



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

Date: 11-3-2017

Time Meeting Started: 8:15am

Time Meeting Ended: 9:10am

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

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to order – Alderman Kleckler	Meeting was called to order	Meeting begins at 8:15am
2.Audience Requests	None	No action
3.Approve Minutes of the October 6th, 2017 Public Works - Public Property Meeting	The minutes were reviewed by the committee.	Minutes approved
4.Engineer's Report – Brian Frickenstein	Mr. Frickenstein reported that the Galt Avenue project is finished and seeded. Retainage of \$4000 will be held until the grass grows in. Inspector Searing informed the Mr. Frickenstein that some sandbags, and signs were left in Veteran's Park. The MFT General maintenance bid will be going out. The City will be spending less on salt this year.	No action
5.Old Business a.Nicor repairs update	Inspector Searing reported that the 10 th St. crews are finishing restoration. The new line is installed from 8 th Avenue to 14 th Avenue. Plans are coming in for the 8 th Avenue project that will be crossing into Sterling. The project may start this spring. The boring machine will come in on 6 semis. Due to the size of the machine coming in, parking will need to be coordinated. The City will need to video tape the condition of the roads prior to the equipment coming in.	No action
b.Update on Celletti Property Project	The building will be shipping on November 8 th . Delivery is to be at the Street Department. The Street Department will install the structure. A plaque will be ordered to arrive before the dedication which will happen December 15 th – 18 th .	Mark Searing will review the blueprints with Larry Spinka.
6.New Business: a.Vacation of Alley – Mary Avenue	City Administrator Robbin Blackert illustrated on the screen, the area near Mary Avenue that was considered an alley, but had never been developed. A parcel that is currently land locked may be sold to an adjacent homeowner, but the alleyway runs between the parcels. Adm. Blackert stated that the committee has 3 options. Vacate all of the alley, vacate the affected portion of the alley, or vacate none of the alley. If the entire alley was vacated, the property owners on the north and south of the alley would split the additional land equally. Alderman Kleckler asked who would pay for the legal fees and surveying. The cost to vacate the entire alley would be near \$3000. The landowners have	The committee recommends to begin the process of vacation of the alley at the city's cost.

	been maintaining the area for a long time. The cost to vacate it piece by piece would be higher.	
b.Letter from Ted Jacobs – Glen’s Garden farm lease	The committee reviewed a letter from Ted Jacobs requesting to continue to lease the former Hallman farmland for \$178.00/ acre.	The committee recommends the extension of the lease for another year.
c.Letter from Mike Gaulrapp – Sewer Plant farm lease	The committee reviewed a letter from Mike Gaulrapp requesting to continue to lease the former Zapf farmland for \$300/ acre.	The committee recommends the extension of the lease for another year.
d.Discussion of extension of haying lease with Jim Friedrichs	The committee reviewed the haying lease. Jim Friedrichs has expressed an interest in haying the land for another year. In the amount of \$850.	The committee recommends the extension of the haying lease.
e.Veteran’s Park discussion	Building Inspector Mark Searing, and Tourism Director Janell Loos reported on the Veterans Park Band Shell and park area. The lights at the band shell have been non-functional. Insp. Searing had a quote for 24 LED lights for the band shell, one door light, and 4 GFI outlets. Mr. Searing suggested a photocell may run one bank of lights to keep it lit at night and deter vandalism. The parts quote from Crescent Electric was \$1567.47, and the labor to install the parts from Complete Electrical Contractors was \$1625 for a total of \$3192.47. This amount did not include the addition of a photocell. Dir. Loos informed the committee that there will be a Veterans Day event coming on the 11 th . She would like to reach out to the neighbors to report vandalism at the park. Only 4 light fixtures are current in stock.	The committee approved the expenses.
7.Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka	Mr. Spinka reported that they had to replace the blower on the emulsion machine. The sweeper has been out around town. Wilvar has not yet began work on the south wall of the Street department.	No action
8.City Administrator – Robbin Blackert	Adm. Blackert reported that the cost for slag / seal from the County was lower than expected thanks to the help that our Street Department gave to the County crews. All of the sidewalk money has not yet been spent, and Adm. Blackert will speak with Murray & Sons to see if they can continue further on the sidewalk list. The Committee was informed that the Chrysler Pacifica currently being used by the Police Department is in bad shape, and has been offered to the Firehouse of God ministries. It will remain parked until disposed of. This year’s salt bid is at \$54.19 / ton. The bids will be going out in December for the Buell Road Project.	No action
9.Committee Member Items	Alderman Kleckler asked about memorial plaques at the Arduini boat ramp. The setting of benches and plaques at a city park should be brought to the City for approval. The IDNR would also have to approve anything installed on the property that has a lease agreement. The Thomas Street drainage project is set for next year.	

Chairman _____