

City of Rock Falls

603 W. 10th Street
Rock Falls, IL 61071-2854

Regular meeting minutes of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Rock Falls

The regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of Rock Falls, Illinois was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on November 16, 2021, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Rod Kleckler.

City Clerk Pam Martinez called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Mayor Kleckler, Aldermen McKanna, Wangelin, Snow, Babel, Dowd, Devers, Doane, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robin Blackert were present.

Mayor Community Award:

Mayor Kleckler presented Frank Selmi with Selmi's Farm for the dedication of the Selmi family to Rock Falls Community. The Selmi family has taken care of the flowers planted downtown for years and is a great asset to the community.

Audience request:

Ms. Chasity Nichols spoke to the council about an issue that has been brought to the administration of Rock Falls High school and the police department. She also spoke about an incident that took place when someone backed into her fence post.

Ms. Barb Frantz spoke to the council about the proposal of widening Route 30 into four lanes. There is 19 miles of highway that the Highway 30 group project that would benefit from being widened. Ms. Frantz is asking the mayor and council to consider a letter of recommendation.

Community Affairs:

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1 and 2 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of the minutes of the November 2, 2021, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2021-2538 – Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Levy – A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 7 aye, 1 nay (Devers), motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2021-2539 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2021 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources),

Series 2017. A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Babel. **Vote 7 aye, 1 abstained (Devers), motion carried.**

3. Ordinance 2021-2540 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2021 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2016. A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Snow. **Vote 7 aye, 1 abstained (Devers), motion carried.**
4. Ordinance 2021-2541 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2021 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018A. A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Snow. **Vote 7 aye, 1 abstained (Devers), motion carried.**
5. Ordinance 2021-2542 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2021 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018B. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel. **Vote 7 aye, 1 abstained (Devers), motion carried.**
6. Ordinance 2021-2543 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2021 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018C. A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Wangelin. **Vote 7 aye, 1 abstained (Devers), motion carried.**

City Administrator: none

City Attorney: none

City Departments: none

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and seconded by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Extension of Cash Farm Lease with Mike Gaulrapp for 24 tillable acres of Sewer Plant for the 2022 season. Rent will be at the current rate of \$225.00 per acre.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and seconded by Alderman Babel to approve the Extension of Cash Farm Lease with Hoffman Brothers Partnership for 10 acres of Sewer Plant Land for the 2022 season. Rent will be at the current rate of \$150.00 per acre.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Snow to approve the renewal of IDNR Lease No. 3091 for a 10-year renewal period (Stormwater pipe at E 5th Street) at a cost of \$2,200,00.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Snow to approve the State of Illinois Contract for 2022 Salt purchases.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderman Babel for approval to seek Requests for Proposals for Professional Auditing Services for Fiscal Years 2022, 2023 and 2024.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Commitment of Matching Funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 and in-kind Contributions in the amount of \$53,000.00 for the Rebuild Downtown & Main Streets Grant.

Vote 7 aye, 1 nay (Devers), motion carried.


Alderman Dowd wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderwoman Devers asked a question regarding the Audit report regarding the statement about staffing issues. Very common in small offices and it has been in the report every year. Mayor Kleckler stated cannot fix unless hires more staff and Alderwoman McKanna stated that is why there are measures in place, example two signers on documents.

Executive Session was not warranted tonight.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka and second by Alderman Snow to adjourn.

Viva Voice Vote, motion carried. (6:05 p.m.)



Pamela Martinez, City Clerk