduini explained to the committee that a lien had been placed on a property at 302 6 th Avenue. In the time that the lien was processed, and recorded the property was sold and transferred to a new owner not responsible for the sewer and water charges. It was Clerk Arduini's recommendation that the City release the lien, and pursue payment through the idrop program for the bills owed.	Clerk Arduini will release the lien.
7. Wastewater – Ed Cox Superintendent a. Wastewater Updates	Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox reported that 3 of the new pumps are now up and running. The excess pump will go active on Tuesday. The new pumps are very capable, as during high water one pump was running at 2.5mgd.	No action
b. Civic Plaza II Grinder	Civic Plaza I and II had until the end of July to respond with a plan to resolve the prohibited discharge coming from the building. Civic Plaza I has been moving forward. Civic plaza II emailed on Monday August 1 st that Bogott plumbing stated that Civic Plaza II was not the problem. Bogott plumbing did not state the same message to Mr. Cox. The City Attorney has drafted a letter instructing Civic Plaza II to comply with regulations or the water service will be shut off. There are procedures for an appeal.	This issue will be sent also to the Building inspector for violation under the administrative code.
8. Water – Ted Padilla Superintendent b. Well #4 assembly repairs	Mr. Padilla presented a proposal from Layne for rebuilding the former Well #4 pump. It was last rehabbed in the early 2000s. This expense is O&M and the estimate is \$15493.00. Well #7 Contract 1 is at 95% complete. Brotcke needs to camera the new well. Well#7 Contract #2 is 75% Complete. The new pump should be installed in January.	Recommend to Council to approve the pump rebuild to Layne in the amount of \$15493.00
9. Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka	Larry Spinka reported that they are in the middle of the 2016 road projects. They are 50% done, and the chipper broke. The crews will return on Monday. The department will be painting soon, and crack filling will begin in 2-3 weeks on 1 st Avenue. City Engineer Brain Frickenstein suggested that cooler temperatures may allow more material to be put into the cracks as the blacktop expands. Mr. Spinka reported that the new plow trucks are at Monroe, and awaiting inspection.	No action
10. Committee Member Items	Alderman Klecker inquired about an auction that is to be held for items from the Hallman building. Adm., Blacker stated that the Hallman Family is required to carry insurance as long as they are using that facility. Alderman Klecker reported that that the curb needs to be addressed on the East side of the La Familia restaurant. Alderman Klecker asked about the downtown trees. Mayor Wescott stated that there will be a meeting of bar owners in the downtown, and the trees are one of the topics to be discussed.	No action
12. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30	Meeting ends at 9:30am

Chairman 