

City of Rock Falls

Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

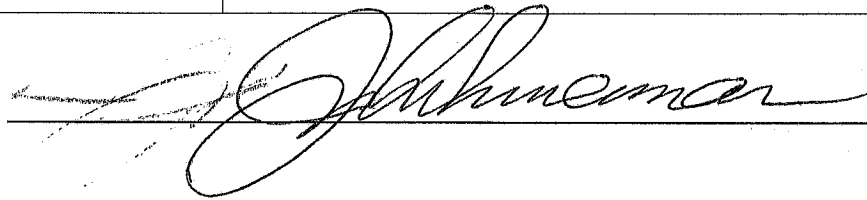
Date: 8/ 26 / 19 Time Meeting Started: 8:15 am Time Meeting Ended: 9:40 am

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Schuneman - Chairman	x	Ted Padilla	x
Alderman Kuhlemier	A	Ed Cox	x
Alderman Wangelin	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	Tim Zollinger	x
X-Attended A-Absent			

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
CALL TO ORDER	With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 am	Meeting begin at 8:15 am
Review of Minutes from July 22, 2019 meeting	A motion was made by Kim Groharing and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the minutes of the July 22, 2019 meeting	Motion carried, minutes approved
Utility Office: Review settlement offer from Davis Baker	Diane Hatfield presented offer of \$2,500 from Davis Baker to settle judgment from 2013. Motion was made by Mayor Wescott and second by Kim Groharing to accept the offer and send to full Council	Motion carried, To Council
Water Department: Update	Ted Padilla reported that Civil Engineering has finished Haskell St/Thomas St project and did very well. Gensini is starting Schmitts project today	No Action
Water Department: Well to City Connect Update	- Ted Padilla reported the following: 2002 13th Ave-waiting on plumber to start (by end of month) 424 Haskell Ave-hooked up on Friday (8/23/19) 211 E 7th St-resident digging by hand and plumber will connect soon 1207 Ave A-should receive help from USDA as soon as property into her name (from other relatives) 1613 Wike Dr-going to USDA for possible help - After these are connected there will be 3 left to connect (two are not currently being pursued)	No Action
Wastewater Department: Updates	- Ed Cox reported the City is still waiting on bearing assembly from Spanns (hopefully very soon) and cracks have been sealed in plant - Rain from last week did flood the lower level of plant but everything performed as it should. The rain just came down too fast backing up the storm water - RedZone is still working and City is cleaning lines as needed	No Action

	• There have been approximately 35 catch basins worked on this year and now will need to move on to other projects to finish out the year • Work on permit renewal has started	
Wastewater Department: Update 2103 Industrial Park Road	• Tim Zollinger reported that complaint has been filed with owner's attorney and answer is due next week	No Action
Electric Department: Updates	• Dick Simon reported that reliability was at 99.99% with 6 power outages and hydro kwh is back up and should continue • Work on Schmitt property has been a struggle with the ground water being high. Hookup should happen this year but probably not before harvest	No Action
Electric Department: Review of Interconnection Agreement with SOL Systems LLC	• Dick Simon asked for approval of agreement that was drawn up by our attorneys with both parties in agreement. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve. With unanimous vote, the agreement will be sent to full Council for approval.	Motion carried, To Council
Fiber/Broadband Department: Update	• Wayne Shafer reported that there were 2 outages but no impact to services.	No Action
Fiber/Broadband Department: Fiber Sign Ups	• Sign ups continue to happen just slowly. • Getting the message out with knocking on doors and utility office starting to call ones that are eligible for hook up now.	No Action
Fiber/Broadband Department: Wireless Discussion and Financial Review	• Wayne Shafer reported he is gathering information for the City to offer wireless products to promote monthly income while continuing to work towards original fiber product. The wireless alternative is cheaper cost to the customer but not as good as fiber. Currently fiber has approximately 4-1/2 month of funds to cover operating expenses on the current bond proceeds. City isn't able to bond further funds until we have more of a solid customer base. Further discussion next month will determine which direction to go.	No Action
Other Action: Update Carry On Range Inc	• Administrator Blackert reported that Dakota Hagerman asked for an extension due to being deployed for 30 days. A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Kim Groharing to give 60 day extension to previous deadline.	Motion carried
Succession Planning/Benchmarking	• Administrator Blackert reported that she continues to work on the succession process and will have update at next month's meeting • Administrator Blackert asked for approval of proposal by Baker Tilly for Benchmarking & Metrics Analysis for electric only in the amount of \$23,860.00. A motion was made by Alderman Kuhlemier and second by Alderman Wangelin to send to full Council for approval.	Motion carried, to Council

Next Meeting Date & Time	The next meeting will be held on September 23rd at 8:15 am	No action
Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am	Meeting ends at 9:40 am



Committee Chairman