

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 December 5, 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, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Absent: Alderwoman Arduini

Audience request:

Chris Bishop, Dixon. Introduced himself as a candidate for the 37th Illinois Senate seat, currently being held by Senator Win Stoller.

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 November 21, 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 Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2023-2625 – Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property (11-28-276-011).
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2023-2625 – Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property (11-28-276-011) and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2023-2626 – Fiscal Year 2024 Tax Levy.
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2023-2626 – Fiscal Year Tax Levy for first reading and second by Alderman Snow.
Vote 6 aye, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2023-2627 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2017.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2023-2627 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2017 for first reading and second by Alderman Dowd.
Vote 6 aye, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2023-2628 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,115,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2016.
A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2023-2628 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on

\$2,115,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2016 for first reading and second by Alderwoman Wangelin.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

4. Ordinance 2023-2629 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018A.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2023-2627 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018A for first reading and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

5. Ordinance 2023-2630 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018B.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2023-2630 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018B for first reading and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

6. Ordinance 2023-2631 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018C.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2023-2631 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2023 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000.00 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018C for first reading and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Notice of Retirement - Fire Chief Cris Bouwens, December 29, 2023, will be last day.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the recommendation from the Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee to approve the Water Department to hire one employee and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Property tax for 2024 will be lowered by almost five percent.

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 (5:45 pm)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk