

# 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 21, 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 was present.

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 16, 2021, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

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

1. Ordinance No. 2021-2547 – Sale of Surplus Property – 2014 Ford Explorer.

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

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

2. Ordinance No. 2021-2548 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Alcohol at Public Events.

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

**Vote 6 aye, 1 recused (Snow), 1 abstained (Devers), motion carried.**

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

1. Ordinance 2021-2544 – Ordinance Authorizing Sale / Transfer of 2007 Toyota Highlander, 2007 Ford Explorer, and 2008 Ford Expedition to Firehouse Ministries.

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

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

2. Ordinance 2021-2545 – Ordinance authorizing the sale of 1991 Ford F350 Pickup Truck.

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

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

3. Ordinance 2021-2549 – Authorizing a Variance from side Yard Setback Requirement for 1701 Industrial Park Road, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

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

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

City Administrator: none

City Attorney: none

City Departments: none

Alderman Wangelin wished everyone Happy Holidays.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the purchase of four (4) – 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility V6, AWD vehicle in the amount of \$178,360.00 from Kunes Ford, 2811 Locust Street, Sterling, IL 61081. Financing will be a 3 year lease with Tax Exempt Leasing, 203 E Park Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Fiscal Year 2022, 2023, and 2024 service proposal for Professional Auditing Services from Sikich, 1415 West Diehl Rd., Suite 400, Naperville, IL 60563.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Babel to approve Emergency Repair Justification for sanitary sewer line collapse and blockage, E 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue A, repairs completed by Helm, 2238 Bus Route 20 East, Freeport, IL 61032 in the amount of \$14,080.72.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

Audience request:

Many members from Millwrights local 2158, stood and spoke in favor of keeping Aim's Mechanical as the contractor for the Hydroelectric maintenance. If the council were to go with the contractor HCMS, there would be six (6) local jobs lost along with affecting many others. Aims Mechanical was a lower bid of \$70,000.00 and questions were raised as to why the City Council would want to go with an out of state company.

Mayor Klecker closed audience request time.

Before moving to a motion City Attorney stated that a 2/3rds vote will be needed.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Wangelin to do a waiver of competitive bids for the contract for the Hydroelectric generation facility maintenance.

**Vote 6 aye, 2 nays (Babel and Devers), motion carried.** Alderwoman McKanna suggested Alderwoman Devers recuse herself from voting.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and seconded by Alderman Wangelin to approve the recommendation from the Utility Department to award HCMS, W7021 State Road 152, Wautoma, WI 54982 the bid for the Hydroelectric generation facility maintenance.

Mayor Kleckler - alderman have the figures in hand, Aims Mechanical is the lower bidder. HCMS is not going to hire in state workers.

Discussion – had by council members.

**Vote 4 aye, 4 nays (Babel, Dowd, Devers, Doane) motion did not carry.** Alderwoman McKanna suggested Alderwoman Devers recuse herself from voting.

A motion was made by Alderman Dowd and second by Alderman Babel to award the contract for the Hydroelectric generation facility maintenance to Aims Mechanical, 1881 Industrial Drive, Sterling, IL 61081.

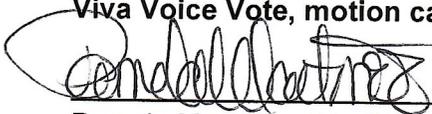
**Vote 3 aye, 4 nays (McKanna, Wangelin, Snow, Sobottka), 1 recused (Devers), motion did not carry.**

Alderman Doane, Alderwoman Sobottka, Alderman Dowd wished everyone Happy Holidays. Alderwoman Devers thanked the audience members and wished everyone a Happy Holidays.

Mayor's Report: none

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

**Viva Voice Vote, motion carried. (6:18 p.m.)**



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Pamela Martinez, City Clerk