

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 July 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 Wangelin, Snow, Byrd, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini, and Sobottka. Absent Alderman McKanna. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Mayoral Community Award:

Mayor Kleckler presented John Watts with the Mayoral Community Award for his work in bringing back the Touch A Truck event to Rock Falls. Mr. Watts thanked City Officials, Volunteers and Sponsors. Without their help the event would not have happened.

Audience request:

None.

Community Affairs:

None.

Rock Falls Police Department:

Request approval to close E 2nd Street between Avenue A and Wood Avenue on August 6, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for National Night Out.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the request to close E 2nd Street between Avenue A and Wood Avenue on August 6, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for National Night Out and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1-2 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of the minutes of the July 2, 2024, 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 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2024-2657 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Requiring Dedicated Telephone Service at ALL Licensed Premises.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2657 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Requiring Dedicated Telephone Service at ALL Licensed Premises and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2024-2656 – Approving Amended Power Factor Corrections.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2656 – Amended Power Factor Corrections for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

City Administrator Blackert presented the FY24 packet to the City Council. Mico Industries building demolition will possibly start the week of August 5, 2024, and the Company has 60 days to complete the project.

City Administrator Blackert thanked City Attorney Cole for his work in a court case taking it to the Illinois Supreme Court and winning the case for the City of Rock Falls and setting premise for municipalities.

City Attorney:

Mr. Cole stated the final resolution of the court case is a court order to comply.

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

Alderman Wangelin made a motion to accept the recommendation from the Public Works/Public Property Committee to allow the Street Department to purchase a 6500 Utility Truck with a plow and spreader uplift in an amount to not exceed \$100,000.00 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Closed on Instant Car Credit Building and remodeling has started to be able to have the facility open for recycling by first weekend in August 2024.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderwoman Arduini.
Vote via voice, all approved (5:45 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez
Pamela Martinez, City Clerk