

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 October 3, 2023, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Rodney Kleckler.

City Clerk Pam Martinez called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Mayor Kleckler, Alderman McKanna, Wangelin, Snow, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole, and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Certification Presentation:

Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police presentation to Chief Dave Pilgrim.

Kenny Winslow from Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police presented Chief Pilgrim with a plaque as a Certified Chief of Police. There are only 63 in the State of Illinois.

Proclamation:

Proclaiming October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Proclamation was read by City Clerk Pam Martinez, Mayor Kleckler presented proclamation to Jill Sander-McFalls from the YWCA of the Sauk Valley

Voice approved by Alderman.

Audience request:

Marshall Doane spoke to the City Council about the Micro Industries Building and making it a Historical Site on the Historical Registry.

Carl from Sterling Landmark invited City Council to open house tomorrow morning at 7:30 a.m. at 301 West 3rd Street, Sterling.

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 September 19, 2023, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances 2nd Reading and Adoption:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of Ordinance 2023-2621 – Amending Chapter 2, Article VII, Division 2 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 7 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 Snow to approve the 2nd Reading and Adoption of Ordinance 2023-2622 – Amending Chapter 16, Article IV, Division 7 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2023-913 – Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority’s Strong Communities Program – Round 2.
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Resolution 2023-913 – Accepting a Grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority’s Strong Communities Program – Round 2 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Approval to waiving bidding for the RB&W District Park Control Room and Toilet Room Project.
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the waiving bidding for the RB&W District Park Control Room and Toilet Room Project and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.
2. Award the RB&W District Park Control Room and Toilet Room Project to Gensini Excavating, 10602 Highway 26, Princeton, IL 61356 in the amount of \$839,985.30.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the award for the RB&W District Park Control Room and Toilet Room Project to Gensini Excavating, 10602 Highway 26, Princeton, IL 61356 in the amount of \$839,985.30 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.
3. Abatement and Electric Rate Concession Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and OnCall Imaging, LLC.
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Abatement and Electric Rate Concession Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and OnCall Imaging, LLC and second by Alderman Wangelin.
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 agreement for Rate Studies for Water and Wastewater rates for 2025 through 2029 to Willet, Hofmann & Associates, 809 E 2nd Street, Dixon, IL 61021 in the amount of \$8,900.00 for Water and \$8,900.00 for Wastewater and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the recommendation for the Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee to amend the employee benefit package by adding Juneteenth as an additional holiday and second by Alderwoman McKanna.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the recommendation from the Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee to amend the employee benefit package by adding an 11th sick day per calendar year and second by Alderman Dornes.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Save the date, November 16, 2023. Mayor Kleckler is hosting the Northern Illinois Mayor Dinner at Candlelight Inn in Rock Falls.

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

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried (5:58 pm)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk