



City of Rock Falls

Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 2/23/2026 Time Meeting Started: 8:15 am Time Meeting Ended: 8:55 am

Members		Also Attended	
Tom Myers - Chairman	A	Ted Padilla	X
Aldersperson McKanna - Vice Chairman	X	Shea Smith	X
Aldersperson Wangelin	X	Larry Hanrahan	A
Aldersperson Dowd	X	Diane Shepherd	X
Mayor Kleckler	X	Administrator Blackert	X
Shane Brown	A	Matt Cole - City Attorney	X
Ed Cox	X	Jenna Kuster	X

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
CALL TO ORDER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 am 	Meeting begin at 8:15 am
Review of Minutes from January 26, 2026 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A motion was made by Aldersperson Wangelin and a second by Ed Cox to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026. 	Motion carried, minutes approved
Utility Office: Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Shepherd reported new utility clerk is scheduled to start on Monday, March 2nd. 	No Action
Utility Office: Whiteside County Late Fees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cheryl Lee and Kurt Studnicki from Whiteside County Health Department requested late fees be waived from account. A motion was made by Aldersperson Dowd and a second by Ed Cox to deny request to waive late fees. 	Motion carried
Utility Office: Review Proposal for New Irrigation Rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diane Shepherd presented proposal for new irrigation rate. A motion was made by Aldersperson McKanna and a second by Aldersperson Wangelin to change from on-peak/off-peak billing rate schedule to an irrigation billing rate schedule (existing off-peak billing rate). Matt Cole will draw up ordinance for City Council approval. 	Motion carried, to City Council
Water Department: Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla reported on EPA approval for changes on required testing. Updates on PFA reporting 	No Action
Water Department: Review Quote for 2-12" EZ Valves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla reviewed quote received for installation of 2-12" EZ valves. A motion was made by Aldersperson Wangelin and a second by Aldersperson Dowd to approve quote for installation of 2-12" EZ valves as part of the East 11th Street Bridge project from Midwest Chlorinating, Inc. in the amount of \$22,500 and forward to City Council for approval. 	Motion carried, to City Council
Water Department: Review quote for work on Well #7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ted Padilla reviewed quote for work on Well #7. A motion was made by Aldersperson McKanna and a second by Ed Cox to waive bidding of project on Well #7. A motion was made by Aldersperson McKanna and a second by Aldersperson Wangelin to 	Motions carried, to City Council

	approve quote received from Municipal Well & Pump of 17656 S John Deere Rd, Dubuque, IA in the amount of \$41,410 and forward to City Council.	
Wastewater Department: Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shea Smith reported work being clearing sanitary/storm drains. A brick manhole was discovered and will be a bigger fix than originally thought (work should happen this year). • Work on lift stations continues. 	No Action
Wastewater Department: Review quote for Upgrade to PLC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shea Smith reviewed quote received from SCADAware for upgrade to each PLC. A motion was made by Ed Cox and a second by Alderperson McKanna to waive bidding as a sole source provider. A motion was made by Ed Cox and a second by Alderperson Wangelin to approve quote received from SCADAware of 2023 Eagle Rd, Normal, IL in the amount of \$68,460 and forward to City Council for approval. 	Motions carried, to City Council
Electric Department: Superintendent Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robbin Blackert reported Larry Hanrahan is in Washington DC for meetings. 	No Action
Electric Department: Review Updated Letter of Recommendation from BHMG	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robbin Blackert reviewed the updated letter of recommendation from BHMG (only the total amount changes). A motion was made by Alderperson Wangelin and a second by Alderperson Dowd to approve purchase of Federal Pacific switchgear and related equipment from Fletcher Reinhardt, 3105 Corporate Exchange Ct, Bridgeton, MO 63044 based upon the Letter of Recommendation from BHMG in the revised amount of \$586,360 and forward to City Council. 	Motion carried, to City Council
City Attorney: Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	No Action
Utility Manager: Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	No Action
Committee Member Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	No Action
Next Meeting Date & Time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2026 at 8:15 am in Council Chambers. 	No Action
Adjournment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am 	Meeting ends at 8:55 am



Committee Vice Chairman