

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 April 16, 2024, 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, Byrd, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Proclamation:

Proclaiming April 14-20, 2024, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Proclamation April 14-20, 2024, as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote Via Voice, all approved, motion carried.

Audience request:

Jim Pozzi – Republic Services, stated the Moring office building in Rock Falls has been up and running and is asking the City Council to table the decision on the contract that will be voted on tonight for Solid Waste & Recycling Bid and give 12 months to have more information. Republic Services has the team in place and have been working in Rock Falls.

Community Affairs:

None.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 2, 2024, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approve Mayor's Appointments to the Fire Police Commission – Tim Cain (06-2024 through 05-2027) and Deena Simester (06-2023 through 05-2026).

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading & Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2024-2640 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2024). A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2024-2640 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2024) for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2024-2641 – Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment. A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2024-2641 – Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Snow.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2024-2642 – Authorizing the Execution of the New Power Sales Contract and a New Capacity Purchase Agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the Delivery Period Commencing October 1, 2035.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2642 - Authorizing the Execution of the New Power Sales Contract and a New Capacity Purchase Agreement with the Illinois Municipal Electric Agency for the Delivery Period Commencing October 1, 2035, for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

4. Ordinance 2024-2643 – Authorizing the Disposal of Concrete Flower Pots.
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2024-2643 – Authorizing the Disposal of Concrete Flower Pots for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Dornes.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Resolution:

1. Resolution 2024-920 – Authorizing the Use of Undesignated Tourism Fund Reserve Balance for the Construction of Public Restrooms at the RB&W Park.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2024-920 - Authorizing the Use of Undesignated Tourism Fund Reserve Balance for the Construction of Public Restrooms at the RB&W Park and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote Via Voice, all approved, motion carried.

City Administrator:

City Administrator Blackert shared a Thank You Letter from the Moore Family.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

Dick Simon, Electric Department Supervisor, shared information on RP3. The Electric Department was awarded the Platinum Award for a score of 93.5 percent on being a RP3 City.

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the recommendation from the Public Property/Public Works Committee to approve the purchase of 2-Kenworth T480H trucks with complete snowplow package from Bonnell Industries, Inc., 1385 Franklin Grove Road, Dixon, IL 61021 in the amount of \$259,699.52 each, financing to be determined and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Public Property/Public Works Committee to award the Solid Waste & Recycling Bid to Midwest Disposal, 1556 Red Brick Road, Dixon, IL 61021, to take effect July 1, 2025, and second by Alderman Dowd. Discussion was had by City Council members.

Vote 6 aye, 2 no (Sobottka and Arduini) motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Budgets and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kleckler asked City Council if there were any changes that need to be made to committees to let him know.

Executive Session:

1. Section 2(c)(2) – Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to move into Executive Session and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried 6:00 p.m.

Return to regular session 6:21 p.m.**Action taken from Executive Session**

1. Section 2(c)(2) – Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Police contract for Rock Falls Police Department and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, 1 recused (McKanna), motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to adjourn and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote via voice, all approved (6:22 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk