

City of Rock Falls ARPA Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 3, 2022

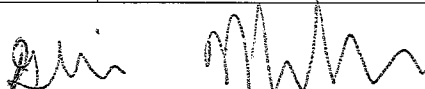
Time Meeting Started: 5:28 p.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 6:50 p.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Chairwoman McKanna	X	Mayor Kleckler	X
Alderman Snow	X	Chief Pilgrim	X
Alderman Babel	X	Dick Simon, Electric Department	X
		Cris Bouwens, Fire Chief	X
Also Attended			
		Ken Wolf, Deputy Fire Chief	X

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
Call to order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairwoman McKanna called the committee meeting to order. 	
Audience Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	
Approval Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chairwoman McKanna made a motion and Alderman Snow second to approve minutes from January 6, 2022 meeting. 	Approved
New Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chief Bouwens presented to the committee requests for funding from ARPA Funds for the Fire Department <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Back up generator is needed to power the Fire Department and the Police Station. Cost for generator is Engineer cost \$111,700 to \$130,000 for 250KW. Required by NFPA to have the Fire Station at full power if power is lost. SCBA Air packs, masks and bottles (20) \$166,000. Most of the air packs that are in use now were purchased in 2005-2006. They were manufactured under the 2002 NFPA 1852 standard and there have been three upgrades since then and they are no longer compliant and cannot be upgraded to meet current standard. Rapid Intervention Packs (3) \$4,500. Need to replace outdated RIT packs used for deployment when needed for a Firefighter Down in an emergency situation Apparatus by exhaust system \$20,000 – grant funding has not come through from Tony McCombie. Vehicle exhaust in the apparatus bays continues to be one of the leading causes of cancer in the fire service. Remainder of Portable Radios (10) \$31,000. Chief and POC's still are not equipped with portable radios after a small equipment grant were used to buy nine radios. Replacement of existing Radio Repeater to (3) Mobile repeaters and communications upgrades to Command vehicles \$10,000. Current repeater on Civic Tower I has become unreliable and is not capable of getting critical communications back to the dispatch center from units on scene outside City limits. Having mobile repeaters in the apparatus will enhance portable communications by boosting portable radio signals directly from the on-scene apparatus and not have to rely on portable radio transmissions reaching Civic Tower I. 2 sets of FF Turnout Gear - \$6,000. Currently no funding in the budget for replacement of turnout gear this year. (Cost increases 16 percent after February) Lexipol Policy and Procedure program \$25,000 one time set up fee and \$5,827 annually – this purchase will bring the Fire Department and Procedures up to NFPA standards and reduce possible litigation from using procedures that do not meet the current standards. Training Facility - \$75,000-\$150,000. Currently there is no training facility close to the area. First responders have to travel to Rockford or further to train. Sixteen hours are needed every year. A training 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wait for additional requests

	<p>facility consisting of cargo shipping containers assembled at a designated location within the City limit property will greatly enhance the training capabilities of the Fire Department. Cost share with Sterling a possibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stokes Rescue Baskets (2) \$2,000. To be placed on the Fire engines and used when victim removal is necessary. ○ Forceable entry training prop \$11,000. A heavy steel forcible entry door training prop to be used for training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dick Simon – Electric Department presented to the committee request for funding through ARPA Funds. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AMI System – 1,800 meters needed to complete install in City. Cost is \$19,000 - \$20,000 a pallet – which is 120 meters. Asking for two pallets and it is taking 18 weeks to receive. These meters will help with the safety of workers because they will be controlled by computer and a shut off will be a push of a button instead of visiting the residence. ● Chief Pilgrim presented to the committee request for funding from ARPA Funds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A new Chevy Tahoe for a K-9 unit for \$60,000. 	
Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alderwoman McKanna stated that the ARPA guidelines have changed and it could be claimed as loss revenue, making sure the loss revenue is the right way to do the ARPA funds and it would open the funds up to be spent how needed most. ● Alderwoman McKanna will create a spreadsheet and share with committee members. ● Alderwoman McKanna stated that at the budget day all of these items need to be on each departments budget forms. 	●
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Chairwoman McKanna made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Snow seconded. 	Adjourned 6:50 p.m.
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Chairwoman McKanna