



## City of Rock Falls Building Code Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 4, 2013      **Time Meeting Started:** 5:15      **Time Meeting Ended:** 6:00

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Snow – Chairman	P	Clerk Arduini	P
Alderman Folsom	P	Mayor Wescott	P
Alderman Vandersnick	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 5:15 p.m.
2. Approve minutes of November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2013 meeting	Committee approved minutes as presented	Minutes approved
3. Building Inspector updates		
a. Current remediation updates		
1. 1. Micro Ind. Building	Mr. Searing stated that the owner has scheduled a meeting for him to meet with Mr. Searing and the Mayor about the building.	No Action
2. Easy Living Trailer Park	The owner has been in contact. The city is giving the owner a chance to make the necessary repairs, but he will not be licensed until all of the repairs are done.	No action
3. 812 Ave. A	Contract is up, and fulfilled. Mr. Searing has met with the owner, and the city is moving forward with the terms of the contract	No action
4. 815 Dixon Avenue	An attorney is now handling an insurance claim for this property	No action
5. Motel next to Longshots	Power is off, and will not be turned back on until the electrical is updated. The county has condemned the property, and they are working with the health department.	No action
b. Rental Inspections	Mr. Searing reported that he has met with attorney Sanders and the building personnel from Sterling. He outlined and explained the details that will need to be written into an ordinance. He explained that Sterling will have the same ordinance as us. Mr. Searing is planning to meet with the landlords in January, A first reading of ordinance in April, and begin inspections in June. Other details of the ordinance deal with how many people could live in each rental, inspections would be for code violations only, properties will be graded A-D. If a landlord lives more than 50 miles from the property, a manager would be required. There will be fees for registration, and inspection. Mrs. Scanlan asked if the county would also be on board for this program, but the county is much further behind and does not have any building code to use.	Committee recommends that Mr. Sanders begin to draft the ordinance and bring it back to this committee for review.
4. Committee member items	Mark explained that the city has applied for a \$75,000 Grant to reimburse the city for money spent on abandoned properties. This grant will go back to January 2012, and extends out to 2015. The funding for this grant comes from foreclosure fees charged to the banks. Mark stated that Michelle from the clerk's office, and Adm. Robbin did 75% of the work submitting this grant for the city. Inspector Searing reported that Stu Richter will again be contacting Lisa Madigan's office concerning the temporary asphalt plant that was left at the entrance to the city.	No Action
5. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.	End 6:00 pm

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Committee Chairman