

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 15, 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.

Audience request:

None

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 February 15, 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. Ordinance 2022-2556 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V Relating to the Definition of Restaurant.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka and second by Alderman Babel to approve the definition of restaurant.

Vote 3 aye, 4 no (Wangelin, Babel, Dowd, Devers), 1 recused (Snow) motion failed. Sent back to Committee

2. Ordinance 2022-2557 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V Extending Authorization for the Delivery and Carry Out of Alcohol by Licensed Establishments.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka and second by Alderman Doane to approve Extending Authorization for the Delivery and Carry Out of Alcohol by Licensed Establishments.

Vote 7 aye, 1 recused (Snow), motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2022-2550 – Amending Chapter 16, Article XIII, Section 16-1521 Relating to annual fees for Video Gaming Terminals.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Devers and second by Alderwoman McKanna to approve annual fees for Video Gaming Terminals.

Discussion amongst Council members.

Vote 3 aye, 4 no (Doane, Wangelin, Babel, Dowd), 1 recused (Snow) motion failed.

Alderman Dowd made a motion to reconsider amending annual fee to \$125 per Video Gaming Terminal and Alderman Wangelin second.

Vote 5 aye, 2 no (McKanna and Devers), 1 recused (Snow), motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2022-2551 – Amending Chapter 2 Relating to Regular Meetings of the City Council and Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 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 Sobottka.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
4. Ordinance 2022-2553 – Amending Chapter 32 Relating to Utility Rate Increases.
A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Dowd to approve Utility Rate Increases.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
5. Ordinance 2022-20554 – Adopting Revised Zoning Map.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve the adoption of the Zoning Map.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
6. Ordinance 2022-2555 – Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rock Falls Regarding Multi-Family Dwellings in MU-1 Mixed Use District.
A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Dowd to approve amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rock Falls Regarding Multi Family Dwellings in MU-1 Mixed.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2022-875 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (2211 Canal Street).
A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve resolution 2022-875 – transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (2211 Canal Street).
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator: none
City Attorney: none
City Departments: none

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Babel to approve the Customer-Owned Generating Facilities Interconnection Agreement.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Alderman Doane reminded Council Members of the opening of Sofie’s Café on Route 30 and the expansion of businesses at Northland Mall.

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)(1) – Employee hiring, firing,

compensation, discipline and performance and Section 2(c)(11) – Litigation – Pending, probable or imminent litigation.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried (6:16 p.m.)

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried (6:58 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka and second by Alderwoman McKanna to approve recommendation of the Utility office to hire a Utility Clerk.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

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

Viva Voice Vote, motion carried. (6:59 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk