



## City of Rock Falls Public Works Public Property Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date: 9-4-2014**

**Time Meeting Started: 5:30**

**Time Meeting Ended: 6:25**

Members		Also Attended	
Alderman Reitzel	P	Mayor Wescott	P
Alderman Kuhlemier	P	Administrator Blackert	P
Alderman Schuneman	P	Clerk Arduini	P
Alderman Watts	P	Superintendent Padilla	P
		Superintendent Cox	P
		Assistant Superintendent Spinka	P
		Brian Frickenstein	P
<b>Also Attended</b>			

Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
1. Call to order - Chairman Reitzel	Meeting was called to order at 5:30pm	Meeting begins 5:30pm
2. Audience Request a. Clinton Frymire 1007 Ave. C Sewer issue	Mr. Frymire approached the committee to explain that he has been paying for City sewer service for 10 years, and he recently found out that his house had a septic tank, and was not connected to city sewer. Adm. Blackert asked if he had spoken with the seller (Sterling Federal Bank) as to why the disclosure stated that the property was hooked onto public sewer. The seller is liable for the disclosure being truthful. Mr. Frymire will speak with the seller and keep the city informed on the issue.	No action
b. High Bill 1001 W. 2nd St. – A	Victor Lopez approached the committee about a higher than normal water and sewer bill that went up \$100. Mr. Lopez stated that there were no leaks and the landlord checked into it as well. The water department checked the meter, and it tested normal.	Adm. Blackert will examine the history of the bills and call Mr. Lopez.
3. Approve Minutes of the August 7th, 2014 Public Works - Public Property Meeting	The minutes were reviewed by the committee	Minutes approved
4. Unfinished Business a. Safety Issue: RB&W Patio (Stair railings)	Per the committee's request, Tom Hauck an architect for WHA looked at options for making the riverfront patio safer. If any work is done to the area, it will all have to be brought up to OSHA code, and be made ADA compliant. The proposal involved adding sections of sidewalk, gates, and chain link fencing. It would also have a chain link fence keeping people out of a large section on the west side of the property due to the concrete being unlevelled. The estimate for the work is \$15,000. The cost to remove the entire basement and Patio area would be around \$150,000. Adm. Blackert informed the committee that there is a "plan B" this would involve utilizing the large cement slabs farther east where the pole buildings stood instead of using the elevated section of Riverfront Patio. There are currently no electrical services located there. The committee agreed that since this is all temporary until the area is developed they will use plan B and when events want to rent the space, they will rent the Eastern Cement Slab.	Rental of the space will be for the Eastern cement slab area.
b. Street report sheets from each ward.	The street report sheets from each ward were turned in to Adm. Blackert. The Supervisors will check prospective streets for utility work to be done.	Adm. Blackert will compile the lists, and report back at the next Public Works Meeting.

6.Wastewater – Ed Cox Superintendent a.NPDES / Projects report	Mr. Cox stated that the plant took a lot of water in with the recent storm, but the plant is running well.	No Action
7.Water – Ted Padilla Superintendent a.Update on Projects	The 7 <sup>th</sup> Avenue water main project crew has finished installing the 6” water main. A second crew will be installing taps along the line. The Hydrants are installed. The water crews have been helping the Street department with storm damage cleanup. There are 141 houses left for well to city and Marty has been installing meters.	No action
Street – Assistant Superintendent Larry Spinka a. Update on Projects	<p>Currently picking up brush, and then the sweeper will begin going over the streets that were seal coated this year. The city will probably not be getting another tank of emulsion this year.</p> <p>There was much discussion about materials to be used for street repairs in the future. Mr. Spinka would like to see streets with curb and gutter be blacktopped. It is costly but it lasts longer.</p> <p>The committee discussed Buell road, as the FAU funding for that project is years away. The engineering is done, and it is shovel ready if funding becomes available sooner. A possible band aid would be to grind 2 ft. from the East, West, and middle of the road and fill that with blacktop.</p> <p>Mr. Spinka stated that brush pickup will take another week.</p> <p>Ruth Rodgers from Coloma Township would like to get a key to allow access to the Lawrence island lagoon to place storm debris.</p> <p>The IDOT salt bids came in at \$77.77/ ton for the city’s 2000 tons needed for this coming winter.</p>	Mr. Spinka will get a key made for the Township Road Commissioner.
8.Committee Member Items	<p>Administrator Blackert informed the committee that an RFQ went out on the website for consulting engineers for assessment of the Limestone Building.</p> <p>Mayor Wescott stated at the next Finance meeting he will discuss the ½ cent sales tax referendum for the November ballot. The deadline to get it on the ballot is December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014</p>	No action
9.Adjournment	With nothing else for the good of the committee the meeting was adjourned at 6:25pm	Meeting end 6:25pm

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Committee Chairman