

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 5:31 p.m. on February 21, 2023, 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, Babel, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini, and Sobottka. Absent Alderman Snow. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience request:

None.

Community Affairs:

None.

Lifesaving Award Presentation:

Chief Pilgrim presented 3 Rock Falls Officers and four Rotary Airlock employees with plaques and certificates for their actions on January 6, 2023 to save the Life of Chester Hilty, retired owner of Rotary Airlock.

Sgt. Doug Wolber, Officer Autumn Day and Officer Matt McKanna, Rock Falls Police Department. Alieta Tarbill, Kody Johnson, Adam Schauff and Kyle Jackson, employees of Rotary Airlock.

Chester Hilty thanked all involved in saving his life on January 6, 2023.

Jim Pozzi – Republic Services introduced himself to City Council members. He handles Municipality Services and stated services from Moring will remain the same for the City of Rock Falls.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2023, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2023-2598 – Amending Chapter 18 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Prohibited Areas of Parking

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2023-2598 – Amending Chapter 18 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Prohibited Areas of Parking for first reading and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2023-2599 – Adopting Revised Zoning Map

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2023-2599 Adopting Revised Zoning Map for first reading and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

None

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

Ted Padilla, Water Department Supervisor

Mr. Padilla presented the City Council with information about the inventory of galvanized, copper and plastic water lines in the city. Lead and Cooper testing is done every three years in the city and sent to the State testing facility. Per the law that was made effective in January 2022 Lead Service Line Replacement and Notification Act (LSLRNA), A complete material inventory is required by January 2024. Discussion will be at the Utility Committee.

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

Alderswoman McKanna reminded the City Council the Finance Committee meeting for March will be March 28th 2023, starting at 8:15 am.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel for recommendation from the Tourism Committee to approve the Self Service Kayak Rentals through RentFun from Northville, MI to be sent to the City Attorney to approve the contract and second by Alderswoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Asked for approval for Committee Assignments for Alderswoman Arduini to Finance, OLPS, and Policy and Fire.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel to approve the committee assignments for Alderswoman Arduini and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote via voice, all approved.

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

Vote via voice, all approved (6:20 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk