

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 April 5, 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, Attorney Tim Zollinger and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience request:

None

Community Affairs:

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1 through 10 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 15, 2022, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Proclamation – Proclaiming the month of April 2022 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Rock Falls.
4. Proclamation – Proclaiming April 7, 2022, as Junior Achievement Day in the City of Rock Falls.
5. Reappointment of Tom Myers to the Utility Committee for a 5-year term (05-01-2022 to 04-30-2027)
6. Reappointment of Terry Gisi to the Police Pension Board for a 2-year term (05-01-2022 to 04-30-2022)
7. Reappointment of Mike Kuelper to the Fire Police Commission for a 3-year term (05-01-2022 to 04-30-2025)
8. Appointment of Jeff Brown to the Planning / Zoning Commission to fill the unexpired term of Pam Martinez (04-05-2022 to 05-31-2025)
9. Recommendation by the Industrial Development Commission, as contract purchaser of certain property owned by Whiteside County at 1701 Industrial Park Road, Rock Falls, IL, to refer the preliminary plat of re-subdivision to the Planning & Zoning Commission for consideration and approval.
10. Refer the Petition Requesting Rezoning of Real Estate to the Planning & Zoning Commission for consideration and approval.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Consent Agenda.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2022-2562 – Amending Chapter 24, Section 24-13 Relating to Temporary Signs.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderman Doane to approve amending Chapter 32, Section 24-13 Relating to Temporary Signs.

Via Voice Vote 8 aye, motion carried

2. Ordinance 2022-2563 – Amending Chapter 6, Article III Relating to Building Permit Fees
A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin and second by Alderman Snow to approve Amending Chapter 6, Article III Relating to Building Permit Fees.
Via Voice Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2022-2564 – Amending the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Incorporation of International Codes.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Amending the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Incorporation of International Codes.
Via Voice Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
4. Ordinance 2022-2565 – Amending Chapter 16, Section 16-617 Relating to Tree Cutters.
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Amending Chapter 16, Section 16-617 Relating to Tree Cutters.
Via Voice Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
5. Ordinance 2022-2566 – Amending Section 32-348 (a) Purchase Power Adjustment Factor.
A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Dowd to approve Amending Section 32-348 (a) Purchase Power Adjustment Factor.
Via Voice Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
6. Ordinance 2022-2567 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022.
A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2022.
Via Voice Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
7. Ordinance 2022-2568 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V Relating to Alcohol Liquor Purchases.
A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Amending Chapter 16, Article V Relating to Alcohol Liquor Purchases – Discussion by Council members. Amendment by Alderman Babel exemption for current Class B-1 to receive Class A in Non-transferable.
Via Voice Vote 6 aye, 1 recused (Snow), 1 nay (Devers) motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Ordinance 2022-2561 – Approving Certain Amendments to Redevelopment Grant Documents Concerning the Rock Falls Holiday Inn Express.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Certain Amendments to Redevelopment Grant Documents Concerning the Rock Falls Holiday Inn Express.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
2. First Amendment to Amended and Restated Recapture Agreement and Second Amended and Restated Redevelopment Agreement
3. Amendment to Junior Mortgage.

City Attorney: none

City Departments: none

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve recommendation from Police Fire Committee to enter a Memorandum of Understanding with the Illinois Attorney General to provide detective personnel for assistance with investigation involving the Child Exploration Task Force and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

1. Approval of ARPA Expenditures:

- a. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve E-Ticketing & Report Writing System for our Police Department. Hardware is \$8,800 and software subscription is \$23,400 per year and the ARPA committee would like to purchase the hardware and two years of the subscription and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
- b. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Twenty-Two (22) Full Face Gas Mask w/ respirators for our Police Department. All masks are currently expired and are no longer usable. Total cost is \$12,000 and a second by Alderman Snow.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
- c. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve a 250 KW, 208/120V 3 Phase Enclosed Caterpillar Generator for backup generation for our Police & Fire Department which is in the same building complex. Backup generation is a requirement for the NFPA for the Fire Department. Estimate for purchase and installation is \$217,500 and a second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
- d. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to purchase ten (10) portable Motorola radios for our Fire Department. Cost of ten radios is \$31,000 and a second by Alderman Snow.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
- e. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to purchase three (3) Rapid Intervention Packs – Fire Department uses these for when a Firefighter is down in an emergency situation, cost is \$6,900 and second by Alderman Babel.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
- f. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to purchase three (3) mobile repeaters and communications upgrades to Fire Command Vehicles. Total is \$10,000 and second by Alderman Snow.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
- g. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to purchase eight (8) sets of Firefighter Turnout Gear. Total is \$30,000 and a second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
- h. A motion was made by Alderwoman to purchase Lexipol Policy and Procedures Program for the Fire Department – This will bring our Fire Department's Police and Procedures up to NFPA standards. Cost is \$25,000 one – time set up fee and \$5,827 annually with 2 years subscription paid and second by Alderman Babel.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
- i. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to purchase two Stokes rescue baskets for the Fire Department – it will allow each engine to have a basket on board. Total cost is \$2,000 and a second by Alderman Snow.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
- j. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve purchase of a Forceable Entry Training Prop at a cost of \$11,000 and second by Alderman Babel.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

- k. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to purchase two Fast Boards for Fire Department – used to rapidly remove a downed firefighter from a confined space – cost is \$5,100 and second by Alderman Babel.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve recommendation from the Finance Committee for Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C. proposed increase in the hourly rate from \$195.00 to \$210.00 and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve recommendation from Finance Committee to approve a first reading of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budget.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to accept a report on Emergency Repair Justification for Sanitary Sewer Main repairs on W 10th Street, repairs completed by Helm Civil, 2283 Bus Route 20 East, Freeport, IL 61032 in the amount of \$15,359.22 and a second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve recommendation from the Utility Committee to wave irregularity Bidding and award bid for the watermain replacement on Hudson Drive, W 13th Street, 6th Avenue and W 14th Street to Gensini Excavating, Inc., 10602 Highway 26, Princeton, IL 61356 in the amount of \$920,898.00 and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve recommendation from Utility Committee to set the Fair Solar Credit at .0608 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve recommendation from the Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee to approve the updated language for the job description of the Street Department Operator / Maintenance position and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

1. New vehicles for Chief and Deputy Chief of Fire Department in service.
2. Street Department retirement – Paul
3. Third Avenue reconstruction starting, gas lines moving, projecting completion August 2022.
4. Many road repairs starting.
5. Yard Waste has started – leave at curb in barrels with an 'X' on them on regular trash pick up days.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Section 2(c)(11) – Litigation – Pending, probable or imminent litigation and Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) - Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance.

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

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

Via Voice Vote 8 aye, motion carried (6:43 p.m.)

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve part-time Summer Help position and a second by Alderman Dowd

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve recommendation from the Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee to approve wage increases and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

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

Via Voice Vote, motion carried. (6:46 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk