

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 19, 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, Devers, Doane, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole, Attorney Tim Zollinger and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Alderman Dowd absent.

Audience request:

Dr. Lori Cortez presented to the City Council the Impact Program from Sauk Valley Community College. This program helps students in six counties receive Sauk Valley Community College free tuition.

Community Affairs:

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1 through 4 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 5, 2022, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Reappointment of Bill Wescott to the Fire Pension for a 2-year term (05-01-2022 to 04-30-2024).
4. Reappointment of Chris Heier to the Fire Pension Board for a 2-year term (05-01-2022 to 04-30-2024).

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

Vote 6 aye, 1 no (Devers), motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

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

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

2. Ordinance 2022-2563 – Amending Chapter 6, Article III Relating to Building Permit Fees

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Amending Chapter 6, Article III Relating to Building Permit Fees.

Vote 7 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 Babel and second by Alderman Wangelin to approve Amending the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Incorporation of International Codes.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

4. Ordinance 2022-2565 – Amending Chapter 16, Section 16-617 Relating to Tree Cutters.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderman Snow to approve Amending Chapter 16, Section 16-617 Relating to Tree Cutters.

Vote 7 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 Alderwoman McKanna to approve Amending Section 32-348 (a) Purchase Power Adjustment Factor.

Vote 7 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.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

7. Ordinance 2022-2568 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V Relating to Alcohol Liquor Purchases.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka and second by Alderman Babel to approve Amending Chapter 16, Article V Relating to Alcohol Liquor Purchases.

Vote 5 aye, 1 recused (Snow), 1 nay (Devers) motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2022-877 – Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority’s Strong Communities Program. A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderman Wangelin to accept Resolution 2022-877.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Resolution 2022-878 – Authorizing Engagement of Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C., for the Purpose of Intervening and Protesting the Property Tax Appeal Filed by Walgreens Case #2021-05650. A motion was made by Alderman Babel and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to accept Resolution 2022-878.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Illinois Department of Labor – Inspection #1562109.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow and second by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Illinois Department of Labor – Inspection #1562109.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Attorney: none

City Departments: none

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve recommendation from Public Property / Public Works Committee to approve the proposal from Renue Systems of Chicago, Inc., 1147 N. Main Street, Lombard, IL 60148 to restore the terrazzo floors at City Hall using the 3M product and making repairs to cracks and uneven flooring in the amount of \$7,555.00 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve recommendation from the Finance Committee for approval of the Fiscal Year 2023 Budgets and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Mayor’s Report:

1. Committee Assignments – 1 year term.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to keep current assignments at this time and not accept as proposed. Mayor Kleckler stated that the motion has be made as presented only. City Attorney stated committees cannot change until City Council adopts, Mayor disagreed. No further motion was made – motion failed.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka and second by Alderman Babel to move into Executive Session for the purpose of Section 2(c)(11) – Litigation – Pending, probable or imminent litigation.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried. (5:58 p.m.)

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried (6:26 p.m.)

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

Via Voice Vote, motion carried. (6:47 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk