

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 March 7, 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, Snow, Babel, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini, and Sobottka. Absent Alderman Wangelin. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience request:

Troy Ebenezer presented a request to look at E. 10th Street and the truck traffic, possibly limit amount of traffic. City Administrator Blackert stated that this request will be sent to the Public Property Committee.

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 February 21, 2023, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2023-2600 – Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois (Jody M. Young & Maggie A. Young)

A motion was made by Alderman Babel to approve Ordinance 2023-2600 – Annexing Certain Territory to the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois (Jody M. Young & Maggie A. Young) for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2023-2601 – Approving Acquisition of Electric / Communications Utility Easement

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2023-2601 Approving Acquisition of Electric / Communications Utility Easement for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Updated the City Council on the Consolidated Dispatch Center.
 - a. One is in Sterling/Rock Falls and the other is in Whiteside County. The Referendum will need to pass (2024) to have only one Dispatch Center and all Cities to pay for the services.
 - b. Radio System for the Consolidated Dispatch is StarComm and it could cost up to \$300,000.00 to upgrade Police and Fire communications.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna for recommendation from the ARPA Committee to approve the restoration of the Lincoln Highway Mural by ShawCraft Sign Co, 7277 Burden Rd., Machesney Park, IL in the amount of \$7,550.00 and to pay invoice in full to receive a 4 percent discount and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna for recommendation from the ARPA Committee for commitment of \$80,000.00 for City Hall bathroom renovations and second by Alderwoman Sobottka

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow for recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the Rate Study proposal from Utility Financial Solutions, LLC, 185 Sun Meadow Court, Holland, MI in the amount of \$31,000.00 and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Alderwoman Sobottka wished Alderman Wangelin a speedy recovery.

Mayor's Report:

None

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

Vote via voice, all approved (5:44 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk