

# 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 August 15, 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, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Absent: Alderman Snow

### **Audience request:**

Marge Sadowski presented to the City Council information about S.M.A.A. R. T. (Seniors Made Aware and Rightfully Treated). Meeting to be held on August 23, 2023 at 1 p.m. all welcome to attend.

Marshall Doane presented the City Council with information about rehabilitated building from Peru and LaSalle and requested that the Micron Industries building not be demolished.

### **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 August 1, 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 6 aye, motion carried.**

### **Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**

1. Ordinance 2023-2616 – Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Minimum Ground Floor Area for Dwellings.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2023-2616 – Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Minimum Ground Floor Area for Dwellings and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

### **Ordinances 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption:**

1. Ordinance 2023-2614 – Amending Chapter 32 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Utility Charges in Arrears.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2023-2614 – Amending Chapter 32 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Utility Charges in Arrears and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

2. Ordinance 2023-2615 – Approving License for Use of Right of Way (1706 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue).

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2023-2615 – Approving License for Use of Right of Way (1706 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue) and second by Alderman Dowd.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

**City Administrator:**

Vietnam Memorial Traveling Wall will be brought in to town on August 31, 2023 and taken to the RB&W Park. Line 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue to welcome the bus and wall. September 1, 2023, 6 pm opening ceremonies. Whiteside and Lee County names will be read during ceremonies. Visit the Visit Rock Falls Tourism Facebook page for more information.

**City Attorney:**

None

**City Departments:**

None

**Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the request from the Public Works/Public Property Committee to extend the Cash Farm Lease with Ted Jacobs for 57.5 tillable acres for Lots 3, 4 and 5 in Glen's Garden Subdivision for the 2024 growing season with the same terms as the original lease and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the ARPA Committee to approve the commitment of an additional \$100,000.00 for ARPA Funds for the RB&W Park Bathroom construction and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

**Mayor's Report:**

1. Approve re-appointment of Don Koehler, Chuck Koehler and Toni Sosi to the Planning and Zoning Commission (Terms to be 05-01-2023 to 04-30-2027)

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the re-appointment of Don Koehler, Chuck Koehler and Toni Sosi to the Planning and Zoning Commission (Terms 05-01-2023 to 04-30-2027) and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

**Vote Via Voice, all approved, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn the City Council meeting and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried (5:57 pm)**

*Pamela Martinez*

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk