

City of Rock Falls

603 W. 10th Street
Rock Falls, IL 61071-2854

Mayor

Rod Kleckler
815-380-5333

City Administrator

Robbin Blackert
815-564-1366



City Clerk

Pam Martinez
815-622-1100

City Treasurer

Kay Abner
815-622-1100

Rock Falls City Council Agenda
Council Chambers
603 W 10th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

May 2, 2023
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Audience Requests

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 18, 2023, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

Seating of Newly Elected Officials

Dana Nelson, Whiteside County Clerk, County Canvassing Board of Whiteside County, Illinois completed the Canvass of Votes cast at the April 4, 2023, Consolidated Election. Results are as follows:

Pamela J. Martinez, City Clerk (2-year unexpired term) - 333 Votes

Gabriella McKanna, Ward 1 Alderperson - 78 Votes

Cody Dornes, Ward 3 Alderperson -98 Votes

Roll Call

Approve appointment of Cathy Arduini to the vacant Ward 4 Alderperson position

Community Affairs

Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, Sam Smith Interim Director

1. Summer Splash - Request for road closures

- a. **Time:** All day Friday (6/23) and Saturday (6/24)

Location: 2nd Street between Wood Ave. and Ave. A

Reason: To allow a safe walkway from parking to RB&W park for participants. Also, in case of rain, allows us to move vendors off soft ground and protect the park's green space.

- b. **Time:** Friday (6/23) from 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Location: 2nd Street just west of Wood Ave. (slight change from last year) to Emmons.
Reason: Allow safe passage and plenty of room for YMCA Family 5K event participants to safely participate. The change from last year, keeping Wood Ave. open, will allow hotel visitors access to the parking lot.

Proclamation

Proclaiming May 9-20, 2023, as National Police Week

Ordinances 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2023-2607 – Amending Chapter 6 Regarding Square Footage Requirements for Certain Accessory Structures

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

1. Approve low bid received for the City Hall Bathroom Remodel and award to Gehrke Construction, 421 Grove Street, DeKalb, IL 60115 in the amount of \$82,000.00.
2. Accept bids received for Section 23-00000-00-GM- Motor Fuel Tax General Maintenance.

Information/Correspondence

Matt Cole, City Attorney

Corey Buck, City Engineer

Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests

Ward 1

Alderman Bill Wangelin – Public Property/Public Works Committee Chairman

Alderman Gabriella McKanna – Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee Chairman

Ward 2

Alderman Brian Snow – Building Code Committee Chairman/Utility Committee Vice Chairman

1. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the Utility Office Write-Off's for January 2023 – March 2023 in the amount \$5,246.25.
2. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve changes to General procedures Governing Utility Services Manual and increase Recording Fee to \$68.00
3. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase of 70 water meters from Ferguson Waterworks, 1720 State St., DeKalb, IL 60115 in the amount of \$10,693.20.
4. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase of a bucket truck from Terex Utilities, 3140 15th Ave. SE, Watertown, SD 57201 in the amount of \$246,830.00 without trade-in.
5. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding and award the installation of Traffic Signal Vehicle Video Detection at the intersection of 1st Ave. & Dixon Ave. to Helm Electric, 1514 W Fourth St., Sterling, IL 61081 in the amount of \$32,325.00.
6. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding and approve the purchase of a new TRCM-H200 Trash Rake at the Hydro-Electric Generating Facility from Kuenz America, 9321 Focal Point 8, Raleigh, NC 27617 in the amount of \$562,180.00.

Ward 3

Alderman Steve Dowd

Alderman Cody Dornes

Ward 4

Alderman Violet Sobottka – Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee Chairman

Alderman Cathy Arduini

Mayor's Report:

1. Approve the re-appointment of Alderman McKanna as Mayor Pro-Tem (Article III Sec. 2-52)
2. Approve appointment of Brian Tribley as the Tourism Committee Chairman
3. Approve appointment of Christina Wolfe to the Tourism Committee
4. Approve appointment of Sam Smith as the Chamber representative on the Tourism Committee
5. Approve appointment of Tom Doig to the Eagle Trail Committee

Executive Session:

1. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.
2. Litigation – Section 2 (c)(11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation.

Adjournment

Next City Council meeting – May 16, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

Posted: April 28, 2023

Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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