

City of Rock Falls

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

Mayor

Rod Kleckler
815-380-5333

City Administrator

Robbin Blackert
815-564-1366



City Clerk

Pam Martinez
815-622-1100

City Treasurer

Kay Abner
815-622-1100

Rock Falls City Council Agenda
Council Chambers
603 W 10th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

February 18, 2025
5:30 p.m.

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

Audience Requests

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the February 4, 2025, City Council Meeting ☞☞
2. Approval of bills as presented ☞☞

Ordinances 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2025-2683 - Amending Chapter 26 - Residential Driveways and Curb Cuts ☞☞
2. Ordinance 2025-2684 - Amending Chapter 26- Sidewalk Snow Removal withing the Downtown Business Area ☞☞

Ordinances 2nd Reading & Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2025-2679 - Amending Chapter 6 - Stormwater Management ☞☞
2. Ordinance 2025-2680 - Amending Chapter 16- Business License Fee Increases ☞☞
3. Ordinance 2025-2681 - Amending Chapter 26 - Public Camping ☞☞
4. Ordinance 2025-2682 - Amending Chapter 16 - Special Use Permits ☞☞

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2025-931 - Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (1115 W 19th Street) ☞☞

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

1. Recommendation from BF Engineering, LLC to accept all Motor Fuel Tax 2025 General Maintenance material proposals: ☞☞
 - a) Helm Materials, Inc., 2283 Route 20 East, Freeport, IL 61032 (all materials from Palmyra Quarry);

- Group II, Bituminous Patching Mix (UPM) @ \$140.00 per ton
- Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt @ \$58.00 per ton
- Aggregate Surface Course, Type B (CA-6) @ \$8.25 per ton
- b) Rock River Ready Mix, Inc., 2320 S. Galena Ave, Dixon, IL 61021
Portland Cement Concrete, IDOT Class PV @ \$135.00 per cubic yard
- c) Quality Ready Mix Concrete, 13134 Galt Rd, Sterling, IL 61081
Portland Cement Concrete, IDOT Class PV @ \$143.00 per cubic yard
- d) Sterling Steel Warehouse, Inc., 1103 Industrial Park Rd, Rock Falls, IL 61071
Reinforcement Bars @ \$0.70 per pound

Information/Correspondence

Matt Cole, City Attorney

Corey Buck, City Engineer

Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests

Ward 1

Alderman Bill Wangelin – Public Works/Public Property Committee Chairman/Tourism Committee

Alderman Gabriella McKanna – Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee Chairman

Ward 2

Alderman Brian Snow – Building Code Committee Chairman/Utility Committee Vice Chairman

Alderman Vickey Byrd

Ward 3

Alderman Steve Dowd – Police Fire Committee Chairman

Alderman Nathan Stahr

Ward 4

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

Alderman Cathy Arduini

Mayor's Report:

Executive Session:

1. Enter into Executive Session for the purposes of:
 - a. Collective Bargaining – Section 2(c)(2) – Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules

Any action taken from Executive Session

Adjournment

Next City Council Meeting – March 4, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Posted: February 14, 2025

Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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City of Rock Falls

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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 4, 2025, 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, Snow, Byrd, Stahr, Arduini and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Absent Alderman Dowd.

Audience request:

None

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

None

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2025, City Council Meeting.
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approve the re-appointment of John Hoffmiller to the Police Pension Board (Term to be 05-01-2025 to 05-01-2027).

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinances 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2025-2679 – Amending Chapter 6 – Stormwater Management
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2025-2679 – Amending Chapter 6 – Stormwater Management for first reading and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2025-2680 – Amending Chapter 16 – Business License Fee Increases
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2680 – Amending Chapter 16 – Business License Fee Increases for first reading and second by Alderman Snow.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2025-2681 – Amending Chapter 26 – Public Camping
A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2025-2681 – Amending Chapter 26 – Public Camping for first reading and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.
4. Ordinance 2025-2682 – Amending Chapter 16 – Special Use Permits
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2682 – Amending Chapter 16 – Special Use Permits for first reading and second by Alderman Snow.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

Reminded elected officials of the Statement of Economic Interest that was mailed out and needs to be mailed back to the County by May 1, 2025.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee for the Utility Office Write-Offs October 2024 through December 2024 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve a 3 year extension (Fiscal Years 2025, 2026, and 2027) for Auditing Services with Sikich CPA, LLC, 1415 West Diehl Road, Suite 400, Naperville, IL 60563 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Alderwoman McKanna reminded Council Members of the next Finance Committee meeting that has been moved to February 26, 2025, and March 25th meeting will start at 8 am.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee for changes to the administrative fees charged to liens and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding for the replacement of manholes at the intersection of E 4th Street and Avenue C due to only one quote received and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the recommendation from the Utility Committee to accept the quote received from Behren's Trucking & Excavating, LLC., 2608 Prophetstown Road, Rock Falls, IL 61071 for the replacement of manholes at the intersection of E 4th Street and Avenue C in the amount of \$26,800.00 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the recommendation from the Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee to approve the Tourism Assistant Job Description and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

None

Executive Session:

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

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to move into Executive Session and second by Alderman Wangelin. (5:41 p.m.)

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Any action taken from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Tourism Assistant and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote via voice, all approve, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Building Department hire and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Snow to approve the hire of the Tourism Department Part-Time Volunteers and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to adjourn and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.
Vote via voice, all approved (5:49 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk

CITY OF ROCK FALLS

603 W 10th Street

Rock Falls, Illinois

2/18/2025 Council Meeting

To the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Falls, your Committee on Finance would respectfully report that they have examined the following bills presented against the City, and have found the same correct and would recommend the payment of the various amounts to the several claimants as follows:

Tourism	\$7,104.92
Worker's Comp/General Liability	\$140.00
General Fund	\$758,666.73
Industrial Development	\$4,714.40
TIF - Downtown Redevelopment	\$517.90
Electric	\$117,195.68
IT Fund	\$13,720.86
Sewer	\$1,061,129.39
Water	\$336,037.67
Garbage	\$49,391.34
Customer Service Center	\$8,607.82
Drug Fund	\$42.24
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	\$4,831.80
Customer Utility Deposits	\$950.61
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	\$2,363,051.36
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Alderman McKanna

Alderman Wangelin

Alderman Byrd

INVOICES DUE ON/BEFORE 02/07/2025

VENDOR #	NAME	PAID THIS FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT DUE

TOURISM			
05	TOURISM		
1052	SAUK VALLEY MEDIA	10,478.84	3,535.00
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	43.72
2796	U.S. CELLULAR	5,188.23	102.57
5235	WIXN-AM/WRCV-FM/WSEY-FM	3,445.00	200.00
5360	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	18,839.49	68.97
	TOURISM		3,950.26
GENERAL FUND			
01	ADMINISTRATION		
4385	DINGES FIRE COMPANY	31,871.29	3,645.00
753	ROCK FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	6,045.00	995.00
795	SBM BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CENTER	6,730.87	24.00
	ADMINISTRATION		4,664.00
02	CITY ADMINISTRATOR		
4972	ROBBIN BLACKERT	1,317.90	100.00
795	SBM BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CENTER	6,730.87	24.00
	CITY ADMINISTRATOR		124.00
04	BUILDING		
2797	MARK SEARING	360.00	40.00
4827	KELLEY WILLIAMSON COMPANY	8,633.44	40.46
5360	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	18,839.49	59.89
	BUILDING		140.35
05	CITY CLERK'S OFFICE		
5308	LEAF	5,815.96	92.71
	CITY CLERK'S OFFICE		92.71
06	POLICE		

INVOICES DUE ON/BEFORE 02/07/2025

VENDOR #	NAME	PAID THIS FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT DUE

GENERAL FUND			
06	POLICE		
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	1,332.10
2451	MENARDS	12,448.91	77.88
4368	JEREMY VONDRA	212.09	274.87
4827	KELLEY WILLIAMSON COMPANY	8,633.44	35.84
4966	BETONY GLUFF		304.02
4981	AT&T MOBILITY	9,081.50	640.35
5360	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	18,839.49	641.23
662	RAY O'HERRON CO., INC.	12,191.89	1,790.48
795	SBM BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CENTER	6,730.87	575.88
T0002640	IMPRINTABLE MEMORIES	1,470.78	1,198.48
T0002721	NORTHWEST IL LAW ENFORCEMENT		100.00
T0005337	STAHR MEDIA LLC	865.00	3,006.00
	POLICE		9,977.13
07	CODE HEARING DEPARTMENT		
4931	DACRA ADJUDICATION SYSTEM	13,250.00	1,700.00
	CODE HEARING DEPARTMENT		1,700.00
10	STREET		
110	BONNELL INDUSTRIES, INC.	408,016.23	876.52
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	558.07
194	GRUMMERT'S HARDWARE - R.F.	7,678.41	30.11
2451	MENARDS	12,448.91	14.36
34	ALTORFER INC.	49,933.79	208.36
4651	MOST PLUMBING & MECHANICAL LLC	7,552.40	160.00
4827	KELLEY WILLIAMSON COMPANY	8,633.44	77.90
4946	MARTIN & COMPANY EXCAVATING	1,640,000.03	684,493.64
5208	KALEEL'S CLOTHING & PRINTING	3,315.00	377.00
	STREET		686,795.96
12	PUBLIC PROPERTY		
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	8,014.41
2451	MENARDS	12,448.91	73.95
4651	MOST PLUMBING & MECHANICAL LLC	7,552.40	225.00
533	ELECTRONICS, INC.	5,144.63	50.00

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VENDOR #	NAME	PAID THIS FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT DUE

GENERAL FUND			
12	PUBLIC PROPERTY		
5360	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	18,839.49	55.95
	PUBLIC PROPERTY		8,419.31
13	FIRE		
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	1,439.48
182	CITY OF STERLING		50.00
194	GRUMMERT'S HARDWARE - R.F.	7,678.41	6.21
2718	TOM ROWZEE	4,240.07	230.00
423	AT&T	723.27	72.52
4385	DINGES FIRE COMPANY	31,871.29	120.36
4443	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC	9,182.14	88.90
4981	AT&T MOBILITY	9,081.50	271.68
5155	MATT OSWALT	229.18	148.48
5158	BRIAN MCPHILLIPS	365.32	94.08
5308	LEAF	5,815.96	92.71
5360	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	18,839.49	708.13
5421	BENJAMIN HARVEY	3,865.70	72.80
956	UNIFORM DEN INC	1,803.11	22.00
	FIRE		3,417.35
TIF - DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT			
19	DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT		
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	517.90
	DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT		517.90
ELECTRIC FUND			
20	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
1224	AIRGAS USA LLC	4,432.38	88.41
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	15,702.66
194	GRUMMERT'S HARDWARE - R.F.	7,678.41	5.84
283	ANIXTER INC	306,805.98	600.08
34	ALTORFER INC.	49,933.79	2,648.38
4044	ENERCON ENGINEERING INC.	6,206.96	3,645.35
440	IMUA	4,580.00	500.00
4620	TRI-COUNTY OPP COUNCIL	3,403.72	285.37

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ELECTRIC FUND			
20	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
4827	KELLEY WILLIAMSON COMPANY	8,633.44	161.79
4995	CLOUDPOINT GEOSPATIAL INC	56,250.00	2,083.34
533	LECTRONICS, INC.	5,144.63	149.00
5343	QP TESTING LLC	89,554.00	2,588.80
5360	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	18,839.49	622.40
5380	WINTROY SUPPLY LLC	15,518.91	1,422.15
795	SBM BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CENTER	6,730.87	73.00
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		30,576.57
SEWER FUND			
30	SEWER		
1095	TURNROTH SIGN CO, INC.	630.00	19,032.00
4946	MARTIN & COMPANY EXCAVATING	1,640,000.03	1,000,000.00
	SEWER		1,019,032.00
38	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	20,232.74
4207	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE INC	4,864.34	18.98
4684	SCHMITT PLUMBING & HEATING INC	27,262.66	1,835.07
4827	KELLEY WILLIAMSON COMPANY	8,633.44	93.37
4995	CLOUDPOINT GEOSPATIAL INC	56,250.00	2,083.33
5302	SHAE SMITH	63.55	29.98
5360	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	18,839.49	317.29
651	NICOR	34,284.41	109.12
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		24,719.88
WATER FUND			
40	WATER		
4946	MARTIN & COMPANY EXCAVATING	1,640,000.03	304,000.00
4996	LAI, LTD	7,626.40	3,611.71
	WATER		307,611.71
48	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		

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WATER FUND			
48	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	9,310.64
194	GRUMMERT'S HARDWARE - R.F.	7,678.41	84.09
2796	U.S. CELLULAR	5,188.23	477.37
364	GRUMMERTS HARDWARE - STERLING	659.75	67.44
4827	KELLEY WILLIAMSON COMPANY	8,633.44	303.38
4995	CLOUDPOINT GEOSPATIAL INC	56,250.00	2,083.33
5141	CINTAS CORPORATION	2,518.94	320.95
5151	LEE JENSEN SALES CO, INC.	6,520.00	223.12
5337	PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES LLC	4,551.00	769.00
884	STERLING STEEL WAREHOUSE INC	2,254.90	246.00
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		13,885.32

GARBAGE FUND			
50	GARBAGE		
1289	CITY OF ROCK FALLS UTILITIES	399,282.92	228.46
194	GRUMMERT'S HARDWARE - R.F.	7,678.41	5.37
2451	MENARDS	12,448.91	8.83
	GARBAGE		242.66

CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER			
51	CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER		
1493	WILLIAM & MARY COMPUTER CENTER	81,820.56	178.00
5309	QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	4,319.46	1,439.82
5366	GILA LLC	4,496.00	535.00
760	ROCK FALLS POSTMASTER	27,350.00	3,000.00
	CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER		5,152.82

DRUG FUND			
56	DRUG ABUSE		
4981	AT&T MOBILITY	9,081.50	42.24
	DRUG ABUSE		42.24

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

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CITY OF ROCK FALLS
DEPARTMENT SUMMARY REPORT

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VENDOR #	NAME	PAID THIS FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT DUE

MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND			
65	MOTOR FUEL TAX		
1052	SAUK VALLEY MEDIA	10,478.84	124.20
2067	HELM MATERIALS	119,013.35	4,107.60
5329	BF ENGINEERING PLLC	4,700.00	600.00
	MOTOR FUEL TAX		4,831.80
CUSTOMER UTILITY DEPOSITS			
75	CUSTOMER UTILITY DEPOSITS		
T0005947	JAMES HOFFMAN		50.00
T0005948	ABIGAIL WAUGAMON		19.77
T0005949	GAVIN ABNEY		428.81
	CUSTOMER UTILITY DEPOSITS		498.58
	TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS		2,126,392.55

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TOURISM			
05	TOURISM		
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	29.88
5308	LEAF	6,001.38	105.78
5314	LINK MEDIA OUTDOOR	15,889.00	1,709.00
753	ROCK FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE	7,040.00	135.00
T0003401	ROCK FALLS HIGH SCHOOL		300.00
T0005150	SLATER PHOTOGRAPHY		875.00
	TOURISM		3,154.66
W/C - GENERAL LIABILITY			
08	W/C-GENERAL LIABILITY		
3137	MOELLER MYERS & ASSOCIATES PC	4,200.00	140.00
	W/C-GENERAL LIABILITY		140.00
GENERAL FUND			
01	ADMINISTRATION		
4011	SAUK VALLEY BANK & TRUST CO.	992,411.23	22,869.83
4331	CIRCUIT CLERK OF LEE COUNTY	4,300.00	100.00
4443	MACQUEEN EQUIPMENT LLC	9,271.04	604.65
795	SBM BUSINESS EQUIPMENT CENTER	7,427.75	4.00
	ADMINISTRATION		23,578.48
04	BUILDING		
194	GRUMMERT'S HARDWARE - R.F.	7,810.03	6.18
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	490.00
5308	LEAF	6,001.38	96.96
	BUILDING		593.14
05	CITY CLERK'S OFFICE		
1493	WILLIAM & MARY COMPUTER CENTER	81,998.56	309.50
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	21.24
	CITY CLERK'S OFFICE		330.74

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GENERAL FUND			
06	POLICE		
1336	INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION		220.00
3137	MOELLER MYERS & ASSOCIATES PC	4,200.00	280.00
350	GISI BROS INC	9,764.13	197.90
4508	LEXISNEXIS RISK DATA MGT LLC	814.50	200.00
4572	CHARLES SCHWAB & CO INC	778,096.90	2,403.75
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	1,981.66
5096	TREASURER, STATE OF ILLINOIS	70.00	20.00
5097	ILLINOIS STATE POLICE	420.00	120.00
5098	ILLINOIS OFFICE OF THE	420.00	120.00
5169	MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS	9,198.00	1,150.00
5208	KALEEL'S CLOTHING & PRINTING	3,692.00	123.00
5308	LEAF	6,001.38	194.71
5322	LEGAL AND LIABILITY RISK		295.00
5369	HELM ELECTRIC	74,134.25	3,898.00
651	NICOR	34,393.53	290.89
662	RAY O'HERRON CO., INC.	13,982.37	307.13
825	ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE	349.00	252.00
	POLICE		12,054.04
10	STREET		
110	BONNELL INDUSTRIES, INC.	408,892.75	49.95
1224	AIRGAS USA LLC	4,520.79	169.31
194	GRUMMERT'S HARDWARE - R.F.	7,810.03	49.98
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	12.00
5394	OLIVIA GUTIERREZ	2,500.00	125.00
651	NICOR	34,393.53	1,195.49
T0005885	SAUK VALLEY AVIATION	56.59	63.06
	STREET		1,664.79
12	PUBLIC PROPERTY		
2451	MENARDS	12,623.93	73.95
4579	PEST CONTROL CONSULTANTS IL	433.85	74.90
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	100.14
651	NICOR	34,393.53	307.12
	PUBLIC PROPERTY		556.11

INVOICES DUE ON/BEFORE 02/14/2025

VENDOR #	NAME	PAID THIS FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT DUE

GENERAL FUND			
13	FIRE		
4385	DINGES FIRE COMPANY	35,636.65	70.79
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	599.99
5187	MARK MCPHILLIPS	261.97	117.61
5208	KALEEL'S CLOTHING & PRINTING	3,692.00	421.00
5352	ROCK FALLS FIREFIGHTERS	12,546.31	2,403.74
5421	BENJAMIN HARVEY	3,938.50	72.80
651	NICOR	34,393.53	872.69
	FIRE		4,558.62
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND			
14	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT		
2451	MENARDS	12,623.93	219.98
4624	FRARY LUMBER & SUPPLY	399.61	4,227.94
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	222.03
67	B & D SUPPLY CO.	588.21	44.45
	INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT		4,714.40
ELECTRIC FUND			
20	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
194	GRUMMERT'S HARDWARE - R.F.	7,810.03	39.58
4148	BHMG ENGINEERS	451,037.30	64,660.12
4649	TENNESSEE VALLEY PUBLIC POWER	1,402.75	240.00
5110	KUNES COUNTRY AUTO GROUP	51,487.57	1,025.78
5127	JM TEST SYSTEMS LLC	9,164.64	371.67
5313	BRIDGEWELL RESOURCES LLC	20,532.00	18,619.00
651	NICOR	34,393.53	1,662.96
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		86,619.11
IT FUND			
22	IT FUND		
1493	WILLIAM & MARY COMPUTER CENTER	81,998.56	13,705.87
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	14.99
	IT FUND		13,720.86

INVOICES DUE ON/BEFORE 02/14/2025

VENDOR #	NAME	PAID THIS FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT DUE

SEWER FUND			
38	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
1258	REPUBLIC SERVICES	443,650.27	738.69
1493	WILLIAM & MARY COMPUTER CENTER	81,998.56	561.40
2451	MENARDS	12,623.93	222.79
2517	WM CORPORATE SERVICES INC	17,829.04	2,491.69
2655	MISSISSIPPI VALLEY PUMP, INC.	8,539.04	1,514.00
4027	WHITESIDE COUNTY RECORDER	1,184.25	30.75
4045	SCADAWARE, INC.	13,712.61	620.00
4684	SCHMITT PLUMBING & HEATING INC	29,097.73	907.50
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	473.14
5283	RHINO INDUSTRIES INC	41,292.40	624.85
533	LECTRONICS, INC.	5,343.63	78.00
5397	SLOAN IMPLEMENT	342.00	592.74
651	NICOR	34,393.53	8,521.96
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		17,377.51
WATER FUND			
40	WATER		
4361	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	179,484.26	2,343.86
	WATER		2,343.86
48	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		
1224	AIRGAS USA LLC	4,520.79	183.67
1449	QUALITY READY MIX	24,406.13	30.00
1493	WILLIAM & MARY COMPUTER CENTER	81,998.56	2,705.45
1740	VIKING CHEMICAL CO	19,218.00	720.00
194	GRUMMERT'S HARDWARE - R.F.	7,810.03	98.29
2212	ALLIANCE MATERIALS INC	9,484.92	900.14
2379	JOE JOHNSON EQUIPMENT LLC	8,359.14	107.38
2451	MENARDS	12,623.93	128.25
4027	WHITESIDE COUNTY RECORDER	1,184.25	30.75
4141	BEHRENS TRUCKING &	65,767.50	3,355.00
4361	FERGUSON WATERWORKS #2516	179,484.26	2,062.28
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	340.11
5110	KUNES COUNTRY AUTO GROUP	51,487.57	65.95
5171	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES LLC	5,952.52	775.25
651	NICOR	34,393.53	629.18
67	B & D SUPPLY CO.	588.21	65.08
	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE		12,196.78

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INVOICES DUE ON/BEFORE 02/14/2025

VENDOR #	NAME	PAID THIS FISCAL YEAR	AMOUNT DUE

GARBAGE FUND			
50	GARBAGE		
1258	REPUBLIC SERVICES	443,650.27	48,987.55
651	NICOR	34,393.53	161.13
	GARBAGE		49,148.68
CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER			
51	CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER		
5015	CARD SERVICE CENTER	67,190.40	2,900.00
5366	GILA LLC	5,031.00	60.00
771	PINNEY PRINTING CO	8,038.35	495.00
	CUSTOMER SERVICE CENTER		3,455.00
CUSTOMER UTILITY DEPOSITS			
75	CUSTOMER UTILITY DEPOSITS		
4620	TRI-COUNTY OPP COUNCIL	3,689.09	265.00
T0005950	JORDAN TAYLOR		79.75
T0005951	TANNER PACE		107.28
	CUSTOMER UTILITY DEPOSITS		452.03
	TOTAL ALL DEPARTMENTS		236,658.81

CITY OF ROCK FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2683

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE III
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS AND CURB CUTS**

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF ROCK FALLS

THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the City Council of the City of Rock Falls, Illinois,
this ____ day of _____, 2025.

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2683

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE III
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO RESIDENTIAL DRIVEWAYS AND CURB CUTS**

WHEREAS, Article 11, Division 80 of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1.1 et. seq. (the “Code”) generally authorizes the corporate authorities of each municipality to provide for and regulate the use of the street, cross-walks, curbs and gutters, and the openings in streets and other municipal property for the laying, building, repairing, and removing of utilities and other related matters; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council (collectively, the “Corporate Authorities”) of the City have discussed the need to amend certain provisions of the Rock Falls Municipal Code as it relates to construction of residential driveways and curb cuts within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined it in the best interests of the City and its residents that it amend certain provisions of the Rock Falls Municipal Code to address the foregoing concerns, all as more particularly set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Section 1 as if more fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The title of Chapter 26, Article III, Section 26-110 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 26-110. – Residential driveways; curb cuts.

No person shall break or cut away any portion of any sidewalk, curb or gutter for purposes of establishing a residential driveway or other access to a residential property from any city street or public right-of-way without first obtaining a permit as required under this article, and only in accordance with the following requirements:

- (a) Driveways shall consist of a hardened surface of concrete, hot mix asphalt or brick.
- (b) Driveway surfaces may be extended to the property line, provided that no water is discharged on neighboring properties as a result of such extension.
- (c) Driveway elevations must be sloped toward the right-of-way adjacent to the property. If necessary, curbing shall be installed to aid in discharging water to the adjacent right-of-way.
- (d) Driveways which do not provide access to a garage must be adjacent to the building;

- (e) No driveway opening shall exceed a total width of twelve feet (12') unless such driveway provides access to a garage, in which event the driveway opening shall not exceed a total width of twenty-two feet (22'). Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the opening of any driveway which provides access to a garage shall not exceed three feet (3') in width on either side of the existing garage door.
- (f) The curb cut must have a flare extending three feet (3') in width on either side of the driveway. Such flare shall not be calculated for purposes of determining the maximum width of the driveway opening as contemplated by subsection (e) above.
- (g) The running slope of the curb cut and sidewalk must be constructed in compliance with the standards required by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as such requirements are in effect at the time of construction.
- (h) The property owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with compliance with the provisions of this section.
- (i) All work as required by this section must be completed within thirty (30) days following the issuance of a permit by the city. If said work is not completed within such thirty (30) day period, the city shall be authorized to commence the restoration of the public sidewalk, curb and gutter, the costs of which shall be borne by the property owner.
- (j) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this section, the city's street superintendent, or his or her designee, shall have the authority to permit variances to the requirements of this section for the purpose of addressing special construction circumstances, on a case-by-case basis, which variances shall be in the sole discretion of the city's street superintendent or his or her designee. Any such variances shall be noted on the permit issued by the city.
- (k) A violation of any provision of this section shall be punishable as a Class B violation as set forth in section 1-41."

SECTION 3: Chapter 26, Article III, Division 2, Section 26-132 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 26-132. – Required.

No person shall construct a driveway across any sidewalk, or otherwise break or cut away any portion of any sidewalk, curb or gutter for purposes of establishing a residential driveway or other access to a residential property from any city street or public right-of-way without having first obtained a permit therefor."

SECTION 4: In all other respects, Chapter 26, Article III of the Rock Falls Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect, as previously adopted and/or amended.

SECTION 5: The provisions and sections of this Ordinance will be deemed to be separable, and the invalidity of any portion of this Ordinance will not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION 6: All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION 8: This Ordinance will be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication, as required by law.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

AYE:

NAY:

CITY OF ROCK FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2684

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL
WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA**

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
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THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2025

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL
WITHIN THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS AREA**

WHEREAS, Section 11-80-13 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et. seq.), provides that municipalities may regulate and require the owners or occupants of any premises to keep abutting sidewalks free from snow and other obstructions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council (collectively, the “Corporate Authorities”) of the City of Rock Falls (the “City”) have discussed the needs of the City with respect to the removal of snow and other obstructions from sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City have determined it in the best interests of the City and its residents to amend the provisions of the City Code as it relates to the removal of snow and other obstructions from sidewalks, all as more specifically set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The City hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are true and correct and does incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

SECTION 2: Chapter 26, Article I, Section 26-25 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, shall be amended and restated to read as follows:

“Sec. 26-25. – Sidewalk snow removal.

- (a) Owners and occupants of property fronting or abutting a paved, public sidewalk within the following specified areas: (i) 1st Avenue from the bridge to Dixon Avenue; (ii) 2nd Avenue from West 1st Street to the south side of the U.S. Post Office; (iii) 3rd Avenue from West 2nd Street to the East/West alley south of West 2nd street; (iv) 4th Avenue from West 1st Street to the East/West alley south of West 2nd Street; (v) Avenue A from East 2nd Street to East 3rd Street; (vi) 2nd Street from Avenue A to 5th Avenue; and (vii) 3rd Street from Avenue A to 2nd Avenue; shall, within 24 hours after a snowfall or freezing precipitation, remove any snow or ice from such sidewalk or, if the snow or ice are too hard to remove, cover the sidewalk with salt or an abrasive material.
- (b) The city may contract for the removal of the snow or ice if the owner or occupant fails to do so and, in that event, the owner or occupant shall be

responsible for the cost of such removal and shall reimburse the city therefor.

(c) A violation of this section shall be punishable as a Class C violation as provided in section 1-41. In addition to such penalty, the city shall be entitled to collect the removal costs incurred by it pursuant to this section.”

SECTION 3: In all other respects, Chapter 26, Article I of the Rock Falls Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect as previously adopted and/or amended.

SECTION 4: The provisions and sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be separable and the invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION 5: The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

AYE

NAY

CITY OF ROCK FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2679

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO STORMWATER MANAGEMENT**

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
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THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

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**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE XVIII
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM DRAINAGE PLAN**

WHEREAS, Sections 11-117-1 and 11-150-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et. seq.) generally authorize any municipality to acquire, construct, own and operate within the corporate limits of the municipality any public utility the product of which is to be supplied to its inhabitants, including but not limited to waterworks, sewer systems and electric power; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council of the City have determined it in the best interests of the City and its residents to amend the provisions of the City Code as it relates to exemptions to the submission of drainage plans for stormwater management, all as more specifically set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The City hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are true and correct and does incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

SECTION 2: Chapter 6, Article XVIII, Section 6-692(c) of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, shall be amended and restated to read as follows:

“Sec. 6-692. – Applicability.

...

- (c) No final subdivision plat and no building permit shall be issued until and unless the drainage plan has been reviewed and approved by the director of wastewater department. Notwithstanding the foregoing, installation of additional impervious surface totaling less than 15 percent of the total lot area to any previously improved lot may be exempt from the requirement for submission of a drainage plan upon approval of the superintendent of the wastewater department or upon the grant of a variance by the city council after review of the application for permit for the installation of the surface.”

SECTION 3: In all other respects, Chapter 6, Article XVIII of the Rock Falls Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect as previously adopted and/or amended.

SECTION 4: The provisions and sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be separable and the invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION 5: The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

AYE

NAY

CITY OF ROCK FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2680

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSE FEE INCREASES**

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2680

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 32
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSE FEE INCREASES**

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Falls (“City”) currently provides for the regulation of numerous businesses within the City to which an annual business license fee is required prior to the issuance of a license to operate such business within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Mayor and City Council have determined it in the best interests of the City and its residents to provide for an increase in certain annual business license fees, all as more specifically set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The City hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are true and correct and does incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

SECTION 2: Chapter 16, Article IV, Section 16-174 (1) of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 16-174. – Same – Fee.

(1) Any person seeking a license to do business as a vending machine operator shall pay an annual fee of \$100.00 at the time of such application.”

SECTION 3: Chapter 16, Article IV, Section 16-237 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 16-237. – Same – Fees.

The annual fee for engaging in the business of auctioneer shall be \$150.00.”

SECTION 4: Chapter 16, Article IV, Section 16-321 (b) of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 16-321. – Same – Application; fee.

(b) The annual license fee under this division shall be \$250.00.”

SECTION 5: Chapter 16, Article VI, Section 16-444 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“ Sec. 16-444. Same – fee.

The annual fee for a laundry license shall be \$75.00.”

SECTION 6: Chapter 16, Article VI, Section 16-599 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 16-599. Same – Fee.

The annual fee for a fire extinguisher service license shall be \$75.00.”

SECTION 7: Chapter 16, Article VI, Section 16-778 (b)(1) of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 16-778. Permit or license required.

(b) License for operation.

(1) Upon receipt of an application for a license to operate and maintain a mobile home park, the city shall, if the park is in conformity with this article and all ordinances and codes of the city, issue a license. If the application for a license is declined, the city shall give the reasons therefor in writing to the applicant; and if the objections can be corrected, the applicant may amend his application and resubmit it for approval. Each application for license shall be accompanied by a fee of \$100.00, and the license to operate shall be valid for the period from date of issue to the last day of April next succeeding. Licenses to operate may be renewed annually on May 1 of each year, upon payment of a license fee of \$100.00, but renewal shall be made only after inspection of the park by the building official and certification that the park and the mobile homes located therein comply with all applicable ordinances and building and fire safety codes of the state and the city, and that all water supply and waste disposal facilities of the park comply with all applicable codes and ordinances of the state and the city.

SECTION 8: Chapter 16, Article VII, Section 16-853 (a) of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 16-853. License required; fee.

(a) It is unlawful to conduct or operate a service station in the city without first having obtained a license therefor. The annual fee for such licenses shall be \$5.00 for each pump operated at the location of the service station, except that if the service station is operated as a self-service station, the annual fee shall be \$150.00 per station.”

SECTION 9: Chapter 16, Article VII, Section 16-919 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 16-919. Same – Fee.

The license fee for operating a taxicab business in the city shall be \$150.00.”

SECTION 10: Chapter 16, Article VII, Section 16-925 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code,
as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 16-925. Same – Fee.

The annual fee for a taxicab driver’s license shall be \$35.00 for each person.”

SECTION 11: In all other respects, Chapter 16 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect as previously adopted and/or amended.

SECTION 12: The provisions and sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be separable and the invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION 13: The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION 14: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

Approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

AYE

NAY

CITY OF ROCK FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2681

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO PUBLIC CAMPING**

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF ROCK FALLS

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

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AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC CAMPING WITHIN CORPORATE BOUNDARIES AND OTHER ACTIONS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

FOR THE CITY OF ROCK FALLS, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the Illinois Department of Human Services estimates there were approximately 10,431 Illinoisans experiencing homelessness in 2020; and

WHEREAS, a 2022 study by the United States (U.S.) Department of Housing and Urban Development estimated that 9,212 people were experiencing homelessness in Illinois in January 2022, with an estimated 20.6% of those homeless persons being unsheltered, meaning they have no form of shelter on which to rely; and,

WHEREAS, the estimates provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development “likely underestimate the size of the homeless population because identifying people experiencing homelessness is inherently difficult.” U.S. GOV’T ACCOUNTABILITY OFF., GAO-20-433, HOMELESSNESS: BETTER HUD OVERSIGHT OF DATA COLLECTION COULD IMPROVE ESTIMATES OF HOMELESS POPULATION (2020), available at <https://perma.cc/7ZUQ-U5CE>.

WHEREAS, the American Public Health Association has recognized homelessness as a public health issue, since research shows that homeless individuals (1) suffer “higher mortality rates and chronic disease loads” than non-homeless populations; (2) “overuse emergency services, leading to higher costs for treatment” for all persons; and, (3) with no form of shelter “can exacerbate conditions such as diabetes and hepatitis C” *Housing and Homelessness as a Public Health Issue*, Am. Pub. Health Ass’n (Nov. 7, 2017), <https://www.apha.org/policies-and-advocacy/public-health-policy-statements/policy-database/2018/01/18/housing-and-homelessness-as-a-public-health-issue>; see also Bernard Beall et al., *Invasive Pneumococcal Disease Clusters Disproportionally Impact Persons Experiencing Homelessness, Injecting Drug Users, and the Western United States*, 226 J. Infectious Diseases 332 (2022), available at <https://doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiac058>. (finding that “invasive pneumococcal disease” was “disproportionally represented” in the homeless population when compared against populations not experiencing homelessness); and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness has noted that people “who experience homelessness die nearly 30 years earlier than the average American—and often from easily treatable illnesses.” *Homelessness Data & Trends*, U.S. INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS, <https://www.usich.gov/guidance-reports-data/data-trends> (last visited July 15, 2024); and,

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Falls is a non-home rule Illinois municipality pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1-1-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-4), the City of Rock Falls has those powers conferred upon it by the Illinois Municipal Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Section 1-2-1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-2-1), provides that the corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper; and,

WHEREAS, Section 1-2-1.1 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-2-1.1) empowers the corporate authorities of the municipality to pass ordinances to regulate any matter that is expressly within the powers granted to the municipality by making the violation a misdemeanor punishable by up to six (6) months of incarceration; and,

WHEREAS, Section 1-1-10 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-1-10) empowers the corporate authorities of the municipality to exercise all powers granted to it expressly, by necessity, by the Illinois Municipal Code, by Illinois statute, or by the Illinois Constitution; and,

WHEREAS, Section 11-20-5 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-20-5) empowers the corporate authorities of each municipality to “do all acts and make all regulations which may be necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of diseases”; and,

WHEREAS, Section 11-60-2 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/11-60-2) empowers the corporate authorities of each municipality to define, prevent and abate nuisances; and,

WHEREAS, Section 3-102 of the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act (745 ILCS 10/3-102) obligates the City of Rock Falls to “exercise ordinary care to maintain public property in a reasonably safe condition.” *Bubb v. Springfield Sch. Dist.* 186, 167 Ill. 2d 372, 377 (1995) (citing 745 ILCS 10/3-102); and,

WHEREAS, the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act generally immunizes municipalities from damages claims where the public property was not being used in the manner intended and permitted by the municipality. *See Wojdyla v. City of Park Ridge*, 148 Ill. 2d 417, 421–22 (1992) (*quoting* 745 ILCS 10/3-102(a)) (“Thus, for a pedestrian to be protected in the present circumstances by the statute, he must be an intended and permitted user of the property under the control of the city.”); and,

WHEREAS, in *City of Grants Pass, Oregon v. Johnson*, 603 U.S. ___, 144 S. Ct. 2202 (2024), the United States Supreme Court held that the criminalization of “public camping”, as defined in the City of Grants Pass’s ordinance, did not unconstitutionally infringe on the Eighth Amendment rights of homeless and otherwise unhoused persons within said City; and,

WHEREAS, in *Johnson*, the United States Supreme Court acknowledged that homelessness is a “complex and serious social issue” whose “causes are many” and which “cries out for effective responses” to combat it. *Johnson*, 603 U.S. ___, slip op. at 10, 34; and,

WHEREAS, in *Johnson*, the United States Supreme Court relied heavily on the “stepwise” escalation of penalties in Grants Pass’s ordinance to uphold its constitutionality. *Id.* at 11, 16–17; and,

WHEREAS, in view of the foregoing, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Falls believe that it is appropriate, necessary and in the best interests of the City and its residents, that the City implement a Public Camping Prohibition and related enforcement mechanisms, to address the myriad public concerns that public camping creates.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Falls, as follows:

Section 1: Incorporation of Recitals. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated as findings of fact as if said recitals were fully set forth herein.

Section 2: Chapter 26 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Article IX “Public Camping” to read as follows:

“ARTICLE IX. – PUBLIC CAMPING

Sec. 26-330. - Public Camping as a Nuisance. Public Camping, as the term is defined herein, is hereby declared to be a nuisance within the City of Rock Falls for the reasons identified above.

Sec. 26-331. - Regulation of Public Camping Necessary to Promote Public Health. In an effort to address the public health concerns identified above, the City Council hereby declare it necessary or expedient for the promotion of health or the suppression of diseases, to regulate Public Camping, as that term is defined herein, within the City of Rock Fall’s corporate limits.

Sec. 26-332. - Public Camping Not Intended Use of Public Property. Except for those parcels of property specifically designated by the City in any subsequent ordinance, the City of Rock Falls hereby declares that none of its property is permitted nor intended to be used for Public Camping, as the term is defined herein.

Sec. 26-333. - Definitions. The following definitions apply to this Ordinance:

- (a) “Bedding” means a sleeping bag, or any other material, used for bedding purposes.
- (b) “Campsite” means any physical space that is not within an established structure, where Bedding or any stove or fire is placed, established or maintained for the purpose of maintaining a temporary place to live, whether or not such place incorporates the use of any tent, lean-to, shack or any other structure, or any vehicle or part thereof.
- (c) “Exempt Personal Property” means items which would otherwise constitute Personal Property under the terms of this Ordinance, but which (i) has no apparent utility or monetary value; (ii) Personal Property which is unsanitary to store or otherwise maintain; (iii) any weapon possessed illegally; (iv) drug paraphernalia; (v) items appearing to be stolen or otherwise appearing to be evidence of a crime; (vi) items which the person cannot demonstrate the

requisite lawful authority to possess; and, (vii) any items of food which can reasonably be expected to spoil or otherwise perish within the next 30 days.

- (d) "Personal Property" means any item reasonably recognizable as belonging to a person and having apparent utility or monetary value, except for Exempt Personal Property.
- (e) "Public Camping" means to cause or participate in the establishment of, or the act of remaining in or at, a Campsite.

Sec. 26-334 - Public Camping Prohibited.

- (a) No person may sleep, nor otherwise engage in Public Camping, on a public sidewalk, street, alley, lane, other public right-of-way, park, bench, or any other publicly-owned property, nor on or under any bridge or viaduct, at any time.
- (b) No person may sleep, nor otherwise engage in Public Camping, in any pedestrian or vehicular entrance to public or private property abutting a public right-of-way.
- (c) No person may sleep, nor otherwise engage in Public Camping, on any real property owned or otherwise maintained by the City.

Sec. 26-335. - Exceptions to Prohibition. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall not be a violation to engage in Public Camping when done (i) in a manner specifically authorized by this Code; (ii) after a formal declaration of the City in emergency circumstances; or, (iii) upon resolution of the City Council, the same may exempt a special event from the prohibitions of this section, if the City Council finds such exemption to be in the public interest and consistent with the goals and objectives of the City Council, and with such conditions imposed as the City Council deems necessary. Any conditions imposed will include a condition requiring that the applicant provide evidence of adequate insurance coverage and agree to indemnify the City for any liability, damage or expense incurred by the City as a result of the activities of the applicant. Any findings by the City Council shall specify the exact dates and location covered by the exemption.

Sec. 26-336. - Removal of Campsite. Removal of a Campsite by Law Enforcement Officials in violation of this Ordinance may occur under the following circumstance:

- (a) Prior to removing a Campsite, the City shall post a notice, 24-hours in advance of the removal, unless immediate removal of the Campsite is deemed to be necessary for one of the reasons in subparagraphs 1-4, below. If such immediate removal is undertaken, the basis for causing the immediate removal of such Campsite should be adequately documented by the appropriate person(s).
 - 1. immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary to maintain access to a property;

2. immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary to maintain the sanitary condition of a property;
 3. immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary because the Campsite is an obstruction to any public right-of-way; or,
 4. immediate removal of the Campsite is necessary because the Campsite poses a risk to the health and safety of the City and its residents.
- (b) Upon any action pursuant to Section 8.A, above, the person causing such action to be taken shall inform an appropriate agency delivering social services to homeless individuals in the City, of the location of the Campsite and the persons found to be in violation of this Ordinance, so said agency may determine whether or not it would be appropriate to offer its services to those persons.
- (c) If a 24-hour notice has been posted, and the 24-hour notice period has passed, then the Campsite, as well as all Personal Property thereon, shall be removed by the appropriate person(s) acting on behalf of the city.
- (d) No portion of this Section shall be construed to prohibit any person found to be engaging in Public Camping from removing their Personal Property from the Campsite; however, such Personal Property that constitutes Exempt Personal Property and which a reasonably prudent law enforcement officer, exercising the applicable constitutional standard, would conclude that said Exempt Personal Property constitutes items appearing to be stolen or otherwise appearing to be evidence of a crime, and/or items which the person cannot demonstrate the requisite lawful authority to possess, may be retained and stored as evidence.

Sec. 26-337. - Disposition and Release of Personal Property.

- (a) All Personal Property removed from any Campsite which is not Exempt Personal Property shall be stored by the appropriate law enforcement agency of the City, for a minimum of 30 days, during which time it shall be reasonably available for and released to an individual confirming ownership.
- (b) All Exempt Personal Property may be disposed of or retained as evidence by the appropriate law enforcement agency of the City.

Sec. 26-338. - Penalty; Mitigation.

- (a) The penalty for any person's first violation of this Ordinance within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$75.
- (b) The penalty for any person's second violation of this Ordinance within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$150.

- (c) The penalty for any person's third violation of this Ordinance within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$350.
- (d) The penalty for any person's fourth violation of this Ordinance within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$500.
- (e) The penalty for any person's fifth violation of this Ordinance within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period shall be \$750.
- (f) The penalty for any person's sixth or subsequent violation of this Ordinance within a rolling twenty-four (24) month period may be a monetary penalty of \$750 or incarceration for a period not exceeding the maximum time allowed pursuant to Section 1-2-9 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-2-9).
- (g) As a substitute for any monetary penalty assessed pursuant to paragraphs A–F, above, and if consented to by the city, the penalty assessed to any person found in violation of this Ordinance may be that said person must engage in public service by cleaning the rights-of-way and other public facilities of the city for an amount of time that, if the person found to have violated this Ordinance was being paid the minimum wage under Illinois law, the amount paid for that person's labors would have been equal to the monetary penalty assessed under this Ordinance.
- (h) The city is hereby empowered to exercise all powers afforded to it, at law or in equity, to collect any fines assessed against a person pursuant to this Ordinance, including but not limited to seeking incarceration of said person for a period of time that conforms with Section 1-2-9 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-2-9).
- (i) In the imposition of any penalty pursuant to this Section, the penalty shall be mitigated by whether or not the person immediately removed all Personal Property and litter, including but not limited to bottles, cans, and garbage, from the Campsite after the person was informed that the person was in violation of this Ordinance.
- (j) A separate offense of this Ordinance shall be deemed committed on each 24-hour period on which a violation occurs or continues.
- (k) In addition to any other remedy provided by law or this Ordinance, any person found in violation of this section may be immediately removed from the premises where the Campsite is located.

SECTION 3: Repeal of Conflicting Provisions. All ordinances, resolutions and policies or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are, to the extent of the conflict, expressly repealed on the effective date of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: Severability. If any provision of this Ordinance or application thereof to any person or circumstances is ruled unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such invalidity shall

not affect other provisions or applications of this Ordinance that can be given effect without the invalid application or provision, and each invalid provision or invalid application of this Ordinance is severable.

SECTION 5: Headings/Captions. The headings/captions identifying the various sections and subsections of this Ordinance are for reference only and do not define, modify, expand or limit any of the terms or provisions of the Ordinance.

SECTION 6: Publication. The clerk is directed by the corporate authorities to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage and publication in accordance with Section 1-2-4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/1-2-4).

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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CITY OF ROCK FALLS

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-2682

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE V
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO SPECIAL USE PERMITS**

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF ROCK FALLS

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the City Council of the City of Rock Falls, Illinois,
this _____ day of _____, 2025.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 16, ARTICLE V
OF THE ROCK FALLS MUNICIPAL CODE
RELATING TO SPECIAL USE PERMITS**

WHEREAS, Section 4-1 of the Liquor Control Act of 1934, 235 ILCS 5/1-1 et. seq. (the “Act”), authorizes the Mayor and City Council (collectively, the “Corporate Authorities”) of the City of Rock Falls (the “City”) to establish regulations and restrictions on the sale and consumption of alcoholic liquor not inconsistent with the Act; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has discussed the need of amending certain provisions of the Rock Falls Municipal Code as it relates to fees for Special Use Permits; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined it in the best interests of the City and its residents to amend Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, all as more specifically set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Section 1 as if more fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code, as amended, is hereby further amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 16-390.1. – Special Use Permit License.

(d) Each applicant for special use permit event license shall submit and pay a \$100.00 fee when serving groups over 500 persons or pay a \$50.00 fee when serving groups of under 500 persons, which shall be non-refundable after the license has been issued.”

SECTION 3: In all other respects, Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code shall remain in full force and effect as previously adopted and/or amended.

SECTION 4: The provisions and sections of this Ordinance shall be deemed to be separable and the invalidity of any portion of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION 5: The City Clerk is directed to publish this Ordinance in pamphlet form.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

AYE

NAY

CITY OF ROCK FALLS

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-931

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING JURISDICTION AND
CONTROL OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
(115 W 19th STREET)**

ADOPTED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF ROCK FALLS

THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025

Published in pamphlet form by authority of the City Council of the City of Rock Falls, this _____
day of _____, 2025.

**RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING JURISDICTION AND
CONTROL OF REAL PROPERTY TO THE
INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of Rock Falls (the “City”) is the owner of certain real properties located within the City, being more particularly described on Exhibit A, attached hereto (the “Property”); and

WHEREAS, acting pursuant to the provisions of Section 11-74-4(8) of the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et. seq. (the “Code”), the City has established an Industrial Development Commission (the “Commission”), and invested in said Commission the power and authority described and as authorized within said Section 11-74-4(8) of the Code; and,

WHEREAS, the City has, from time to time, transferred authority and jurisdiction of various parcels of real property owned by the City to the Commission for purposes of development, sale and/or lease; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council (collectively, the “Corporate Authorities”) have considered the needs of the City with respect to the Property and have determined such Property to be surplus property of the City eligible to be transferred to the Commission for purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities have determined it in the best interests of the City and its residents to transfer authority and jurisdiction of said Property to the Commission for the purposes herein stated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois as follows:

SECTION 1: The preambles to this resolution are true and correct and are hereby incorporated in this Section 1 as if more fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2: The City does hereby transfer to the Industrial Development Commission of the City of Rock Falls the authority and jurisdiction over and governing the Property, as more particularly described on Exhibit A, attached hereto, for all purposes in order to accomplish the ends envisioned and to be promoted by Section 11-74-4(8) of the Illinois Municipal Code, and does specifically transfer and convey unto the Industrial Development Commission of the City of Rock Falls the power and authority as set forth and enumerated therein with respect to such Property.

SECTION 3: The provisions and sections of this resolution shall be deemed to be separable, and the invalidity of any portion of this resolution shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

SECTION 4: All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 5: This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law.

Passed by the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Rock Falls on the _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

AYE

NAY

EXHIBIT A

Commonly known as: 1115 W 19th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

PIN: 11-33-307-001

Lot 8 in Block 1 of Fairview Subdivision No. 5 as located in the Southwest Quarter of Section 33, Township 21 North, Range 7 East of the 4th P.M., City of Rock Falls, Whiteside County, Illinois; according to the Plat thereof recorded October 1, 1953 in Plat Book 9, page 18.

February 12, 2025

Mayor and City Council
City of Rock Falls
603 W. 10th Street
Rock Falls, Illinois 61071

Re: Section 25-00000-00-GM
General Maintenance

Dear Mayor and City Council:

Material proposals were received and read on Wednesday, February 12th, for your 2025 MFT General Maintenance activities. All proposals were reviewed for accuracy and completeness and a copy of the Schedule of Prices from each submitting material vendor is attached.

I recommend that Rock Falls accept all unit price bids from each vender, as listed below:

Helm Materials, Inc. (all materials from Palmyra Quarry);
Group II, Bituminous Patching Mix (UPM) @ \$140.00 per ton
Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt @ \$58.00 per ton
Aggregate Surface Course, Type B (CA-6) @ \$8.25 per ton

Rock River Ready Mix, Inc.;
Portland Cement Concrete, IDOT Class PV @ \$135.00 per cubic yard

Quality Ready Mix Concrete;
Portland Cement Concrete, IDOT Class PV @ \$143.00 per cubic yard

Sterling Steel Warehouse, Inc.;
Reinforcement Bars @ \$0.70 per pound

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the unit price bids, or the recommendation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours very truly,

BFENGINEERING, LLC

By 

Brian Frickenstein, P.E., S.E.

BDF: bf

Encl.

C: Michelle Conklin, City Clerk
Dave Miller