

# 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 December 7, 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 Kleckler requested a moment of silence to honor Lt. Garrett Ramos, Sterling Firefighter who was injured and died while fighting a house fire on December 4, 2021.

### Audience request:

None.

### Community Affairs:

None

### Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1, 2 and 3 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of the minutes of the November 16, 2021, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of Letter of Support for Highway 30 Expansion from IL Hwy. 136 to I-88 in Rock Falls.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka and second by Alderman Babel.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

### Ordinances for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

1. Ordinance No. 2021-2544 – Ordinance Authorizing Sale / Transfer of 2007 Toyota Highlander, 2007 Ford Explorer and 2008 Fore Expedition to Firehouse Ministries.  
A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin.
2. Ordinance No. 2021-2545 – Ordinance authorizing the sale of 1991 Ford F350 Pickup Truck.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

### Ordinances for 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2021-2538 – Fiscal Year 2022 Tax Levy – A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderman Snow.  
**Vote 7 aye, 1 no (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 Babel and second by Alderwomen Sobottka.

**Vote 8 aye, 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 8 aye, 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 Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderman Dowd.

**Vote 8 aye, 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 Babel and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 8 aye, 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 Wangelin and second by Alderman Snow.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

7. Ordinance 2021-2546 – Ordinance Approving Amendment to Exclusive Easement at 1104 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

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

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

City Administrator: none

City Attorney: none

City Departments: none

Alderman Snow, Doane and Alderwoman Sobottka mentioned condolences to the Ramos family.

Alderman Wangelin and Alderwoman Sobottka wished Mr. Chuck Koehler a Happy Birthday.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the purchase of AMR Software for water meter reading software and equipment from Ferguson Waterworks, 1720 State Street, DeKalb, IL 60115 in the amount of \$11,894.15.

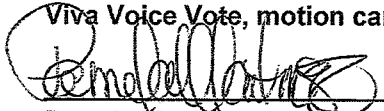
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Babel to approve updates to the AT&T Flat Rate Price Schedule in connection with the joint ownership and use of poles.  
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Babel to approve extension of Lay Down Rental space at the Electric Department on a month-to-month basis with Surf Broadband.  
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

Alderman Doane mentioned there is a trust set up at Sauk Valley Bank for the Ramos family.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn.  
**Viva Voice Vote, motion carried. (5:49 p.m.)**

  
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Pamela Martinez, City Clerk