

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 5:31 p.m. on March 17, 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 Wangelin, Byrd, Doane, Dowd, Stahr, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert and Assistant City Administrator Gabbi McKanna were present.

Public Hearing:

- For the purpose of discussing the proposed replacement of 335 lead or galvanized water service lines requiring replacement in the city.

Entered Public Hearing at 5:32pm.

A representative from Willet Hofmann presented information on the proposed replacement of 335 lead or galvanized water service lines requiring replacement in the city during the public hearing. He gave the Project Need, Project Scope and Location, Project Cost Estimate, Project Financing, Cost Impact to Users, Environmental Impacts, and Project Schedule.

Question was asked by Alderman Doane as to where the map of locations would be located and it was stated that it would be available in the Business Office.

Exited Public Hearing at 5:41 pm by Mayor Kleckler.

Audience request:

None

Proclamation:

- Proclaiming April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.
Proclamation was read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez
A motion was made by Alderman Doane to approve the Proclamation for Proclaiming April 2026 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote via voice, all approve, motion carried.

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

None

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of minutes from the March 3, 2026, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2026-2729 – Amending Chapter 32, Section 32-435 Regarding Irrigation System Rates
A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2026-2729 – Amending Chapter 32, Section 32-435 Regarding Irrigation System Rate for first reading and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2026-2730 – Amending Chapter 32, Article VI, Solid Waste.
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2026-2730 – Amending Chapter 32, Article VI, Solid Waste for first reading and second by Alderwoman Byrd.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2026-2731 – Amending Chapter 16 and 34 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Zoning Changes for Tattoo Parlors and Cannabis Dispensaries
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2026-2731 – Amending Chapter 16 and 34 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Zoning Changes for Tattoo Parlors and Cannabis Dispensaries for first reading and second by Alderman Doane.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

- City Administrator Blackert stated that the Finance Committee will meet on April 1, 2026, at 8:30 am and go all day for budget discussions.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

Alderman Doane stated that he has received some estimates for murals to be placed in the city.

Alderwoman Sobottka stated to make sure to go and vote, polls open until 7 pm.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kleckler stated that he is accepting nominations for Ward 1 vacancy and he has a form for the candidate to fill out.

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

Vote via voice, all approved (5:51 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk