

CITY OF ROCK FALLS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Monday, August 24, 2009 – 6:30pm
Minutes

Those present at the meeting were as follows: Mayor David Blanton, Aldermen Mark Vandersnick, Glen Kuhlemier, Daehle Reitzel, Jim Schuneman, and Richard Downey – City Administrator, and Sylvia Frey.

Members Absent: Aldermen Dave Hand, Brian Snow, Bob Thurm and Lee Folsom

Audience Members: Ted Padilla – Water Dept, Ed Cox – Sewer Dept, Conny Sanders – Utility Office, and Bill Wescott – City Clerk.

Council Orientation (New Members): Richard presented a power point presentation pertaining to the following departments: Water, Sewer, Utilities and City Clerk. Each designated department head spent a few minutes explaining the functions of their individual departments and various services they provide for our local residents. Utility Office presented a power point presentation showing the procedure on meter reading, billings and customer service issues.

Water Dept presented various locations in the city where wells and pumps were located. Water Dept has established a groundwater education program for area school children to become familiar with our local water resources and testing thereof. The city is continuing to convert existing wells in the city limits onto water service hookup.

Sewer Dept held a discussion pertaining to areas in the city where 'weak links' are located – sewer lines and lift stations that are in desperate need of repair or replacement. Those are: RF High School (sewer lines under property); City Dog Pound – Industrial Park area (lift station) and Merrill School (sewer lines under property). City Clerk gave specific information pertaining to the Open Meetings Act for council clarification to avoid any future penalties in respect to meeting discussions among members. City Clerk also presented specific information on the new FOIA (Freedom Of Information Act) that will be changing as of January 1, 2010. He gave information on the procedures the city will need to follow to become compliant with these new regulations. The new regulation could have serious repercussions on public accessible information for settlements, agreements, contracts, etc.

Mayor Blanton stated that he appreciated the council's ability to stay proactive on all matters of the city.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned at 9:00p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor David H. Blanton