

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 September 6, 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, Doane, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience request:

1. Rock Falls High School – Request to hold Rock Falls High School Homecoming Parade on September 22, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. was presented to council by Rock Falls High School student.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Rock Falls High School Homecoming Parade to be held on Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 5:30 pm and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Abigail Ebelherr, Blackhawk Hills Regional Council – Requested a letter of commitment in support of a Northwest Illinois application for Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A). A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve a letter of commitment in support of a Northwest Illinois application for Safe Streets and Road for all and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Community Affairs:

None

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the August 16, 2022, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2022-886 – Approval of the purchase and financing of 4 – 2022 Ford Police Interceptors with Upfitting, Graphics and Equipment in the amount of \$185,536.00

A motion was made by Alderman Babel to approve the purchase and financing of 4 – 2022 Ford Police Interceptors with Upfitting, Graphics and Equipment in the amount of \$185,536.00 and second by Alderman Doane.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2022-2580 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate from the Coloma Township Park District Namely, 3 Lots on E 2nd Street

A motion was made by Alderman Babel to approve Ordinance 2022-2580 Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate from the Coloma Township Park District Namely, 3 Lots on E 2nd Street and second by Alderman Snow

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

None

Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the recommendation from the Police Fire Committee to allow the Police Department to restart the K-9 Program and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve to apply to the United States Army Donations Program for Donations of Combat Materiel Municipalities for decommissioned equipment for Veteran's Park and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve a recommendation from the Public Property/Public Works Committee to waive bidding for W 12th Street and 7th Avenue Improvements and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve a recommendation from the Public Property/Public Works Committee to approve the quote received from Twin City Construction Co., 3900 Pine Hill Drive, Sterling IL 61081 in the amount of \$104,957.26 for improvements to 7th Avenue and W 12th Street and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve a recommendation from the Public Property/Public Works Committee to approve the amount from Willett, Hofmann & Associates, 809 E 2nd Street, Dixon IL 61021 to not exceed in the amount of \$195,889.84 for Dixon Avenue Construction Observation and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve a motion to waive competitive bidding process for purchase and install of replacement CAT 250kW Diesel Generator for Police/Fire Station and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve a motion to award contract for purchase of CAT 250kW Diesel Generator to Altorfer Power Systems in the amount of \$128,699.00 and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve a motion to accept recommendation from City consultants and award contract for replacement/install of CAT 250kW Diesel Generator to low bidder Complete Electrical Contractors, Inc., 215 W 14th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071 in the amount of \$49,690.00 and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve a recommendation from the ARPA Committee waiver of competitive bidding for the approval of the purchase of a 2021 Chevy Tahoe to be used as an Incident Command Vehicle from the Fulton Police Department in the amount of \$50,000.00, fully equipped and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve a recommendation from the ARPA Committee to approve \$250,000.00 for the RB&W Park Public Toilet Facilities and Control Room and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve a recommendation from the ARPA Committee to approve the request from the Sauk Valley Foodbank in the amount of \$30,000.00 for the purchase of a new walk-in cooler and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve a recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve Change Order #2 for 3rd Avenue in the amount of \$248,537.70 for the addition of the Watermain Project and second by Alderman Babel

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve a recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding for Phase II – Well No. 7 Repairs/Rehabilitation/Reinstallation Project and second by Alderwoman Sobottka

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve a recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote from Layne, 721 W Illinois Avenue, Aurora, IL 60506 in the amount of \$47,593.00 for Phase II – Well No. 7 Repairs/Rehabilitation/Reinstallation and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve a recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote from LAI, LTD, 5400 Newport Drive, Suite 10, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 in an amount not to exceed \$21,370.00 for the purchase and installation of 2 Rotork IQ19 Actuators and second by Alderman Babel

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve a recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding for the Electric Department Employee Entrance Rebuild and second by Alderwoman Sobottka

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve a recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote received from Terry Wolf Construction, 30125 E Thome Road, Rock Falls IL 61071 in the amount of \$48,698.00 for the Electric Department Employee Entrance Rebuild. Project to be completed by December 1, 2022, and second by Alderwoman Sobottka

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Alderman Snow commented on the 3rd Avenue project and the road has been opened from West 2nd Street to 6th Street. Dixon Avenue update – all moving forward

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the updated Full-Time Firefighter Job Description and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Alderwoman Sobottka has moved the next Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee to Wednesday, September 21, 2022, because of the Rock Falls High School Homecoming Parade.

Mayor's Report:

1. Approve the re-appointment of John Hoffmiller to the Rock Falls Police Pension Board for a 3-year term (09-2022 to 09-2025)

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the re-appointment of John Hoffmiller to the Rock Falls Police Pension Board for a 3-year term (09-2022 to 09-2025) and second by Alderman Wangelin

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

2. Approve the appointment of Gene Jacoby to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Tim Lawrence (09-2022 to 05-2023)

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the appointment of Gene Jacoby to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to fill the unexpired term of Tim Lawrence (09-2022 to 05-2023) and second by Alderman Wangelin

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

3. Fiesta Day Parade, Saturday, September 17, 2022, meet at the Fire Department if interested in riding on the Fire Truck. Rock Falls High School Homecoming Parade meet at 4:30 at the Fire Station, Thursday, September 22, 2022.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to move into executive session and second by Alderman Snow

Vote 7 aye, motion carried (6:09 pm)

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to move back into regular session and second by Alderman Wangelin

Vote 7 aye, motion carried (6:19 pm)

A motion was made by Alderman Babel to approve to hire the recommendation from the Executive Session and second by Alderwoman Sobottka

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve reimbursement for five (5) pay periods of \$120 of back pay and \$40 a month for personal cell phone usage and second by Alderman Babel

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderman Babel to keep Executive Session minutes closed and second by Alderman Snow

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderman Snow.
Vote via voice, motion carried (6:22 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez
Pamela Martinez, City Clerk