

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 6, 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, Snow, Byrd, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini and Sobottka. Absent Alderman Wangelin. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience request:

None

Community Affairs:

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1-2 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2024, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2024-2634 – Adopting Revised Zoning Map

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2634 – Adopting Revised Zoning Map for first reading and second by Alderman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2024-918 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (PIN 11-34-276-015).

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2024-917 – Approving Entry into Settlement Agreement Relating to Property Tax Appeals Filed by Walgreens for Tax Years 2019 thru 2022 and Subsequent Tax Years 2023 and 2024 and second by Alderman Dornes.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Approve Memorandum of Agreement Among the City of Rock Falls, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office Regarding Demolition of 200 W. 2nd St. (Former International Harvester Building) and Construction of a Parking Lot in Rock Falls.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Among the City of Rock Falls, the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, and the Illinois State Historic Preservation Office Regarding Demolition of 200 W. 2nd St. (Former International Harvester Building) and Construction of a Parking Lot in Rock Falls and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None.

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the Utility Office Write-Offs for October 2023 through December 2023 and second by Alderwoman McKanna

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Recommendation from the OLPS Committee to hire a full-time employee for the Street Department and approve the hiring of three summer employees and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

1. Approve the appointment of Devin Anderson and Brayden Porter as Paid On Call Firefighters.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the appointment of Devin Anderson and Brayden Porter as Paid On Call Firefighter and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Mayor Klecker stated Moore Tires moved into the City limits at their new location and gave a city wide employee thank you to all departments for their help with the fires at Moore Tires.

Mayor Klecker also stated to answer the question if he will be running for a second term, he said yes, he is.

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

Vote via voice, all approved (5:43 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk