

# City of Rock Falls

603 W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rock Falls, IL 61071-2854

*Mayor*

Rod Kleckler  
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Rock Falls City Council Agenda  
Council Chambers  
603 W 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

January 20, 2026  
5:30 p.m.

**Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Roll Call**

**Public Hearing:**

- For the purpose of discussing the proposed wastewater treatment plant and sanitary sewer rehabilitation improvements

**Rock Falls Fire Department**

Oath of Office – Kyle Sommers – Fire Chief  
Oath of Office – Nathan Hartman – Deputy Fire Chief

**Audience Requests**

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

**Consent Agenda:**

1. Approval of minutes from the January 6, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Refer Application for Variance for real estate located at 600 E 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Rock Falls, IL to the Planning Zoning Commission.
4. Approval to renew the farm lease with Hoffman Brothers Partnership consisting of approximately 10 tillable acres due east of the City Sewer Plant for the 2026 growing season at the current rate of \$150.00 per tillable acre.
5. Approval to renew the farm lease with Mike Gaulrapp consisting of approximately 18 tillable acres for farm real estate located in Whiteside County, Illinois, previously known as part of the Zapf Farm for the 2026 growing season at the current rate of \$225.00 per tillable acre.

**Resolutions:**

1. Resolution 2026-942 – Consenting to Subdivision Request (PIN 11-31-176-002)

**City Administrator Robbin Blackert:**

1. Approve Local Public Agency Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates for Construction Engineering Services for the E 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge Project (Section Number 19-00137-00-BR) in the amount of \$180,996.0

**Information/Correspondence**

Matt Cole, City Attorney

Corey Buck, City Engineer

**Aldersperson Reports/Committee Chairman Requests**

**Ward 1**

**Aldersperson Bill Wangelin** – Public Works/Public Property Committee Chairman/Tourism Committee

**Aldersperson Gabriella McKanna** – Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee Chairman/Utilities Committee

**Ward 2**

**Aldersperson Vickey Byrd** – Tourism Committee

1. Recommendation from the Tourism Committee to approve the changes to the Policies and Procedures for the Façade Improvement Grant.

**Aldersperson Marshall Doane**

**Ward 3**

**Aldersperson Steve Dowd** – Police Fire Committee Chairman

1. Request to draft Memorandum of Understanding with the IAFF Local No. 3291 to change the firefighter shifts to 48/96 for a 1 year trial.

**Aldersperson Nathan Stahr**

**Ward 4**

**Aldersperson Violet Sobottka** – Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee Chairman

**Aldersperson Cathy Arduini**

**Mayor's Report:**

**Executive Session:**

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

**Any Action taken from Executive Session**

**Adjournment**

Next City Council Meeting – February 3, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Posted: January 16, 2026

Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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