

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 5:32 p.m. on January 6, 2026, 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, Byrd, Doane, Dowd, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Absent Alderman Stahr.

Rock Falls Police Department:

Oath of Office – Matthew McKanna – Sergeant

Chief Ryan McKanna presented Matthew McKanna with a promotion to Sergeant and gave information on his career in law enforcement.

Matthew McKanna was sworn in as Sergeant by City Clerk Pam Martinez and pinned by his wife Gabbi McKanna.

Audience request:

None

Community Affairs: Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, Sam Kersey, President/CEO

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1-4 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of minutes from the December 16, 2025, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approve Mayor's Appointment of Alderperson Vicky Byrd as Chairman of the Tourism Committee.
4. Authorize Mayor Kleckler to sign the Public Water Supply Loan Program's loan application forms and supporting documents

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

Vote 6 aye, 1-recused (Byrd), motion carried.

Ordinance for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2025-2722 – Authorizing a Variance from Front & Side Yard Setback Requirements for 1113 9th Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2025-2722 – Authorizing a Variance from Front & Side Yard Setback Requirements for 1113 9th Avenue, Rock Falls, IL 61071 for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

Thanked Fire Chief Wolf as this was his last City Council meeting before retirement. He has done an excellent job as chief throughout his career.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

Alderman Wangelin sent condolences to the Weber Family that live in Ward 1.

Alderwoman Byrd thanked the Council for the appointment as the Chairperson of the Tourism Committee.

Alderman Doane spoke about the Hopkins Family Fire Safety event at the Mall on Saturday and thanked Monique Castillo for her work with the Toys for Tots this past December.

Alderwoman Sobottka thanked Chief Wolf for his time with the Fire Department.

Mayor's Report:

None

Executive Session:

1. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:
 - a. Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation.
Not needed

Any Action taken from Executive Session:

None

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderwoman Arduini.
Vote via voice, all approved (5:44 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk