

# 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 2, 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. Absent Alderman Dornes. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

## **Proclamation:**

Proclaiming the Month of April 2024, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Rock Falls.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Proclamation for the Month of April 2024, as Sexual Assault Awareness Month in the City of Rock Falls and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

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

## **Audience request:**

None.

## **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 March 19, 2024, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approve Mayor's Appointment of Chris King to the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone Board – Term 10-01-2023 to 10-01-2026.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

## **Ordinance 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**

1. Ordinance 2024-2640 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2024). A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2640 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance (Fiscal Year 2024) for first reading and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

2. Ordinance 2024-2641 – Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment. A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2641 – Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment for first reading and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote 7 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 Wangelin 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 first reading and second by Alderman Snow.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

**Resolution:**

1. Resolution 2024-919 – Authorizing Entry Into Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Rock Falls and Coloma Township Road District Regarding Winter Salting and Plowing.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2024-919 - Authorizing Entry Into Intergovernmental Agreement Between the City of Rock Falls and Coloma Township Road District Regarding Winter Salting and Plowing and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

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

**City Administrator:**

Blood Drive May 3, 2024, Micro Building update on April 9, 2024, and Avenue A Project will start May 6, 2024.

**Rock Falls Tourism Director Melinda Jones:**

1. 2024 Tourism Event

Melinda presented updates for Tourism with future events starting May 30, 2024.

**City Attorney:**

None

**City Departments:**

Chief Pilgrim spoke to the Council Members in regard to Deputy lost in DeKalb, sending officers to represent City of Rock Falls and Rock Falls Police will be helping with the funeral procession in Prophetstown for one of the three that were killed last week.

**Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests**

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from Finance Committee to approve a first reading of the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the Engineering Proposal for Upgrades to Metering points from BHMG, 9735 Landmark Parkway Drive, Suite 110 A, St. Louis, MO 63127 in the amount of \$238,800.00 and second by Alderman Dowd.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to appoint Larry Hanrahan to the IMEA/IMUA Board effective June 21, 2024, and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve a Ten-Year License Agreement with IDNR for an overhead line across Hennepin Canal in the amount of \$2,420.00 and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

**Mayor's Report:**

1. Authorize the Mayor as a member of the Rock Falls Area Dog Control Board to vote to disband the Rock Falls Area Dog Control board and to contract with Whiteside County Health Department for Dog Control.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the authorization for the Mayor to disband the Rock Falls Area Dog Control Board and contract with Whiteside County Health Department for Dog Control and second by Alderman Snow.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

**Executive Session:**

1. Section 2(c)(21) – Review of Closed Session Minutes
  2. Section 2(c)(2) – Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules.
  3. Section 2(C)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.
- A motion was made by Alderman Snow to move into Executive Session and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried 5:56 p.m.**

**Return to regular session 6:00p.m.**

**Action taken from Executive Session**

1. Section 2(c)(21) – Review of Closed Session Minutes  
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to keep Executive Session minutes closed and second by Alderman Snow.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**
2. Section 2(c)(2) – Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules.  
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the IAFF contract for Rock Falls Fire Department and second by Alderwoman McKanna.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**
3. Section 2(C)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance.  
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Department contracts and pay raise for non-contract employees and second by Alderman Snow.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderman Snow.  
**Vote via voice, all approved (6:05 p.m.)**

*Pamela Martinez*  
Pamela Martinez, City Clerk