

**ROCKPORT BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
SEPTEMBER 3, 2013 5:00PM**

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Connie Hargis, Robert Lindsey, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk-Treasurer Susie Roberts and City Attorney John Hargis.

PLEDGE: The *Pledge of Allegiance* was said by all.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Robert made a motion to approve the minutes; Connie seconded motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

WASTEWATER REPORT: Sherry gave the wastewater report (see attached). She reported that the South Plant is back on line after some major repairs last month.

CURBS/GUTTERING ON SEMINARY ST: We have a quote from JBI to do curbs and guttering for \$7,500 on the north side of Seminary Street (between Eighth St and Ninth St). They can do the work in the next couple of weeks. Connie made a motion to bring this before the council; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

PROPERTY CLEAN UP: 720 Jefferson St – the front yard is mowed but the back yard still needs mowing, it was decided to mow it and send them a bill; **620 Williamson St** – grass needs mowed; **617 Elm St** – a privacy fence (on the north side of the property line) needs to be cleaned.

POW WOW PORTA JOHNS: The organization sponsoring the Pow Wow, at the park, has requested the city provide portable toilets for their event because the community building bathrooms cannot handle the extra volume during this time. Connie made a motion to rent the portable toilets for the Pow Wow; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

REPORT ON MAIN ST BUILDINGS: We have received the report from Kiva on the **Auto Parts building**; it states that we need to clean the debris from the cellar and install some cross bracing for the floor joists. It was also mentioned that it would be okay to use the building for the Haunted House this year. The east wall is in need of repair and Betsy suggested getting the building inspector to look at it to see what we need to do. **DJ'S building** – Phil Brown has prepared a letter to be sent to Robert Feuerbach requiring him to complete certain things within sixty days and requesting him to appear at a hearing on October 1st at 5:00 pm. John Hargis has a tentative date of September 18th to meet with Phil Brown regarding this hearing. The adjoining property owners were present and expressed their concerns regarding the north wall of this building. Mr. Feuerbach was reminded that Betsy, from Kiva, recommended covering this wall to prevent any further moisture from entering the building. He said he would get it covered in the next two weeks. **Gentry building** – regarding the shoring of the west wall – Betsy will be providing the city with a report on what needs to be done. Once we receive this information John Hargis will draw up an agreement for the property owner to sign.

PARK RESTROOM VANDALISM – Chief Meredith appeared before the board to discuss security cameras that Verizon could provide for us. The cost of this equipment is approximately \$5,000. He also mentioned that we might want to have cameras installed under the bluff to help prevent criminal activities along the riverfront.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Street paving areas are recommended as follows: Short Center Street; Seminary Street (between 8th and 9th); North Sixth St (between Elm and Washington); Pearl St (between 5th and 6th); and widening the road through the park to allow for a pedestrian and/or bicycle path. It was also discussed to look at North Seventh Street and North Lincoln Avenue.

Chief Meredith mentioned that they are losing the income from the school corporation due to a traffic light being installed at the high school intersection.

Richard Wells appeared before the board requesting permission to use the Schoenfield Building lot to show movies on the wall. This would be a “free” movie event (with no vendors involved). The board decided that we would need to check with our insurance provider as to the liability involved with this.

ADJUSTMENTS: Adjustments were made.

ADJOURNMENT: Connie made a motion to adjourn; Robert seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.