

# 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 May 7, 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.

## **Rock Falls Police Department:**

Oath of Office – Devin Teske, Police Officer  
City Clerk Pam Martinez swore in Police Officer Devin Teske.

## **Audience request:**

None

## **Community Affairs:**

None.

## **Consent Agenda:**

Consent Agenda items 1-5 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of the minutes of the April 16, 2024, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approval of a Carnival Business License to allow St. Andrew School to hold a carnival on May 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2024.
4. Approval of Mayoral Appointments for the 2024-2025 Standing Committees
5. Approval of Alderman Brian Snow as Mayor Pro Tem for a term of one year.

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

A request was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to vote on items 4 and 5 separately. Alderman Wangelin changed his motion to approve the Consent agenda of items 1-3.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Consent Agenda items 4 and 5 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 8 aye, item 4, Vote 7 aye, 1 recused (Snow) item 5, motion carried.**

## **Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Adoption:**

1. Ordinance 2024-2644 – Vacating Right of Way (Part of 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Glen's Garden Subdivision)

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2024-2644 – Vacating Right of Way (Part of 24<sup>th</sup> Street in Glen's Garden Subdivision) and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

2. Ordinance 2024-2645 – An Amendment to an Ordinance Establishing an Enterprise Zone with the Illinois Counties of Whiteside and Carroll (First reading preliminary to adoption hereof is hereby waived).

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2024-2645 – An Amendment to an Ordinance Establishing and Enterprise Zone with the Illinois

Counties of Whiteside and Carroll (First reading preliminary to adoption hereof is hereby waived) and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

**Resolution:**

1. Resolution 2024-921 – 2024 Fiesta Day Parade.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2024-921 – 2024 Fiesta Day Parade and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

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

**City Administrator:**

1. Approval for Code Enforcement to purchase a 2024 Ford Explorer XLT from Kunes Ford of Sterling, 2811 Locust Street, Sterling, IL 61081 in the amount of \$40,000.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Code Enforcement to purchase a 2024 Ford Explorer XLT from Kunes Ford of Sterling, 2811 Locust Street, Sterling, IL 61081 in the amount of \$40,000.00 and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

**City Attorney:**

None

**City Departments:**

None

**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 agreement for the Collection and Disposal of Residential Solid Waste, Recyclable Materials and Yard Waste between the City of Rock Falls and Midwest Disposal, LLC – Contract Term July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2030 and second by Alderman Snow.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Change Order Number 1 with Gensini Excavating for the RBW District Control Room and Toilet Room Project in the amount of \$63,500.00 for a saw cutting and removing approximately 1,275 lineal feet of sidewalk and replacing with a 2 feet deep concrete tow / filling in the void under the existing sidewalk and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Utility Write-Offs for January through March 2024 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee to all the Police Department to purchase a 2024 Dodge Durango PPV with upgrades from Thomas Dodge Chrysler Jeep Ram, 9604 Indianapolis Blvd., Highland, IN 46322 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve a Quote from Suntronix Signs, 567 Hwy 17, New Boston, IL 61272 in the amount of \$9,775.00 for a Single Face Digital Sign and approve Proposal from Simon Masonry, 29518 Penrose Road, Sterling IL 61081 for masonry materials and installation in the amount of \$11,225.00, for a project total of \$21,000.00 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve bid for the Phase III Watermain Loan Project from Gensini Excavating, 10602 IL Highway 26, Princeton, IL 61356 in the amount of \$1,721,481.46 and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve a Generator Maintenance Agreement with Altorfer, 4712 Buckeye Street, Davenport, IA and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve and acknowledge an emergency purchase for repair and parts for UV parts from Trojan Technologies, 3020 Gore Road, London, Ontario Canada in the amount of \$15,114.45 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the bid for the installation of an Intake Rake from J.F. Brennan Company, Inc., 818 Bainbridge Street, LaCross, WI in the amount of \$240,800.00 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the Engineering Proposal for the Hydro upgrade of switchgear relays, owner's engineer and PM support for the hydro control system and mechanical systems from BHMG Engineers, Inc., 9735 Landmark Parkway, Suite 110A, St. Louis, MO 63127 in the amount of \$351,200.00 and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

Alderwoman Byrd questioned the use of gas-powered bicycles – age limits and lights. Chief Pilgrim stated there have been several citations given, age limit 16 and over.

**Mayor's Report:**

None.

**Executive Session:**

1. Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance. A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to move into Executive Session and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried 5:53 p.m.**

**Return to regular session 5:59 p.m.**

**Action taken from Executive Session**

1. Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance.  
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the hiring of a Utility Department employee and second by Alderman Snow.  
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to adjourn and second by Alderwoman McKanna.  
**Vote via voice, all approved (6:00 p.m.)**

*Pamela Martinez*  
Pamela Martinez, City Clerk