

# 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 September 19, 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:**

Kris Noble - Sauk Valley Area chamber of Commerce thanked the City of Rock Falls Police Department, Michelle Concklin, and City Officials for all the work it took for the Fiesta Parade.

Marshall Doane presented the City Council with information about bringing back the Love Light Tree. A GoFundMe account was set up and raise over \$1,000.00 to pay for a new Love Light Tree.

### **Community Affairs:**

Sam Smith, the new Executive Director for Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce presented the City Council with upcoming events.

### **Consent Agenda:**

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the September 5, 2023, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Mayoral Proclamation – Proclaiming September 1 as Dan Corbin Day in the City of Rock Falls.

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

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

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

1. Ordinance 2023-2621 – Amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 2 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2023-2621 – Amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 2 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

2. Ordinance 2023-2622 – Amending Chapter 16, Article IV, Division 7 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2023-2622 – Amending Chapter 16, Article IV, Division 7 of the Rock Falls Municipal code and second by Alderman Dowd.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

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

1. Ordinance 2023-2619 – Amending Chapter 6, Article III of the Rock Falls Municipal Code.  
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2023-2619 – Amending Chapter 6, Article III of the Rock Falls Municipal Code and second by Alderwoman McKanna.  
**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**
2. Ordinance 2023-2620 – Authorizing Sale of Unused Street Equipment.  
A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2023-2620 – Authorizing Sale of Unused Street Equipment and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.  
**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

**Resolutions:**

1. Resolution 2023-912 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission  
A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2023-912 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development and second by Alderwoman McKanna.  
**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

**City Administrator:**

Administrator Blackert stated the Strong Communities Grant for \$103,000.00 has been granted to the City of Rock Falls, and this is the fifth grant in ten years.

**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 award the bid for the Celletti Parking Lot Construction to Porter Brothers Construction, 9904 Freeport Road, Rock Falls, IL in the amount of \$63/206.22 and second by Alderman Dowd.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Permission for the Electric Department to hire 2 Apprentice Lineman and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

Alderwoman Sobottka thanked Administrator Blackert for her great work on writing of grants and the Fiesta Parade was wonderfully attended.

**Mayor's Report:**

Rock Falls High School Homecoming Parade is Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to enter Executive Session and second by Alderman Wangelin at 5:48 p.m.

**Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.**

**Returned to regular City Council meeting (6:06 pm)**

**Action taken from Executive Session:**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the IBEW Utility contract and Side Letter agreement and second by Alderman Dowd.

**Vote 6 aye, motion carried.**

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

**Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried (6:07 pm)**

*Pamela Martinez*

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk