



City of Rock Falls Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 03-26-2018

Time Meeting Started: 8:15am

Time Meeting Ended: 10:06am

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Schuneman – Chairman	p	Ted Padilla	p
Alderman Kuhlemier	p	Ed Cox	p
Alderman Logan	p	Dick Simon	p
Mayor Wescott	p	Wayne Shafer	p
Shane Brown		Diane Hatfield	p
Tom Myers	p	Eric Arduini	p
Kim Groharing	p	Adm. Blackert	p
		Herb Kurliw	p
		Rich Elk	P
		Dan Payette	P

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
A. Roll Call	Meeting was called to order at 8:15am	Meeting begins at 8:15am
B. Review of Minutes from February 21, 2018 meeting.	A motion was made by Bill Wescott, and second by George Logan to approve the minutes of the 02-21-2018 meeting as presented	Motion carried
C. Public Comment	None	No action
D. New Business 1. Utility Office a. Superintendent update	The 90 Day balance had dropped due to receiving an \$18,000 payment from the state of Illinois.	No action
2. Water Department b. Superintendent update	The department has been working on the lead survey as new meters are installed. Residents have not been too responsive in filling out the surveys in the utility bills. The City has no services that are lead. There will likely be no federal money to help with water main replacements in the City. The EPA will be working with cities to reduce the chances of legionnaire's disease by not having oversized pipes, and removing "dead ends" in the system. Dan Payette informed the committee that there will be two meetings April 9 th and 12 th concerning water supply and demand.	No action
c. Celletti/Cassens property- 810 12th Avenue	Water Superintendent Ted Padilla reported that the building directly west of Celetti's boat shop is on sewer (through Celetti's with an agreement), but not on City water. City ordinance requires that it be on City water.	No action
3. Wastewater Department a. Superintendent update	Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox reported that two businesses have received letters for not being hooked up onto City sewer per ordinance. They will have 60 days to comply. The plant is running fine. Work on the 5 th Avenue sinkhole resulted in the repairs of two pipes and a new manhole. The flowable fill repair on 5 th Avenue is covered with gravel, and will be replaced with blacktop when it is available.	No action
b. 806 West 5th lateral separation	After discussion the owners will be given a 60 day final deadline to have their sewer line removed from the neighbor's house, and ran to the system.	No action
4. Electric Department a. Superintendent Update	Electrical Director Dick Simon reported that there were 2 outages, and the reliability was at 99.9%. APPA recognized Rock Falls Electric for their quality of service and reliability. A recent report stated that the average Illinois cost for electricity is 12.7cents per Kw. Rock Falls is currently at 13.2 cents. IMEA will be at the next meeting to explain the bill from them.	No action
a. Avenue A Substation Review	Mr. Simon presented a revised plan for the Avenue A substation. The generation unit will not be replaced. There will be control updates, and the generators can provide	No action

	3600KV to the system. The new estimate is \$5,206,239.12. There will be 2 new transformers which will be the same type as in use at the hydro plant.	
b. Review ordinance Governing Interconnective Services to the City of Rock Falls Electric Distribution System.	A motion was made by Kim Groharing, and second by Alderman Kuhlemier for the approval of the revised ordinance Governing Interconnective Services to the City of Rock Falls Electric Distribution System to be sent to the Ordinance Committee. Mr. Simon explained that the new ordinance will spell out a buy all / sell all agreement with an additional meter installed to measure output of the renewable. A rebate will be given to the producer at the current IMEA rate. The customer will be required to do testing, and the materials used will need to be state certified.	Motion carried – Ordinance will be sent to the Committee
c. Purchase Power Adjustment	A motion was made by Mayor Wescott, and second by Kim Groharing to approve the new PPA to be at .0009 beginning May 1 st .	Motion carried
5. Fiber/Broadband Department a. Superintendent Report & Updates	Broadband Director Wayne Shafer informed the committee that the shelter is set, and the inside plant crews will be there on April 3 rd , 2018. The City has received the ARIN IPv6 allocation and justification for IPV4 addresses. St. Andrews is the first school to sign up with fiber service through e-rate. The Walker core equipment is in, and outside plant construction has begun. Mr. Shafer went over the schedule going forward.	No action
b. Review request by iFiber for written approval to provide service to a private sector end-user within the City of Rock Falls.	Herb Kuryliw of iFiber, Rich Elk of Wisconsin Independent Networks, and Dan Payette approached the committee. Mr. Kuryliw explained that iFiber has a contract with the City of Rock Falls which requires a request for access to the hand hole. This is for a pair of fiber that would go to the cellular tower near the dog pound lift station.	Tabled
c. Review Second Internet Uplink proposal from Sydeo.	Mr. Shafer explained that the City will need to have two ways out of the City for Internet uplinks. IMBCA has provided the primary circuit going East. He has reviewed several proposals for the 2 nd circuit including iFiber, Windsteam and AT&T routes. Mr. Shafer recommends using a northern route to Sterling/AT&T as proposed by Sydeo Networks as being the most cost effective and geographically diverse option. A motion was made by Alderman Logan, and second by Tom Myers to approve the second internet uplink proposal from Sydeo, P.O. box 833, St. Charles, IL 60175 at the rate of MRC \$6,860.00 and NRC of \$8,200.00. Mr. Shafer explained that he would like to have a partner to facilitate bidding of “carrier” and regional/national opportunities. In these cases, The City would provide “dark fiber” with MRCs to be negotiated. Rock Falls already has fiber to the location where iFiber is requesting hand hole access to construct.	Motion carried, Alderman Kuhlemier abstained from the vote. – To Council
d. Hiring of Michael Wierzycki as Outside Plant Supervisor	Wayne informed the committee that Michael Wierzycki has been hired for the OSP supervisor.	No action
e. Approval of IPv4 acquisition – not to exceed \$40K	A motion was made by Tom Myers, and second by Kim Groharing for the approval Approve acquisition of IPv4 using agent - Capcon Networks, LLC, 2700 Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78703 not to exceed \$40,000. This will provide 2048 addresses. The amount is figured at a take rate of 3000 over 3 years.	Motion carried. – To Council
f. Review marketing materials & rollout	The committee was introduced to the marketing material that has been produced for FiberNet. A sports package brochure will be produced next. The committee would like to see a technical kiosk installed at City Hall displaying over the top content offerings.	No action
g. Discuss Fiberhood Champion benefit package	There was much discussion about ideas for the Champions Program. Wayne and Eric Will discuss this more with their meetings with COS.	Tabled
6. Other Updates a. Baker Tilly – Benchmarking & Performance Metrics	Adm. Blackert reported that Baker Tilley has an office in the suburbs, and the City will be reaching out to them concerning benchmarking and performance metrics.	No action
F. Next Meeting Date & Time	The next meeting will be held on April 23 rd at the Electric Department, with a tour of the Water plant to follow.	No action
G. Committee Member Items	Dick Simon asked the committee to let him know if anyone would like to attend the IMUA conference May 31 st - June 1 st in Springfield.	No action
I. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:06pm	Meeting ends at 10:06pm <i>AM</i>

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