



City of Rock Falls Public Works/Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 06/03/2021

Time Meeting Started: 8:15 a.m.

Time Meeting Ended: 9:29 a.m.

Members		Also Attended	
Chairman Wangelin	P	Mayor Kleckler	P
Alderman Palmer	P	Administrator Robbin Blackert	P
Alderman Dowd	P	Willett Hofmann & Assoc. Geoff Smith	P
John Howard	A	Street Dept Larry Spinka.	P

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order	Chairman Wangelin called the meeting to order with a quorum present at 8:15 a.m.	
2. Audience Requests	- Steve Moring from Moring Disposal spoke to the Committee regarding the recycling for the City. The cost to take recyclables to Whitewater, WI is down to \$84.00 per ton from \$95.00 per ton. There will probably never be a time where the recyclables will be able to be sold again, but we are hopeful that they will take it at no charge. - Alderman Palmer stated that if we start recycling again can we recycle only certain items such as cardboard, newsprint, milk jugs, etc. that way it should be cleaner. - Mayor Kleckler asked if we don't start recycling soon can there be a bin placed at Moring for people to drop off their recyclables and if there was nay environmental groups that could help with educating the citizens on recycling. Steve Moring stated that we could look into doing something with drop off but did not want to place a bin that would be accessed 24 hours, there would be too much garbage left at the site. Not sure what groups would be able to help with educating. - City Administrator Blackert asked if it would be possible to let citizens get a second garbage toter and that could possibly help with the cleanliness of the recyclables. Steve Moring stated that they do that in other cities and they charge the homeowners directly for the extra toter so the City will not have to worry about that. - Alderman Wangelin stated that he is concerned about the yard waste that is being put out, he knows that they are overfilling the cans and bags. Steve Moring stated that if there is something that is overweight or over length the haulers are supposed to tag the items.	The committee will have more discussion in future meetings about the recycling program and getting the citizens educated.
3. Minutes	Review of the April 9, 2021 Public Works/Public Property minutes as presented. Motion: Wangelin; second: Palmer motion approved.	Minutes approved
4. Engineer Report	- Geoff Smith, Willett, Hofmann & Associates, informed the committee that we are still waiting to hear from IDOT when the Dixon Avenue project can be let. City Administrator Blackert stated that she wanted the bid ready to go as soon as IDOT gives the approval. - The E 11th Street bridge project went from 5 year to 10 year completion time frame so that will be good for the City. The project is \$1.8 million and the City share is \$400,000 so if we need a little more time to save for our portion we have it. - We are still waiting to hear from the State of Illinois on the grant for the E 3rd Street Project. State will not be announcing until the 3rd quarter 2021.	No Action on any items

5. New Business	- Update on Limestone site fill in – Administrator Blackert stated that the soil sampling is complete and that Terracon and Willett Hofmann & Associates are working on the bid specifications for the hauling. 1st Avenue Parking Lot – Alderman Wangelin asked if we are still moving forward on the fencing and benches that have been discussed. Administrator Blackert state that we are going to be moving forward in the future. - Painting Crosswalks – Alderman Wangelin stated that he has been getting phone call about the crosswalks being painted. Larry Spinka stated that they always start painting them at this time of year that way they don't have to worry about children walking through wet paint.	No action on any items
6. Street Department	- Street Sweeper is out every day - Still working on filling potholes - Summer help is out mowing - Painting crosswalks	
7. City Administrator	- We are getting a quote from Murray & Sons for replacing the sidewalk on the east side of LaFamilia Restaurant from the alley to 2nd street. The sidewalk has deteriorated so much that we have to get it replaced. - State of Illinois has passed their budget but we still don't know what grants were funded or how much money is available. - City Attorneys stated that we could go after the Micro building by using eminent domain. We have already spent \$20,000 to \$25,000 on this	Due to the cost of the project we will get another estimate.
8. Committee Member Items	- Mayor Kleckler stated that there needs to be more rock off of 24th Street where the water line was installed. - Mayor Kleckler stated that they are having issues with the forklift at the recycling center so they will be looking for another used one.	
9. Adjournment	With no further action for the committee, a motion was made by Alderman Palmer and second by Alderman Dowd to adjourn. Vote unanimous	Adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Bill Wangelin, Committee Chairman