



City of Rock Falls Building Code Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 4-2-2014

Time Meeting Started: 5:15

Time Meeting Ended: 6:23

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Snow- Chairman	P	Mayor Wescott	P
Alderman Folsom	P	Administrator Blackert	P
Alderman Vandersnick	P	Clerk Arduini	P
Sally Scanlan	P	Alderman Schuneman	P
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 5:15pm	Meeting begin at 5:15
2. Approve minutes of the March 5 th , 2014 meeting	Minutes were reviewed by committee, and approved	Minutes approved
3. New Business a. Discussion of container law for trash	The committee discussed the issue of having a law requiring the landlord to supply a garbage can for tenants that came up a landlords meeting with Police Chief Kuelper. Mr. Searing stated that in the International code, it states that the person living there needs to keep trash in a container to prevent animals from rooting through it.	The committee recommends to remove the language of garbage cans from the proposed rental inspection ordinance.
4 Building Inspector Updates a. Current remediation updates	Inspector Searing reported that a garage was torn down and replaced	No action
b. Rental Inspection program update	Insp. Searing stated that the wording requiring “storm windows” needs to be modified to requiring screens not storm windows. Mr. Schuneman expressed his feelings that the new proposed ordinance in not fair, and it is too broad. He feels it should be limited to health and life safety issues such as electric, furnace, mold, smoke alarms, CO2 detectors, The issue of Section 8 rentals receiving a different inspection that does not cost money to the landlord. Mr. Schuneman asked at what grade level is a passing Section 8 unit. Mrs. Scanlan recommended that the landlords be required to notify the city when the Section 8 status changes of a unit. A trained inspector needs to have the guidelines to go by, and there may be more strict or lenient inspectors in the future or in Sterling.	Change language in the proposed ordinance to require screens instead of storm windows.
c. Abandoned property grant update	The state sent an email thanking Rock Falls for their patience, but the grants are not processed yet	No action
5. Committee member items	None	No action
6. Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:23pm	Meeting End 6:23pm

Committee Chairman