

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 February 1, 2022, 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.

Community Affairs:

None

Audience request:

Rene Sotelo – owner of the Cooler, remarked to keep the Video Gaming license fee to \$25 per machine since all other costs are going up as well.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 17, 2022, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 1st Reading:

1. 2022-2550 – Amending Chapter 16, Article XIII, Section 16-1521 Relating to annual fees for Video Gaming Terminals.
Mayor Kleckler motioned to have the fee for each video gaming machine raised to \$250.
A motion was made by Alderwoman Devers and second by Alderman Dowd to raise Video Gaming License per machine to \$250 each.
Discussion amongst Council members.
Vote 5 aye, 2 no (Doane and Sobottka), 1 recused (Snow) motion carried.
2. 2022-2551 – Amending Chapter 2 Relating to Regular Meetings of the City Council and Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka and second by Alderman Doane.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
3. 2022-2552 – Amending Chapter 32, Article V – Relating to Interconnection with the City's Electric Distribution system and Customer-Owned Generating Facilities Interconnection Agreement.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderwoman McKanna.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator: none

City Attorney: none

City Departments: none

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Utility Office Write-offs – October 2021 through December 2021.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Water rate increase proposal for fiscal years 2023 through 2026, to be sent to City Attorneys to draft Ordinance change.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderman Snow to approve Wastewater rate (Capital Improvement Rate only) increase for fiscal years 2023 through 2027, send to City Attorneys to draft Ordinance change.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderman Snow to approve proposed \$0.00 increase to Electric Rates for fiscal year 2023.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Alderwoman McKanna reminded Council Members of the Finance Committee Budget meeting – March 29, 2022, at 8:15 a.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Snow to approve Name and Likeness License Agreement between Francine "Mrs. B" Bellson and the City of Rock Falls.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

none

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Section 2(c)(21) – Review of Closed Session Minutes and Section 2(c)(11) – Litigation – Pending, probable or imminent litigation.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried (5:50 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to return to regular session

Vote 8 aye, motion carried (6:27 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Dowd to approve Section 2(c)(21) – Review of Closed Session minutes to keep minutes in Executive Session closed.

Vote 7 aye, 1 no (Devers), motion carried.

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

Viva Voice Vote, motion carried. (6:32 p.m.)



Pamela Martinez, City Clerk