

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 February 3, 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, Stahr, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Absent Alderman Dowd.

Audience request:

1. John Watts – Touch-a-Truck – Saturday, May 30, 2026 – Requesting approval for Road Closures and use of City Parking Lots
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Road Closures and use of City Parking Lots for Saturday, May 30, 2026, from 6am until 4 pm and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

Community Affairs: Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, Sam Kersey, President/CEO
Sam Kersey presented information on upcoming events for the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce. March 5, 2026, 70th year celebration annual dinner, March 19, 2026, Bingo, April 23rd, 2026, Speed Networking and many more events scheduled.

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1-3 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

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

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

Vote 7 aye, 1-recused (Sobottka on number 3), motion carried.

Ordinance for 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.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2026-2723 Amending Chapter 34, Article XIV, Section 34-432 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Mobile Home Parks for first reading and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2026-2724 – Amending Chapter 16, Article XIII, Section 16-1521 Relating to Annual Fees for Video Gaming Terminals

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2026-2724 – Amending Chapter 16, Article XIII, Section 16-1521 Relating to Annual Fees for Video Gaming Terminals for first reading and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Discussion had by Alderman, City Administrator and Mayor Kleckler.

Vote 5 aye, 2 no (Wangelin and Doane), motion carried.

City Administrator:

None

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve a 63-month lease from Quadient Leasing USA, Inc. 478 Wheelers Farms Road, Milford, CT 06461 in the amount of \$566.62 per month for a Billing/Folding Machine for the Utility Office and second by Alderwoman Bryd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the 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 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase of a Federal Pacific switchgear and related equipment in the amount of \$555,490.00 from Fletcher Reinhardt, 3105 Corporate Exchange Ct., Bridgeton, MO 63044 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the Finance Insurance Investment Committee to approve the Utility Office Write-Off's for October 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025, and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Finance Committee meeting for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Review and approval scheduled for April 1, 2026, at 8:15 am and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Stahr to approve the 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 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

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.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the request in the amount of \$5,000.00 for matching support with the City of Sterling for the July 4, 2026, Fireworks and second by Alderwoman Bryd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Executive Session:

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to move into Executive Session and second by Alderman Stahr.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried (6:04 p.m.)

Any Action taken from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the hire for the Utility Office and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to keep closed session minutes closed and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 6 aye, 1 no (Doane), motion carried

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

Vote via voice, all approved (6:11 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk