

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 March 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 Byrd, Doane, Dowd, Stahr, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Absent Alderman Wangelin.

Audience request:

None

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

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1-4 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of minutes from the February 17, 2026, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approve Mayoral Appointment of Alderman Nathan Stahr as Chairman of the Finance Insurance Investment Committee
4. Refer Application for Variance for real estate located at 1317 Dixon Avenue, Rock Falls IL to the Planning Zoning Commission

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

Vote 6 aye, (Recused #3 – Alderman Stahr) motion carried.

Ordinance for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2026-2726 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V, Section 16-389 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Sunday Sales, Liquor Classifications and License Fees
A motion was made by Alderman Stahr to approve Ordinance 2026-2726 - Amending Chapter 16, Article V, Section 16-389 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Sunday Sales, Liquor Classifications and License Fees for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 5 aye, 1-no (Alderman Doane), motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2026-2727 – Authorizing Variance from Accessory Structure Limitations – 600 E 17th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2026-2727 - Authorizing Variance from Accessory Structure Limitations – 600 E 17th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071 for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

3. Ordinance 2026-2728 – Authorizing Disposal of Street Department Unused Equipment – 2014 STEPP Hot Patcher and an Ingersoll-Rand Air Compressor
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2026-2728 - Authorizing Disposal of Street Department Unused Equipment – 2014 STEPP Hot Patcher and an Ingersoll-Rand Air Compressor for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Arduini.
Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve quote received from Midwest Chlorinating, Inc. of 221 N. Emerald Drive, McHenry, IL for the installation of 2 – 12” EZ Valves as part of the East 11th Street Bridge project in the amount of \$22,500.00.
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve quote received from Midwest Chlorinating, Inc. of 221 N. Emerald Drive, McHenry, IL for the installation of 2 – 12” EZ Valves as part of the East 11th Street Bridge project in the amount of \$22,500.00 and second by Alderwoman Byrd.
Vote 6 aye, motion carried.
2. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding on the repairs to Well #7
A motion was made by Alderwoman Arduini to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding on the repairs to Well #7 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.
Vote 6 aye, motion carried.
3. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote received from Municipal Well & Pump, 17656 S John Deere Rd, Dubuque, IA for the repairs to Well #7 in the amount of \$41,410.00
A motion was made by Alderwoman Arduini to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote received from Municipal Well & Pump, 17656 S John Deere Rd, Dubuque, IA for the repairs to Well #7 in the amount of \$41,410.00 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.
Vote 6 aye, motion carried.
4. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding for Wastewater Treatment Plant PLC Upgrades
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding for Wastewater Treatment Plant PLC Upgrades and second by Alderwoman Arduini
Vote 6 aye, motion carried
5. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote received from SCADAware, 2023 Eagle Road, Normal, IL for Wastewater Treatment Plant PLC Upgrades in the amount of \$68,460.00
A motion was made by Alderwoman Byrd to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote received from SCADAware, 2023 Eagle Road, Normal, IL for Wastewater Treatment Plant PLC Upgrades in the amount of \$68,460.00 and second by Alderman Stahr.
Vote 6 aye, motion carried
6. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the recommendation from BHMG Engineers for purchase of Federal Pacific switchgears and related equipment from Fletcher Reinhardt, 3105 Corporate Exchange Ct, Bridgeton, MO in a revised amount of \$586,360.00
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the recommendation from BHMG Engineers for purchase of

Federal Pacific switchgears and related equipment from Fletcher Reinhardt, 3105 Corporate Exchange Ct, Bridgeton, MO in a revised amount of \$586,360.00 and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

7. Approve recommendation from BF Engineering LLC to accept all Motor Fuel Tax 2026 General Maintenance material proposals:
 - a. Helm Materials, Inc.;
Group II, Bituminous Patching Mix (UPM) @ \$145.00 per ton
Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt @ \$62.00 per ton
Aggregate Surface Course, Type B (CA-2 and CA-6) @ \$8.25 per ton
 - b. Rock River Ready Mix, Inc.;
Portland Cement Concrete, IDOT Class PV @ \$141.00 per cubic yard
 - c. Martin & Company Excavating;
Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt @ \$68.00 per ton

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the recommendation from BF Engineering LLC to accept all Motor Fuel Tax 2026 General Maintenance material proposals:

Helm Materials, Inc.; Group II, Bituminous Patching Mix (UPM) @ \$145.00 per ton, Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt @ \$62.00 per ton, Aggregate Surface Course, Type B (CA-2 and CA-6) @ \$8.25 per ton

Rock River Ready Mix, Inc.; Portland Cement Concrete, IDOT Class PV @ \$141.00 per cubic yard

Martin & Company Excavating; Bituminous Hot Mix Asphalt @ \$68.00 per ton
And second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 6 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator Blackert mentioned that the Finance Committee meeting will be moved to April 1, 2026, for budget discussion from 8:15 – 3:30.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the recommendation from the Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee to approve the updated Accounting Clerk Job Description and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

None

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

Vote via voice, all approved (5:48 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk