

# 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 November 19, 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, Arduini and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

### **Audience request:**

1. Optimist Club of Rock Falls – None
2. Penny Patten requested road repair, ditch drainage survey and more Police presence out at Riverside Mobile Estates.

**Community Affairs:** Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, Sam Smith President/CEO  
None

### **Consent Agenda:**

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the November 5, 2024, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

### **Ordinances 2nd Reading & Adoption:**

1. Ordinance 2024-2669 – Vacating Right of Way (Part of Avenue E in Block 18 of Chamberlain Bros Subdivision).

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2669 – Vacating Right of Way (Part of Avenue E in Block 18 of Chamberlain Bros Subdivision) for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

2. Ordinance 2024-2670 – Approving the Love's Rock Falls Subdivision.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2670 – Approving the Love's Rock Falls Subdivision for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

### **Resolution:**

1. Resolution 2024-924 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (303 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Resolution 2024-924 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (303 14<sup>th</sup> Ave) and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

**Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.**

2. Resolutions 2024-925 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (511 Avenue A)  
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2024-925 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (511 Avenue A) and second by Alderman Wangelin.  
**Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.**
  
3. Resolutions 2024-926 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (1213 W 21<sup>st</sup> Street)  
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2024-926 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property of the Industrial Development Commission (1213 W 21<sup>st</sup> Street) and second by Alderwoman McKanna.  
**Vote vis voice, all approved, motion carried.**
  
4. Resolutions 2024-927 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (1211 W 5<sup>th</sup> Street)  
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Resolution 2024-927 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (1211 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street) and second by Alderman Wangelin.  
**Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.**

**City Administrator:**

City Christmas Party, December 6 at 5:30 p.m. at the American Legion.

**Rock Falls Fire Department:**

1. Fireworks Display at McCormick Event Center – November 30, 2024.  
Chief Wolf stated that there will be a fireworks display after a wedding on November 30, 2024, around 9:00-10:00 p.m. All certificates required have been obtained and he will do a sight inspection the day of the event and present during the event. The fireworks are to go straight up in the air.

**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 Works/Public Property to approve the renewal of the Cash Farm Lease with Mike Gaulrapp for 18 acres of sewer plant property and second by Alderman Snow.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the recommendation from the Public Works/Public Property Committee to approve the renewal of the Cash Farm Lease with Hoffman Brothers Partnership for 10 acres of sewer plant property and second by Alderman Snow.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the recommendation from the Public Works/Public Property Committee to approve the renewal of the Cash Farm Lease with Ted Jacobs, with a change in acreage from 57.5 acres to 40.5 acres of farmland in Glen's Garden Subdivision and second by Alderman Snow.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the ARPA Committee to obligate the remaining \$15,517.76 of ARPA Funds for improvements to City Parks and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

Alderman Snow wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Alderwoman Sobottka reminded City Council members the Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee meeting will be rescheduled from November 27 to December 5, 2024.

**Mayor's Report:**

None

**Executive Session:**

1. Enter Executive Session for the purpose of:
  - a. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to move to Executive Session and second by Alderwoman Arduini

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried (6:04 p.m.)**

**Any Action taken from Executive Session: (returned to regular session 6:07 p.m.)**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the contract for the Deputy Chief Wolber and second by Alderman Snow.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote via voice, all approved (6:12 p.m.)**

*Pamela Martinez*

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk