

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 October 18, 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 Tim Zollinger and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience request:

Josh Johnson, WACC, presenting a request for PC 's for People for \$1,500.00 invest in families in Rock Falls. This request will be submitted to the ARPA committee for discussion.

Optimist Club presented 2023 Calendar Sale, 20th year.

Proclamation:

none

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 October 04, 2022, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2022-2585 – Amending and Restating Chapter 18, Article VIII of the Rock Falls Municipal Code for Off-Highway Vehicles.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2022-2585 Amending and Restating Chapter 18, Article VIII of the Rock Falls Municipal Code for Off-Highway Vehicles for first reading and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote via voice, all approved. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2022-2584 – Sale of Surplus Equipment – 18 Vertex Portable Radios and Equipment.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2022-2584 for second reading and adoption – Sale of Surplus Equipment – 18 Vertex Portable Radios and Equipment and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Amendment to Agreement by and between the City of Rock Falls, Illinois, the City of Sterling, Illinois, and the County of Whiteside.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Amendment to Agreement by and between the City of Rock Falls, Illinois, the City of Sterling, Illinois, and the County of Whiteside and second by alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Attorney:

City Attorney Zollinger:

1. Elected Officials serve the public.
 - a. FOIA – public records can be requested.
 - i. Use of City email to conduct City business protects personal email accounts from being subject to a FOIA request.
 - b. Alderman/Alderwoman have zero authority over an employee of the City
 - i. The City council has collective discussion but not an individual has the authority to change anything that the Council has set in motion.
 - ii. Information that is shared with the Council might be confidential and should not be shared as it can create a liability to the City if released.

City Departments:

Chief Pilgrim:

There is an item on the ballot in November for the Sales Tax increase of 1% for Public Safety – it could raise approximately \$4Million to be used only for safety issues, consolidate dispatch services into one location and if passed the City of Rock Falls would not have to pay the \$380,000.00 for dispatch services.

Alderman Wangelin thanked the Electric Department on a great cook-out.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow for recommendation for Emergency Repair Justification for the purchase of a RB-20 Bantam Plus, Portable 50 Amp, Three Phase Meter Site test solution with integrated Test Socket and Optics, from Anixter, 1100 Old State Road, Mattoon, IL 61938 at an estimated cost of \$39,202.00 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Alderman Snow gave an update on Dixon Avenue project and looking like it is on schedule.

Alderman Doane gave an update on the Whiteside County Animal Control, almost at capacity.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kleckler stated there are plans in the works for a City Christmas Party on December 17, 2022. More information to come.

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

Vote via voice, motion carried (6:06 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk