

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 April 4, 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 9-15, 2023, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week was read allowed by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow proclaiming April 9-15, 2023, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

Audience request:

None

Community Affairs:

None

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the March 21, 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 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2023-2605 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance – Fiscal Year 2023
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2023- 2605 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance – Fiscal Year 2023 for first reading and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2023-2606 – Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment (Sec. 32-348) and Fair Solar Credit (Sec. 32-351)

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2023- 2606 –

Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment (Sec. 32-348) and Fair Solar Credit (Sec. 32-351) for first reading and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2023-896 – Resolution Accepting an Extension to the Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Communities Program.

A motion was made by Alderman Babel to approve Resolution 2023-896 –

Resolution Accepting an Extension to the Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Communities program and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

City Administrator:

None

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna for recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve a first reading of the Fiscal Year 2024 Budgets and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve bids submitted for Watermain Improvements – Phase 2 (10th Ave, Smith Ct to Goodell Ct, 3rd Ave at 1st Ave, 2nd Ave and Ave C) and award bid to the low bidder Martin & Company Excavating, 2456 East Pleasant Grove Rd., Oregon, IL 61061 in the amount of \$1,194,084.95 and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow for a recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the proposal for NESHAP-RICE Compliance Stack Testing in accordance with USEPA 40 CFR 60 Subpart ZZZZ by BHMG Engineers Inc., 9735 Landmark Parkway Drive, Suite A, ST. Louis, MO 63127 in the amount of \$23,593.00 and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka for recommendation from the Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee to have the City Attorney draft an ordinance to amend Section 6-77, (b). 6 to read “160 square feet” and amend Section 6-126, (b), 5 to read “1-storage accessory structures, provided the floor area does not exceed 160 square feet.” And second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor’s Report:

None

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to move into Executive Session Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance at 5:46 pm and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Action from Executive Session – Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance.

A motion was by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve wage increase for non-union personnel at 5 percent and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Firefighters paid on call wage increase to \$15.00 per hour and second by Alderman Babel.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderman Dowd.
Vote via voice, all approved (5:57 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez
Pamela Martinez, City Clerk