

City of Rock Falls

Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 6/28/2021

Time Meeting Started: 8:15 am

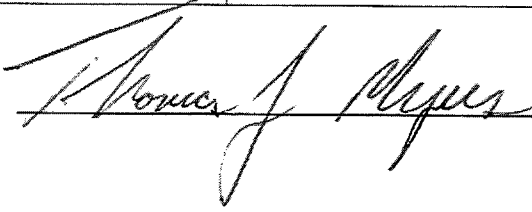
Time Meeting Ended: 9:30 am

Members		Also Attended	
Tom Myers - Chairman	X	Ted Padilla	X
Alderman Snow-Vice Chairman	X	Ed Cox	X
Alderman Wangelin	X	Dick Simon	A
Alderman Dowd	A	Wayne Shafer	X
Mayor Kleckler	X	Diane Hatfield	X
Shane Brown	X	Administrator Blackert	X
Kim Groharing	X	Matt Cole - City Attorney	X
		Larry Hanrahan	X
		Alderman Devers	X

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
CALL TO ORDER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 am 	Meeting begin at 8:15 am
PUBLIC COMMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Judy Randall requested the committee for help concerning the discovery that her sewer lateral at 609 W 12th St was attached to 607 W 12th St lateral. A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and a second by Kim Groharing to waive compliance of City ordinance concerning joint house connections. This waiver would expire upon sell of 609 W 12th St or failure of sewer lateral. 	Motion carried unanimously, to City Council
PUBLIC COMMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Rauch from Loescher Heating requested help with unexplained high usage of water. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and a second by Alderman Wangelin for Ed Cox to recalculate usage based on pre-treated charges. 	Motion carried unanimously, Ed Cox to calculate credit
PUBLIC COMMENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robbin Blackert requested waiving of \$50 event fee (for electric usage) for Water Ski Show. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and a second by Alderman Wangelin to waive event fee for Ski Show and grant the ability to Robbin Blackert to issue exemptions in the future. 	Motion carried unanimously
Review of Minutes from May 24, 2021 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and a second by Shane Brown to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2021 meeting. 	Motion carried, minutes approved
Utilities Office: Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Hatfield reported that the new billing cycle change goes into effect on July 1st. 	No Action
Water Department: Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla reported work on hydrant change out on E 2nd St and 1st Ave is complete. 	No Action
Water Department: Ferguson Water Meters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla reviewed quote for 125 water meters from Ferguson. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and a second by Kim Groharing to approve purchase of water meters from Ferguson 	Motion carried unanimously, to City Council

	Waterworks in the amount of \$16,560 and forward to City Council.	
Water Department: Watermain Replacement Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla presented engineering agreement with Willett Hoffman & Associates. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and a second by Shane Brown to approve engineering agreement to include scope of work on Exhibit 1 in the amount of \$149,000 and forward to City Council. 	Motion carried unanimously, to City Council
Wastewater Department: Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Cox reported work to replace bearing at plant has started and is experiencing a little trouble. 	No Action
Wastewater Department: Rock River Watershed Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Cox reported the Rock River Watershed Group is moving along with information requests. 	No Action
Wastewater Department: Vactor Truck	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Cox presented inspection report on current Vactor. A motion was made by Shane Brown and a second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the transfer of existing Vactor to Water Department in the amount of \$80,000. A motion was made by Shane Brown and a second by Alderman Snow to approve purchase of new Vactor in the amount of \$442,116.73 and forward to City Council. It was noted that a cash purchase would be the best option and warranty options will be explored prior to purchase. 	Motion carried unanimously, to City Council
Electric Department: Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry Hanrahan reported reliability at 99.99% with 4 power outages. 	No Action
Electric Department: Hydro Maintenance Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry Hanrahan reported the transformer change out went well and has been online for 2 weeks. Maintenance on unit 1 should start on Wednesday and take approximately 1 to 1-1/2 weeks to complete. 	No Action
Electric Department: AMI Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Larry Hanrahan reported the contract is close to being signed and then new equipment will be ordered. 	No Action
Fiber/Broadband: Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne Shafer reported the build out is going well. As of July 1st there should be 1300 households complete. Both contractors should be busy until the end of the year. 	No Action
City Attorney: Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well to City Connections--Matt Cole reported the judge issued warrants for arrest for two of the connections due to no appearance at court. Rock Falls Apartments--next court date is set for August 4th. 	No Action
Utility Manager: New Wastewater Superintendent	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Robbin Blackert reported she has started negotiations with two candidates for the position. 	No Action
Next Meeting Date & Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting will be held on July 19, 2021 at 8:15 am in Council Chambers 	No Action

Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 am	Meeting ends at 9:30 am
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Committee Chairman