



City of Rock Falls Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: November 6, 2013 **Time Meeting Started:** 5:17 **Time Meeting Ended:** 6:20

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Snow – Chairman	P	Clerk Arduini	P
Alderman Folsom	P	Administrator Blackert	P
Alderman Vandersnick	P	Alderman Reitzel	P
Sally Scanlan	P		
Inspector Searing	P		
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order	Meeting was called to order	Meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of October 2 nd meeting	Committee approved minutes as presented	Minutes approved
3. Building Inspector updates		
a. 815 Dixon Ave.	Mr. Searing spoke with our attorney, about time line for abandonment proceedings. The contractor had to move some debris to allow for mowing -9 months until we can move forward	No action
1. 606 East 4 th St.	Mr. Searing reported that the title is clear on this property, and it would be a good candidate for abandonment – 6 months before we can move forward	No action
2. Micro Ind. Building	Mr. Searing presented the committee with a copy of a letter he had delivered to the owner of Micro Ind. Giving 6 months to repair the falling bricks for safety even though the back is the worst, the front of the building facing West 2 nd Street is also losing bricks.	No action
3. Easy Living Trailer Park	Fire Chief Cook made a report that was sent to Attorney Sanders, and the Department of Public Health. A new trailer was sold, but no services can be turned on. Meter bases are in bad shape some need to be moved.	No action
4. 1200 W. 15 th Street	The lot has been cleaned up, and the owner has it for sale. The owner lives out of town, it is condemned and services are shut off.	No action until Spring
5. Kapp's	Fixed the fence /took down tent. The container is the only issue now. Mr. Searing suggested he add a roof to it if he wants it to comply as an outbuilding.	No action
b. Remodeling Discussion 812 Ave. A	The contracted deadline is January 16 th , 2013. The developer asked if he could sell it, and he can, but the contract will stand.	A reminder letter will be drafted, from the building code committee.
c. Illinois Housing Abandoned Property Grant	Mr. Searing informed the committee of this new grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority. We could recoup the City's cost of maintain, and securing abandoned homes in the city.	Send to council for approval with any grant proceeds for previous work done going to the demolition fund.

<p>d. Review IML Documents – Distressed properties- Vandersnick</p>	<p>Mr Vandersnick explained a program that he learned about at IML, which allows a city to go before a judge to obtain a warrant to go inside and inspect distressed properties.</p>	<p>No action, will consider use of this tool f for the future</p>
<p>4. Committee member items</p>		
<p>a. Review of city property liens</p>	<p>Clerk Arduini gave a report of the status of our current property liens, he also presented the committee with a list of valid current liens.</p>	<p>No action, clerk Arduini will provide updated reports to the committee. Committee will review ways of collecting unpaid weed control bills</p>

Committee Chairman