

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

Proclamation:

Proclaiming April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month was read allowed by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow proclaiming April 2023 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

Audience request:

Marshall Doane voiced concern over the demolition grant for the Micro Industries Building.

Community Affairs:

Bethany Bland, Rock Falls Chamber CEO, presented information to the council about the upcoming events planned for the summer. A request was made for road closures, and it was stated by Mayor Kleckler the request will be sent to the proper committee for review.

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1-3 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 7, 2023, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval to extend the Cash Farm Lease with Randy Schmitt for farm real estate previously known as the Schmitt Farm, consisting of 15 tillable acres in the amount of \$150.00 per tillable acre (\$2,250.00 annually) for a term of March 1, 2023 to February 29, 2024.

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2023-2602 – Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of a 25 Evinrude Boat Motor

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2023- 2602 – Ordinance Authorizing the Sale or Disposal of a 25 Evinrude Boat Motor for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2023-2603 – Approving the West Industrial Park Subdivision

A motion was made by Alderman Babel to approve Ordinance 2023-2603 – Approving the West Industrial Park Subdivision for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

3. Ordinance 2023-2604 – Approving the Re-Subdivision of Block 7 of the Original Town of Rock Falls.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel to approve Ordinance 2023-2604 – Approving the Re-Subdivision of Block 7 of the Original Town of Rock Falls for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2023-895 – Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Community program.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2023-895 – Resolution Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Community program and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Approve proposal for Micro Industries Building Demolition and New Parking Lot Project and enter into an Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., 809 E. 2nd Street, Dixon, IL 61021 for \$114,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the proposal for the Micro Industries Building Demolition and New Parking Lot Project and enter into an Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., 809 E. 2nd Street, Dixon, IL 61021 for \$114,000.00 and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

Alderwoman McKanna reminded Council Members of the Annual Budget meeting on March 28 starting at 8:15 am.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka for recommendation from the Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee to allow the Electric Department to hire Sage Johnson for the Meter, Generation Department position and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Dillon Scutter – paid on call service for the Fire Department.

Committee Appointments – anyone interested, contact Mayor Kleckler

Open bid for RB&W park bathrooms came in at \$1,200,000.00, bathrooms are on hold.

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

Vote via voice, all approved (5:52 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk