

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 August 20, 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.

Audience request:

None.

Community Affairs:

Sam Smith, President/CEO, Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce presented information on upcoming events.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the August 6, 2024, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2024-2659 – Amending Chapter 20 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Nuisance Greenery.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2659 – Amending Chapter 20 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Nuisance Greenery for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, 1 no (Arduini), motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2024-2660 – Amending Chapter 26 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Sidewalk Snow Removal within the Downtown Business Area.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance Amending Chapter of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Sidewalk Snow Removal within the Downtown Business Area for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

3. Ordinance 2024-2661 – Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property (Part of PIN: 11-34-201-006 and 11-34-201-007)

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2024-2661 – Authorizing the Purchase of Real Property (Part of PIN: 11-34-201-006 and 11-34-201-007) for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. City Administrator Blackert asked to approve a Change Order Number 1 with McDonagh Demolition, Inc. for the Mirco Industries Building Demolition Project in the amount of \$35,898.50.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve a Change Order Number 1 with McDonagh Demolition, Inc. for the Mirco Industries Building Demolition Project in the amount of \$35,898.50 and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

2. City Administrator Blackert asked to approve a Change Order Number 2 with Gensini Excavating for the RBW District Control Room and Toilet Room Project in the amount of \$19,750.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve a Change Order Number 2 with Gensini Excavating for the RBW District Control Room and Toilet Room Project in the amount of \$19,750.00 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Tourism Director, Melinda Jones:

1. Approve the closure of East 2nd Street from Avenue A to Wood Avenue on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Taste of Fiesta.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the closure of East 2nd Street from Avenue A to Wood Avenue on Saturday, September 7, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the Taste of Fiesta and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

2. Approve the closure of East 2nd Street from Avenue A to Wood Avenue on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Art in the Park.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the closure of East 2nd Street from Avenue A to Wood Avenue on Saturday, August 24, 2024, from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for Art in the Park and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

3. Approve the closure of East 2nd Street from Avenue A to Wood Avenue on Friday, September 27, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Taco Throwdown Festival.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the closure of East 2nd Street from Avenue A to Wood Avenue on Friday, September 27, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. for Taco Throwdown Festival and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Dowd to approve the recommendation from the Police Fire Committee to approve the Police Department to purchase a new vehicle for the Investigative Section in an amount to not exceed \$25,000.000 and trade in a 2012 Chevy Impala and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Remember Joe Martin's family for condolences of Joe's passing earlier this week.

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

Vote via voice, all approved (5:48 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk