

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 November 1, 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:

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 18, 2022, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2022-2586 – Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Levy

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2022-2586 – Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Levy and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2022-2587 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2017

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2022-2587 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2017 and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

3. Ordinance 2022-2588 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2016

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2022-2588 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2016 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

4. Ordinance 2022-2589 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018A

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2022-2589 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018A and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

5. Ordinance 2022-2590 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018B

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2022-2590 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018B and second by Alderman Dowd

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

6. Ordinance 2022-2591 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018C

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2022-2591 - Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2022 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018C and second by Alderwoman Sobottka

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

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 Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2022-2585 Amending and Restating Chapter 18, Article VIII of the Rock Falls Municipal Code for Off-Highway Vehicles for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 7 aye, Motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2022-891 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Resolution 2022-891 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission and second by Alderman Wangelin

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

None

City Attorney:

City Attorney Zollinger:

1. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to rescind the award of bid to Aims Mechanical, LLC due to abandonment for failure to execute contract relating to Hydroelectric Plant Maintenance.

- a. The bid was awarded to Aims Mechanical, LLC on May 3rd, 2022. The contract had a due date to be signed 30 days from the award date. Numerous follow-ups were done by the City Attorney with significant modifications requested by Aims Mechanical, LLC. Aims Mechanical, LLC refused to sign the contract as presented.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to rescind the award of bid to Aims Mechanical, LLS relating to Hydroelectric Plant Maintenance and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 6 aye, 1 nye (Doane), motion carried.

City Departments:

Ted Padilla – Update on road closures. Many of the water mains have been replaced and many roads are open now. Dixon Avenue update – on schedule. Third Avenue - update – parts that were needed have been received and street will be finished soon.

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the Finance Insurance Investment Committee to approve the Utility Office Write-Offs from July 2022 through September 2022 and second by Alderman Wangelin

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Information only - Emergency Repair Justification for the repair of a collapsed sewer main (approximately 65') at the corner of Avenue A and E 4th Street. Repairs completed by Behren's Trucking & Excavating, LLC, 2608 Prophetstown Road, Rock Falls, IL 61071 in the amount of \$32,292.80.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote from TH Pumps, LLC, 5619 Pike Road, Loves Park, IL 61111, for replacement of non-potable water system control panel in the amount of \$17,056.00 and second by Alderman Wangelin

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the bid by Engel Electric, 1514 W Fourth Street, Sterling, IL 61081 for installation of Traffic Signal Vehicle Video Detection at the intersection of 1st Avenue and 2nd Street in the amount of \$39,642.00 with a 50% reimbursement from the Illinois Department of Transportation and second by Alderwoman Sobottka

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the bid by Engel Electric, 1514 W Fourth Street, Sterling, IL 61081 for installation of Traffic Signal Vehicle Video Detection at the intersection of 1st Avenue and 10th Street in the amount of \$39,642.00 with a 50% reimbursement from the Illinois Department of Transportation and second by Alderwoman Sobottka

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

Mayor's Report:

Dixon Avenue additional information, manhole risers to be removed, will not be complete until next year but will be drivable and black topped.

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

Vote via voice, motion carried (6:01 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk