

City of Rock Falls

603 W. 10th Street
Rock Falls, IL 61071-2854

Mayor

Rod Kleckler
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City Administrator

Robbin Blackert
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City Clerk

Pam Martinez
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Kay Abner
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Rock Falls City Council Agenda
Council Chambers
603 W 10th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

February 3, 2026
5:30 p.m.

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

Audience Requests

1. John Watts - Touch-a-Truck - Saturday, May 30, 2026 - Requesting approval for Road Closures and use of City Parking Lots

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the January 20, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approve the Mayor's appointment of Henry Sobottka to the Planning Zoning Commission (Term 02-03-2026 to 04-30-2027)

Ordinances 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2026-2723 - Amending Chapter 34, Article XIV, Section 34-432 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Mobile Home Parks
2. Ordinance 2026-2724 - Amending Chapter 16, Article XIII, Section 16-1521 Relating to Annual Fees for Video Gaming Terminals

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

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

1. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve a 63-month lease from Quadient Leasing USA, Inc., 478 Wheelers Farms Rd, Milford, CT 06461 in the amount of \$566.62 per month for a Billing/Folding Machine for the Utility Office.
2. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase and installation of a chiller cooling system for the Hydro Plant from Mercury Governor, 245 Campbell Rd, Yok, PA 17402 in the amount of \$99,012.00.
3. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase of a Federal Pacific switchgear and related equipment in the amount of \$556,490.00 from Fletcher Reinhardt, 3105 Corporate Exchange Ct, Bridgeton, MO 63044.
4. Recommendation from the Finance Insurance Investment Committee to approve the Utility Office Write-Off's for October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.
5. Finance Committee Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Review and Approval is scheduled for April 1, 2026 at 8:15 a.m.

Ward 2

Aldersperson Vickey Byrd – Tourism Committee

Aldersperson Marshall Doane

Ward 3

Aldersperson Steve Dowd – Police Fire Committee Chairman

1. Approve recommendation from the Police Fire Committee to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Rock Falls Fire Department and the Rock Falls Firefighters Association Local 3291 (IAFF) for a 48/96 shift schedule for a one-year trial period from May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027.

Aldersperson Nathan Stahr

Ward 4

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

Aldersperson Cathy Arduini

Mayor's Report:

1. Request funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 for matching support with the City of Sterling for the July 4, 2026 Fireworks.

Executive Session:

1. Enter into Executive Session for the purposes of:
 - a. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance.
 - b. Section 2(c)(21) – Review of Closed Session Minutes

Any Action taken from Executive Session

Adjournment

Next City Council Meeting – February 17, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Posted: January 30, 2026

Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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