

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 May 16, 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 Wangelin, Snow, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Jim Reese and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Absent: Alderman McKanna

Audience request:

Marshall Doane presented additional information on the Micron Industrial building and asked that the building be refurbished into apartments.

Community Affairs:

Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, Sam Smith, Interim Director
Presented information about upcoming events.

Consent Agenda:

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

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

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

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2023-2608 – Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2023 – 2608 – Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2023, and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2023 – 2607 – Amending Chapter 6 Regarding Square Footage Requirements for Certain Accessory Structures for second Reading and Adoption and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Approval of the Environmental Review for Whiteside County Housing Authority's year plan, 2023 to 2027.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Environmental Review for Whiteside County Housing Authority's year plan, 2023 to 2027 and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote via voice all approved, motion carried.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

Tourism – Melinda Jones Director, presented upcoming events in downtown Rock Falls for the summer and into the fall. Tourism Guide is being distributed throughout the state.

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin with a recommendation from the Tourism Committee to approve the revisions to the City of Rock Falls Façade Improvement Program and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote via voice all approved, motion carried.

Alderman Snow gave an update on the progress of Dixon Avenue and commented on the great teamwork with the Water Department to fix a problem.

Alderman Sobottka congratulated Melinda Jones on a job well done with the events scheduled.

Alderman Wangelin mentioned Sauk Valley Community College honored former Mayor Bill Wescott with his work on the Impact Program.

Mayor's Report:

none

A motion was made by Alderman Sobottka to adjourn the City Council meeting and second by Alderman Snow (5:55 pm)

Vote via voice, all approved.

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk