



City of Rock Falls OPLS Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: January 23, 2020

Time Meeting Started: 5:30 p.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 6:42 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Chairman Sobottka	P	Alderman Kleckler	P
Alderwoman Palmer	P	Alderman Kuhlemier	P
Alderman Snow	P	Administrator Blackert	P
Alderman Wagelin	P	Mayor Wescott	P
		Wastewater Supt. Ed Cox	P

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sobottka at 5:30 p.m. 	
2. Audience Request	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raymond Kaiser 603 14th Avenue addressed the Committee in regards to an ongoing issue of his neighbor at 602 14th Avenue and his operation of an Outdoor Wood Furnace, as well as, complaints of an illegally parked camper in his yard. His complaints were directed at the fact that he is unable to breath due to all of the smoke in the neighborhood, emissions of which are putting him at a great health risk. He believes that this is clearly a nuisance and should be removed under our current ordinance (Article XIX. Outdoor Wood Furnaces.) Mr. Kaiser also presented a petition signed by approximately 10 neighbors. 	Discussion to follow executive session under agenda item 6 (a)
5. Approval of last month's minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee reviewed the minutes of the December 19, 2019 meeting. Motion: Wagelin, second: Palmer to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimous vote 	Minutes approved.
3. Executive Session: Personnel - Section 2(c)(1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion Chairman Sobottka to enter into executive session, and include Wastewater Supt. Ed Cox as well. Seconded by Snow. Unanimous vote to enter into executive session. 5:48 p.m. 	Executive session 5:48 p.m.
4. Action taken in executive session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Out of Executive Session at: 6:30 p.m. Motion by Chairman Sobottka to move forward with the hiring process for the candidate selected by the committee in executive session and refer to the Council for action. Second: Alderwomen Palmer. Unanimous Vote 	Move forward with hiring process and move to the Council for action.
6. New Business a. Review of Article XIX. Outdoor Wood Furnaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lengthy discussion was had on the various sections of the Ordinance. The committee felt as though the individual who is operating the Furnace is doing so in compliance with the current ordinance 	Following a discussion, the committee asked the Mayor to draft a letter to Mr. Kaiser telling him that the committee see no violations and is not going to take any action.
6. (b) Section 6-79 Bond and Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow committee review, motion: Snow; Second: Palmer to add the enforcement as a Class B Fine. Committee unanimous approval Refer to Council 	Add: enforcement as a Class B Fine refer to Council

6. (c) Section 35-120 Survey of Water Users-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following Committee review, Motion: Snow; second: Wagelin to change language from 2 years to 3 years to meet EPA compliance. Committee unanimous approved and refer to Council. 	Change language for compliance from 2 years to 3 years and refer t Council.
6. (d) Section 32-343. Connection; application, certificate of wiring compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following Committee review, Motion: Snow, second: Palmer to make addition of the presented language to the current ordinance. Committee unanimously approved and refer to Council 	Addition of Language presented to the Ordinance and send to Council.
6. e Move City limit signs and speed limit signs on Dixon Avenue. Referred from the PW/PP Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion around the City limits point of entry on Dixon Avenue east of McNeil Road. City limits is now officially at the eastern edge of the first driveway into the Harvest Time Bible Church. Accordingly, the PP/PW committee is asking that the Speed limit signs and City limits signs be adjusted accordingly. Motion: Palmer; Second: Snow to make changes as discussed and make appropriate ordinance changes as are required. 	Mayor will work with the Police Department to verify distances for notification.
6. (f) Section 16-389 License Classification; fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mayor Wescott brought forth to the committee, suggested changes to the Liquor license renewal fees currently in ordinance. He is suggesting that all Classes be increased by \$150.00 per year and the Sunday sales license be increased by \$150.00 as well. These increases would occur at the renewal for at the start of the new fiscal year May 1, 2020. Following a discussion, Motion: Wagelin; second: Palmer to approve the changes brought forth. Committee unanimously approved passage and referral to Council for approval. 	Have City Attorney make necessary changes to Section 16-389 and send to Council for approval.
6. (g) Compensation to the Local Liquor Commissioner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accordance with 235 ILCS 5/4-3, Section4-3 the City Council is authorized if they so desire fix and pay compensation to the local liquor commissioner as necessary for the proper performance of the duties vested in him as the Liquor Commissioner. Following a discussion of the amount of time that is expected to be spent in ensuring all compliance checks and records for the operation of a liquor establishment, as well as, video gaming operations. Following a discussion by the committee a motion was made: Wagelin; and seconded by Palmer to set \$3,600 a year as the compensation to the Liquor Commissioner. This will be reviewed each year for continuance. The new compensation will begin May 1, 2020. Committee unanimously approved. Ordinance will be drafted and referred to the Council for approval. 	Send to Attorney for drafting and present to Council for approval.
7. Old Business a. Carry on Range	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adm. Blackert upgraded the committee on the status of the building. Extra measures have been taken to muffle the noise. The previous complainant has moved from the area. In addition, we have found that since there is no business license for this type of business, we cannot enforce any attempt to regulate hours. Matter closed 	No need for further agenda listing.
8. Department Safety Minutes Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No minutes to review, however, committee was informed that City staff has access to safety videos on computer which should make to meeting our compliance much easier. 	No Action
9. Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None presented 	No Action
10. Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: to adjourn by Snow. Second: Palmer 	Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Violet Sobottka, Committee Chairman