



City of Rock Falls Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/22/2021

Time Meeting Started: 8:15 am

Time Meeting Ended: 10:22 am

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Schuneman - Chairman	X	Ted Padilla	X
Alderman Wangelin	X	Ed Cox	X
Alderman Snow	X	Dick Simon	X
Mayor Wescott	X	Wayne Shafer	X
Shane Brown	X	Diane Hatfield	X
Tom Myers	X	Administrator Blackert	X
Kim Groharing	X	Matt Cole - City Attorney	X
		Mark Searing - Building Inspector	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
Review of Minutes from January 25, 2021 meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motion was made by Alderman Snow and a second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2021 meeting. 	Motion carried, minutes approved
Utilities Office: Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Hatfield reported that disconnects will resume this week (due to weather delay). 	No Action
Utilities Office: Proposal for Changes in Billing Cycles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Hatfield presented a proposal to change the billing in the city from 4 cycles to 2 cycles. After much discussion, Committee asked for a formal change to be submitted at next committee meeting. 	No Action
Water Department: Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla reported his department has finished removing snow from hydrants and is anticipating some extra work due to the fiber construction. 	No Action
Wastewater Department: Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Cox reported water damage to building and Vactor truck due to furnace burner going out and frozen water line. He is looking into a possible electric heat backup. 	No Action
Wastewater Department: Rock River Watershed Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ed Cox reported on the status of the Watershed Group. 	No Action
Wastewater Department: Jim Persico sewer line	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mark Searing reported he has not been able to communicate with the anticipated new owners of the property. Matt Cole reported regardless of what the new owners would like to do with the property, the City has no benefit in conveying ownership of the sewer line. A motion was made by Mayor Wescott and a second by Alderman Snow to not entertain the proposal any further. 	Motion carried

Electric Department: Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dick Simon reported reliability is good with one power outage and hydrant plant down a bit. 	No Action
Electric Department: AMI Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dick Simon reported that a second repeater was installed on Friday. The first poly meter did not go well and will be reprogrammed this week. 	No Action
Fiber/Broadband Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wayne Shafer reported construction continues on the network after a weather delay. He reported on the I-Fiber/Surf Broadband connection. 	No Action
City Attorney: Well to City	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Matt Cole reported on the status of the Well to City customers. Ted Padilla will make one last attempt to get some movement this month. Otherwise, City will get estimates for each property. 	No Action
Utility Manager: Usage Comparison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrator Blackert reported a possible leveling off in the usage. 	No Action
Utility Manager: ERCOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dick Simon and Administrator Blackert both commented about the need for renewables and back up planning. The City is in a much better situation than Texas is currently experiencing. 	No Action
Executive Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motion was made by Alderman Schuneman and a second by Alderman Snow to go into Executive Session at 9:49. A motion was made to end Executive Session by Kim Groharing and a second by Alderman Wangelin at 10:21 	No Action
Next Meeting Date & Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next meeting will be held on March 21, 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 10:22 am 	Meeting ends at 10:22 am



Committee Chairman