



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

Date: 2-2-2017

Time Meeting Started: 8:15am

Time Meeting Ended: 9:47am

| Members                     |   | Also Attended          |   |
|-----------------------------|---|------------------------|---|
| Alderman Reitzel – Chairman | p | Mayor Wescott          | p |
| Alderman Kleckler           | p | Administrator Blackert | p |
| Alderman Ebenezer           |   | Clerk Arduini          | p |
| Alderman Schuneman          | p | Ed Cox                 | p |
|                             |   | Ted Padilla            | p |
|                             |   | Larry Spinka           | p |
|                             |   | Brian Frickenstein     | p |
|                             |   | Inspector Searing      | p |
| Also Attended               |   |                        |   |
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| Topic   | Discussion   | Plan of Action  |
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| 1. Call to order - Chairman Reitzel   | Meeting was called to order at 8:15am  | Meeting begins at 8:15am  |
| 2. Audience Requests<br>a. High Bill complaint - Mark Duchay                                    | Mark Duchay approached the committee concerning two rental units at 603 and 605 W. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street. Both units had high bills due to the heat being turned off. He thought that the customer service office would have contacted him of the issue. He is asking if the charges could be reduced. The plumbing issues at both addresses are now fixed. Mr. Padilla offered to take 1/3 off of both accounts, and since some water did go through the sewer system, Mr. Cox figured the pre-treat price and reduced the units charged from 289 units to 137 units at the normal price.  | The committee agrees with these adjustments.                                  |
|   | Sharon Simester approached the committee about the 2017 City-Wide Cleanup sponsored by the Sauk Valley Landlord's Association. This year's event is scheduled for May 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2017. The event will be held at the RB&W District parking lot from 9am to 1pm. She has already contacted the businesses that supported the event last year. The group would like \$2000 this year due to the high cost of TV disposal last year. Administrator Blackert explained that the funds are taken from the garbage fund for the event. Mrs. Simester is to get the RB&W application from the Tourism Office. A motion to approve the expenditure of \$2000 for the event was made by Alderman Schuneman, and second by Alderman Reitzel. | Motion approved unanimously.  |
| 3. Approve Minutes of the January 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2017 Public Works - Public Property Meeting | The minutes were reviewed by the committee   | Minutes approved  |
| 4. Engineer's Report – Brian Frickenstein   | Brian Frickenstein reported that Gensini is back at work at the RB&W greenspace site. He presented a handout from the Army Corp of engineers, and explained that if the city requests, the Corps can help with the first \$100,000 for an erosion study and a portion of repairs up to \$1.5 million. Alderman   | Mr. Frickenstein, and Mayor Wescott will work together to submit the request. |

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|  | Schuneman asked if the west side of Swards Park to the hotel are could also be looked at in the study.  |  |
| 5.Old Business<br>a.Nicor repairs<br>update                | There will be another NICOR project starting in the northeast section of town this summer. Nicor had not responded to the Mayor's requests to speak with them, and at last month's meeting there was no mention of this new project.  | No action  |
| b.2017 Road<br>discussion                                  | The discussion of the Galt Avenue project this summer was brought up by Adm. Blackert. She wants to know if the curb and sidewalk portions will come out of those amounts already budgeted. There was much discussion about the slag not sticking last year. The committee would like to see that the binder or tar is laid down correctly, and possibly a thicker coating.   | The committee would like to allow for the compaction of sand and gravel over a year with the replacement of the water line.<br>The curb money could be moved but the sidewalk should come from the project, not the allocated sidewalk money. Larry will meet with the county concerning the slag and oil work of last year. |
| 6.Wastewater – Ed<br>Cox<br>Superintendent                 | Sewer Superintendent Ed Cox reported that the pump station is finished, and running fine. The new flow meter is not working correctly, and ScadaWare will be in to make adjustments. His crews have been working on some small sinkholes. Alderman Schuneman asked that the manhole in the middle of east Second Street near Wood Avenue be adjusted. The Department will TV the sewer and storms on Galt Avenue when it warms up above 40 deg. | Mr. Cox asks that manholes be reported to him to add to the list. He will meet with RFHS to discuss the new addition to the band room.   |
| 7.Water – Ted<br>Padilla<br>Superintendent                 | Water Superintendent Ted Padilla reported that the Filter #2 valves have been ordered. The department has been busy with water main breaks. Well #7 is pumping and when the testing is complete it will go online.  | No action  |
| 8..Street –<br>Assistant<br>Superintendent<br>Larry Spinka | Asst. Street Superintendent Larry Spinka reported that the Street department has been working on cold patching pot holes.   | No Action  |
| 9. City<br>Administrator –<br>Robbin Blackert              | City Administrator Robbin Blackert has been working with Diane in the Customer Service office to notify landlords of cuts. The city will be working with Sikich to find ways for emergency street cuts and repairs to be done in a way that does not violate any competitive bidding rules.   | No action  |
| 10. Committee<br>Member Items                              | Alderman Kleckler asked if the drainage issues at Heinze Drive and Thomas will be addressed in the coming year. Mr. Cox informed the committee that the Heinze Dr. issue will be in the budget this year, and Thomas will be next year.<br>Mr. Kleckler also informed the committee that the tenant at the former Hallman property has not cleaned up the area yet.   | No action  |
| 11. Adjournment  | With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47am.   | Meeting ends at 9:47am   |

Chairman 