

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 June 6, 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, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Public Hearing:

Entered into Public Hearing at 5:32 pm to receive written or oral comments from the citizens regarding the proposed Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year commencing May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2023. Mayor Kleckler asked if there were any comments – none being said adjourned from Public Hearing 5:33 pm.

2023 Groundwater/Electric/Water Reclamation Scholarship

Ted Padilla – Water Department Supervisor presented the scholarship to Kalina Sommer.

Illinois State Representative Brad Fritts

House Representative Brad Fritts introduced himself to the City Council and all in attendance. Mr. Fritts is the new representative for the newly drawn District 71. Mr. Fritts is working with Department of Natural Resource and the Hennepin Canal. His District office is in Dixon.

Audience request:

Matt Hicks with the Sauk Valley Water Ski Show presented to City Council plans to expand Seward's Park into the home of Sauk Valley Ski Team.

Community Affairs:

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1 - 4 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 16, 2023, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Sauk Valley Water Ski Show – Raffle License.
4. Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce – Raffle License.

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

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 Snow to approve Ordinance 2023-2608 – Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2023-2609 – Approving Contract and Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property (406 E 3rd Street).

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2023-2609 – Approving Contract and Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property (406 E 3rd Street) for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2023-898 – 2023 Fiesta Day Parade

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2023-898 – 2023 Fiesta Day Parade and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote via voice, all approved. Motion carried.

2. Resolution 2023-899 – Escort for the Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Resolution 2023-899 – Escort for the Traveling Vietnam Wall Memorial and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote via voice, all approved. Motion carried.

3. Resolution 2023-900 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (11-28-252-018, 11-28-252-007, 11-28-252-016).

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2023-900 - Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (11-28-252-018, 11-28-252-007, 11-28-252-016) and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote via voice, all approved. Motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Gave sincere condolence to the Spinka family for the sudden loss of Larry Spinka and to the Schriever family for the loss of Cory's wife.

2. Approval of Change Order for Storm Sewer / Watermain Addition for future project on Avenue A from Martin and Company Excavating in the amount of \$105,317.80. A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Change Order for Storm Sewer / Watermain Addition for future project on Avenue A from Martin and Company Excavating in the amount of \$105,317.80 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

3. Recommendation from Public Works Public Property Committee to approve (correction on amount) \$21,371.00 for the City Entrance Improvement. A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the recommendation from Public Works Public Property Committee to approve (corrected amount) \$21,371.00 and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the Emergency Repair Justification in the amount of \$32,687.53 to Sabel Mechanical, W3150 County Road H, Fond du Lac, WI 54937 for additional bearing repair to aeration ditch project and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Alderman Snow gave condolence to Spinka and Schriever families. Thanked Rock Falls Tourism for their first event of the season at the RB & W Park. Commented on the building collapse in Davenport and the importance of taking down the Micro Industries building for safety reasons. Congratulations to the Water and Sewer Departments for helping a resident – very accommodating.

Alderman Dornes gave condolences to Spinka family and to James family.

Alderwoman Sobottka gave condolence for Spinka family.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the recommendation from the Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee Convenience Store – Class D-3 – On premises consumption of beer and wine and second by Alderman Dornes.

Discussion was had by all Alderman and Mayor.

Vote 2 aye, 5 nays (McKanna, Wangelin, Snow, Dowd, Arduini), motion did not pass.

Mayor's Report:

none

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn the City Council meeting and second by Alderman Snow (6:34 pm)

Vote via voice, all approved.

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk