



City of Rock Falls Police Fire Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 9-28-2017

Time Meeting Started: 4:00pm

Time Meeting Ended:

Members		Also Attended	
Lee Folsom– Chairman	p	Mayor Wescott	p
Alderman Kleckler	p	Administrator Blackert	p
Alderman Logan	p	Clerk Arduini	p
		Alderman Schuneman	
		Alderman Kuhlemier	
		Police Chief Nelson	p
		Fire Chief Gary Cook	p

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 4:00 p.m.	Meeting was called to order at 4:00pm	Meeting begins at 4:00pm
2.Audience Request	None	No action
3.Approval of the meeting minutes from May 25th, 2017.	The minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4.New Business a.Review and approval of the amended agreement with the Rural Fire Protection District.	City Administrator Robbin Blackert explained that the City had negotiated with Rural Fire last year, and after a truth in taxation hearing, their rate was raised to .30 from .18. The City receives 90% of the collected amount which should have been \$220,000 - \$230,000. Only half of that was paid. Adm. Blackert presented an agreement will have the payments arrive as expected. Alderman Kleckler discussed the idea of a fixed amount to be paid by the rural fire district. The assessment and rates change yearly, and the district does not have reserves if the valuation were to go down and the fixed amount is higher. The committee approved the agreement, and the authorizing ordinance.	Approved to Council
c.K-9 future discussion	Police Chief Nelson informed the committee that the K-9 officer Allspaugh has been accepted to join the Sycamore Police Department. He has not given our station notice yet, but if he were to leave, the K-9 Nero would not be able to work with a third trainer. Nero is 8 Years old, and would only have 2-3 years of work left in him. Alderman Logan asked about the value of Rock Falls having a K-9. If the City no longer has a dog, the K-9 vehicle would also no longer be needed. Chief Nelson informed the committee that neither Sterling nor the State Police have a K-9 officer. If the City were to attain another K-9 dog, the City should have some agreement with the entities that use the Rock Falls dog. Whenever the dog is called upon by another department, our officer is being paid overtime by Rock Falls. The city could establish a fund to raise \$10,000 to find another dog/officer. Chief Nelson is an advocate of having a K-9.	The committee recommends that if our officer were to leave, the City Attorney would draft a bill of sale for \$500.00 and an agreement that the dog would no longer be working.
5.Fire Chief report	Chief Cook reported that the dispatch has begun a quality review process for Fire / EMS calls. Alderman Kleckler asked about beginning the process for attaining new equipment such as fire vehicles. Chief Cook explained that Sterling and Rock Falls work together when replacing Fire vehicles. Sterling is currently putting together a basic set of specifications. Rock Falls' ladder truck has 97,000 miles on it, and had \$70,000 of chassis work done on it this year. The next new unit would be an engine. It would be front line and help Engine #41 run to calls less.	No action
6.Police Chief report	Chief Nelson reported that the department has two officers out currently due to injuries, one in academy, and one about to begin going out on his own.	No action
7.Committee Members Items	Alderman Kleckler inquired about motorized bikes and found that they are illegal on sidewalks, and streets. The Fire department will be working on adding more emergency lighting in the fire department this winter.	No action

Lee Folsom

Committee Chairman