



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

Date: 9-1-16 Time Meeting Started: 8:15am Time Meeting Ended: 10:40am

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

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 b. Water in basement complaint – 312 5th Ave.	Mr. Kerry McGrady of 312 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue approached the committee. Mr. McGrady informed the committee that he has lived at this address for 12 years, and every time it rains, clear rain water comes up from the sump pit and floods his basement. When this happens his family cannot use any toilet or shower facilities because they also will then also back up into the basement. During the 10 years that he rented the house from Sterling Federal Bank nine plumbers had visited the house and told him that there is nothing wrong with the house, or plumbing, all of the problems are the City's fault. This year he brought in Ed King and Son Plumbing to inspect the problem. This plumber drafted a letter stating that the sump pit needs to be capped. Mr. McGrady contends that the part that needs capped is in the street, and the City's responsibility. The City crews have inspected the catch basin, and found no pipes leading to the house. The sewer main has also been inspected, and was found to be in good condition. To make any determination, the committee would like information, and a video from a plumber explaining what is causing this issue.	No action
3. Approve Minutes of the August 4th, 2016 Public Works - Public Property Meeting	The minutes were reviewed by the committee.	Minutes approved
4. Engineer's Report – Brian Frickenstein	Brian Frickenstein reported that Phase one of the RB&W Greenspace project is underway.	No action
5. Old Business a. Nicor repairs update	Mayor Wescott informed the committee that there will be a pre-construction meeting for another major NICOR project going east on 10 <sup>th</sup> Street to McNeil Road. Inspector Searing added that he cannot watch all of their repair crews. If another department head finds that the work being done is inadequate or illegal they can reach out to Sylvia for a "Stop Work Order" to be issued.	No action
6. New Business:	Larry Spinka had a couple of requests from residents for "Slow Children Playing" signs to be installed.	No action

<p>a.Slow Children Playing Sign Requests i.Grace Ave- 7th Street ii.Avenue C - 5th Street</p>		
<p>b.Drainage discussion – Arland, Charles and Division Streets.</p>	<p>Alderman Schuneman explained the problem spots on the south side of Dixon Avenue where water has nowhere to drain to. He was involved in applying for a grant to help the area a number of years ago, but there was not much participation in the survey at the time. Brian Frickenstein reviewed a report made by WHA 8-9 years ago about the issues. Alderman Kleckler inquired about a proposed drain field that was to be put in across Emmons Avenue. Other parts of the plan mentioned running storm water to Dixon Avenue, but that may have added to the total discharge into the canal. Alderman Kleckler would like to see a long term fix to these problems, perhaps with a new storm main going to the river. There was much discussion about the dead end roads that connect to farm fields. This will need a long range plan, and more engineering will be necessary.</p>	<p>Tabled</p>
<p>c.Replacement of Filter 1 and 2 effluent piping.</p>	<p>Ted Padilla explained that some of the piping in the water plant is old, and needs replaced. The work will not be done until November or December at a cost of \$11,730.44</p>	<p>Recommended to Council for approval.</p>
<p>d.City Hall South door replacement</p>	<p>Alderman Kleckler asked about the installation of an emergency bar on the south door of City Hall. Inspector Searing informed the committee that the current door could not be modified to accept a bar. If the Door is replaced, the entire door area will need to be made ADA compliant.</p>	<p>Mr. Searing will seek quotes for the work.</p>
<p>e.Flowable fill on City projects</p>	<p>Alderman Kleckler asked if on larger projects, and major repairs, a less expensive method of compaction could be allowed other than flowable fill. Minor trenching would still need flowable fill, but if the area is 12-15 feet wide, flowable fill can be too costly, and layered compaction may work just as well. After much discussion it was agreed that there would need to be a specification laid out for when this would be allowed, and what the correct compaction would be. All of these fills would need to be supervised if not done by our own crews, and engineers would need to sign off that the fill tested correctly. Mayor Wescott asked if other cities are requiring flowable fill, if not what are their specifications.</p>	<p>Tabled</p>
<p>f. Street Department manpower</p>	<p>Alderman Kleckler suggested adding personnel to the Street department, and having the city crews repair all of the sidewalks, and do the catch basin repairs. Larry Spinka explained that sidewalk repairs require a 3 man crew, and they have looked at this before, and the cost is much less to hire this to be done. Adm. Blackert will do another mowing study now that the City has new land, and the Riverfront to maintain. This will help determine where the Street Department is spending their man hours. The Sewer department is running the plant with a four man crew.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>7.Wastewater – Ed Cox Superintendent a.Wastewater Updates</p>	<p>Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox reported that the Fairview lift station has been running well, but a seal was going bad in one of the two pumps. The pump was removed, and the station continued to run with one pump, and a bypass. The pump was rebuilt by Mississippi Valley Pump, and replaced. The lift station returned to normal levels after a while due to Infiltration from frequent storms.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>b.Civic Plaza II Grinder</p>	<p>Superintendent Cox reported that Civic Plaza I has been moving forward to comply with the requirements for sanitary sewer. Lynn Deter from the Whiteside County Housing Authority has worked through many layers of bureaucracy to expedite the repairs, and installation of the grinder. The Committee would like to send a letter to the Housing Authority, and Whiteside County Board after the installation is finished. Civic Plaza II is now in the hands of the City Attorneys, and may be going to court.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>8.Water – Ted Padilla Superintendent a.Water Updates</p>	<p>Superintendent Padilla presented a report of work that had been completed.</p>	<p>Report accepted</p>

b. Water Tower light replacement	Superintendent Padilla informed the Committee that the green water tower took some lightening damage, and the red bulbs keep burning out. Due to the age of the system, replacements are not available, and the unit will need to be replaced. The Committee reviewed an estimate form Complete Electrical Contractors in the amount of \$7720.00.	Recommend to Council for approval.
9. Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka	Mr. Spinka reported that the roads have been slagged. They turned out well and need to be swept. The crews are currently painting on West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street. The Chassis have been inspected for the new plow trucks, and they are at Monroe having the beds installed. Mud jacking of sidewalks, and crack filling will begin on Route 40 soon. The committee discussed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue, and the amount of time it will take to get it rebuilt. The patcher will be used to work on the first block of 3 <sup>rd</sup> behind the Post Office.	No action
10. City Administrator – Robbin Blackert	City Administrator Robbin Blackert reported that she has received a formal offer from Mr. Wilson to purchase land from the City if the City would vacate an unused alley way. The Committee would like Mr. Wilson to pay \$1000 which should cover the cost of the engineers doing a survey, and also pay attorney fees involved with the sale.	Tabled
	There was much discussion about installing concrete barriers on Avenue E.	Tabled
11. Committee Member Items	Alderman Schuneman noted that the grinder's name being put into use at Civic Plaza I is a muffin monster.	No action
12. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 10:40am	Meeting ends at 10:40am

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

