



## City of Rock Falls Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: 9/25/2014**

**Time Meeting Started: 5:44**

**Time Meeting Ended: 6:58**

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Watts – Chairman	A	Alderman Shuneman	P
Alderman Reitzel	P	Administrator Blackert	P
Alderman Logan	P	Mayor Wescott	P
Alderman Folsom	P	Clerk Arduini	P
		Dick Simon	P
		Mark Searing	P
		Mike Kuelper	P
Also Attended			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1.Call to Order @ 5:44 p.m. – Alderman Folsom	Meeting was called to order at 5:44 pm	Meeting begins 5:44pm
2.Approve Minutes: Ordinance /License /Personnel /Safety Meeting August 25th, 2014	Minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
3.Workers Compensation/Liability Reports	The report was reviewed by the committee	Report accepted
4.Department Safety Meeting Minutes Review	The minutes of the Departments’ Safety meetings were reviewed by the committee	No action
5.New Business: a. review of posted speed limit on Buell Rd/14th Ave. Resident request to reduce from 35 mph to 30 mph. – Alderman Watts.	The Committee discussed the speed limit. Police Chief Kuelper informed the committee that there have been 6 accidents since 2006, and none have involved speeding. The city writes 40-50 speeding citations a year on the road at 35mph currently. Alderman Logan questioned if speed on the road adds to road wear, and Chief Kuelper said no. Alderman Reitzel would like to keep it the way it is, Aldermen Logan and Folsom would like to see it lowered to 30mph.	Committee votes to recommend the speed limit change to the City Council.
b. Discussion of possible Liquor License for Beauty Salons, or Spas. – Mayor Wescott	Mayor Wescott informed the committee that 3 salons have inquired about serving alcohol. He stated that the Liquor Ordinances have recently been revised, and these establishments will not have any guarantee from the state that video gaming would be installed on these premises. He states that the non-refundable license application fee is \$6000.00. It is up to the municipalities to issue a liquor license before the establishment may obtain one from the state. The committee wishes not to take any action to amend the liquor codes at this point.	No action
c. Residential parking only 1300 block of West 2nd Street – Insp. Searing	Inspector Searing reported to the committee that recently there have been two accidents in the 1300 block of West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street. Residents backing out of their driveways have a hard time seeing around parked cars which are overflowing from the Whiteside County Health Department, and Rock Falls High School. Police Chief Kuelper suggests if the committee wishes to make this area “resident parking only” areas of 12 <sup>th</sup> avenue should also be made to have the same restrictions because the cars will begin to park there, and it is a busier, and less safe street.	The committee recommends that the parking ordinance be amended to make resident only parking with a sticker required for the 1300 block of West 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street, and the 200 and 300 block of 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue. This item will be put before the City Council. Mayor Wescott will speak to Rock Falls High School about parking, and Adm. Blackert will

		<p>Speak to Whiteside County about the 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue parking lot.</p>
<p>d. Pawn shops discussion – Chief Kuelper</p>	<p>City Administrator Robbin Blackert asked if the Ordinance committee wished to require pawn shops to be considered “adult use”. Chief Kuelper stated that there is a lot of paperwork required when a pawn shop is in operation in the city. About 4 hours a day is added to the police department when a pawn shop is in business in town. Mayor Wescott stated that our Pawn Shop ordinance needs to be updated. A sample ordinance was presented to the committee for review.</p>	<p>The committee recommends that a new pawn shop ordinance be drafted with them being made adult use. The committee also recommends that the business license fee for a pawn shop be set at \$1000.00 to help with expense of special software needed to monitor pawn shop inventory.</p>
<p>e. Review of ordinances for net metering, and interconnection – Electric Committee</p>	<p>Electric director Dick Simon informed the committee that the Electric Committee has already reviewed ordinances approved by the City Attorney for net metering, and interconnection in regards to solar energy and other types of generation by electric customers. This equipment will need to be inspected and this ordinance will setup rules regarding selling power back to the city.</p>	<p>The committee recommends this ordinance for council approval</p>
<p>f. real estate tax stamps</p>	<p>Mayor Wescott informed the committee about tax stamps that will act as a check off for items that need to be taken care of prior to the sale of property. This could include: fees, ordinances, liens, utilities, zoning issues, non-conforming lots etc.</p>	<p>The city will begin work on drafting this ordinance.</p>
<p>g. Hookah bar discussion</p>	<p>Mayor Wescott wanted to inform the committee about inquiries about hookah bars, and inquired if it is necessary to regulate them.</p>	<p>No action</p>
<p>6. Adjournment</p>	<p>With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm</p>	<p>Meeting ends 6:58pm</p>

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Committee Chairman