

City of Rock Falls Utilities Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 10/26/2020

Time Meeting Started: 8:15 am

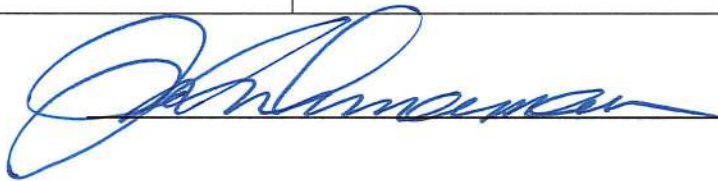
Time Meeting Ended: 9:40 am

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	A	Administrator Blackert	X
Kim Groharing	X	Matt Cole - City Attorney	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
Public Comment- Request to review ICC moratorium	Alderman Palmer requested the committee to review whether the City should continue disconnections during the current pandemic. After much discussion, it was determined that the City will continue the current disconnection procedures but will continue to monitor each month	No Action
Review of Minutes from September 28, 2020 meeting	A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and a second by Kim Groharing to approve the minutes of the September 28, 2020 meeting.	Motion carried, minutes approved
Utilities Office: Update	Diane Hatfield reported that disconnections continue to go better than expected.	No Action
Utilities Office: Review July 2020 through September 2020 Write Offs	Diane Hatfield requested approval of third quarter write offs. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Shane Brown to approve July 2020 through September 2020 write offs in the amount of \$14,289.67 and forward to Finance Committee.	Motion carried, To Finance Committee
Water Department: Update	Ted Padilla reported the 2" valve for the isolation project has been installed.	No Action
Water Department: Review of Pow-R-Guard Maintenance Agreement with Altorfer	Ted Padilla requested approval of Pow-R-Guard Maintenance Agreement with Altorfer. A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and a second by Kim Groharing to approve and authorize execution of six-year Pow-R-Guard Maintenance Agreement with Altorfer Power Systems of 4712 Buckeye Street, Davenport, IA 52802 in the amount of \$1,725 annually.	Motion carried
Water Department: Personnel Update	Ted Padilla reported concerning hiring of new personnel in the department that the first choice has declined and the second will be notified shortly.	No Action

Wastewater Department: Update	- Ed Cox reported the vector has been at Standard for repairs for the past two weeks. The repairs will be approximately \$25,000. - Participation with the watershed group should be based on per capita charge and would allow the City to share cost of IEPA public education and sampling. - Plant is running well and had only minor water issues during the last storm. - The City was contacted by an engineering firm about testing for Covid. Ed Cox referred them to the County Health Department.	No Action
Wastewater Department: Review of purchase of Caterpillar backhoe	Ed Cox requested approval of purchase of Caterpillar backhoe. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and a second by Alderman Wangelin to approve purchase of Caterpillar backhoe from Altorfer, 2809 W Rock Falls Rd, Rock Falls, IL as low bid in the amount of \$97,257 (with consideration of local vendor policy) with 84 month financing at 0% interest and forward to City Council.	Motion carried, to City Council
Electric Department: Update	Dick Simon reported reliability was good and the hydro figures have been corrected.	No Action
Electric Department: Avenue A Project Update	Dick Simon reported the transformer is scheduled for November 2nd installation.	No Action
Electric Department: AMI Update	Dick Simon reported that new AMI meter installation is starting today.	No Action
Electric Department: Vacuum Excavation/ Potholing System	Dick Simon requested approval of agreement with Cloudpoint. It was explained how Cloudpoint updates GIS and what information GIS shows. A motion was made by Shane Brown and a second by Alderman Wangelin to approve service agreement with Cloudpoint, 1407 West Front St, Roanoke, IL 61561 for 3 years at the monthly cost of \$5,950 and forward to City Council.	Motion carried, to City Council
Electric Department: Vacuum Excavation & Pothole System	Dick Simon requested approval of purchase of Vacuum Excavation Potholing System. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and a second by Kim Groharing to approve low bid from Vermeer Midwest, 1801 179th St N, East Moline, IL 61244 with trade-in in the amount of \$55,000 and forward to City Council.	Motion carried, to City Council
Fiber/Broadband Department: Update	- Wayne Shafer reported finalizing of the SurfAir contract is set for October 30th and thanked Matt Cole for the all the help in closing this transaction. The full City design for the buildout is complete. - Signups continue. - There has been contact from Coloma Schools for a wireless program for students.	No Action
City Attorney: Updates	- Matt Cole reported that the City is on the third attempt to get Civic Plaza served. 2103 Industrial Park Rd-hearing is set for November 9th and	No Action

	they have been getting quotes from plumbers and alternate connection options. Well to City-no new changes to report.	
Utility Manager: License Agreement with State of Illinois DNR for Watermain	Robbin Blackert requested approval of Agreement with State of Illinois DNR. A motion was made by Kim Groharing and a second by Alderman Snow for approval of 5-year License Agreement with State of Illinois DNR for a watermain under the canal at Dixon Avenue for a total cost of \$1,200 and forward to City Council.	Motion carried, To City Council
Utility Manager: License Agreement with State of Illinois DNR for Storm Sewer	Robbin Blackert requested approval of Agreement with State of Illinois DNR. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and a second by Shane Brown for approval of 5-year License Agreement with State of Illinois DNR for a storm sewer East 7th Street and Avenue E to Canal for a total cost of \$1,150 and forward to City Council for approval	Motion carried, To City Council
Next Meeting Date & Time	The next meeting will be held on November 23, 2020 at 8:15 am in Council Chambers	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