

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 April 1, 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, Dowd, Stahr, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Absent Alderwoman Arduini.

Audience request:

None

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

None

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of March 18, 2025, 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 McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2025-934 – 2025 Fiesta Day Parade

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Resolution 2025-934 – 2025 Fiesta Day Parade and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote via voice. All approved, motion carried.

Ordinance 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2025-2691 – Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2691 – Approving Annual Purchase Power Adjustment for first reading and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2025-2692 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance – Fiscal Year 2025

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2025-2692 – Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance – Fiscal Year 2025 for first reading and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading & Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2025-2689 – Amending Chapter 18 – Handicap Parking Designations on Avenue A.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2025-2689 – Amending Chapter 18 – Handicap Parking Designations on Avenue A for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2025-2690 – Authorizing the City of Rock Falls of Whiteside County, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2025-2690 – Authorizing the City of Rock Falls of Whiteside County, Illinois to Borrow Funds from the Public Water Supply Loan Program for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Approval of the tentative contract with TWM Engineering for Rebuild Illinois / Motor Fuel Tax Funded Projects.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the tentative contract with TWM Engineering for Rebuild Illinois / Motor Fuel Tax Funded Projects and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

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 to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Whiteside County Health Department and the City of Rock Falls (Animal Control Agreement) and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the first reading of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budgets 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 approve the proposal from TH Pumps, 5619 Pike Rd, Loves Park, IL 61111 for the replacement of 6 backwash pumps in the amount of \$23,110.00 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 award the low bid for Metering Cabinet Upgrades to Tri-City Electric, 6225 N Brady St, Davenport, IA 52806 in the amount of \$149,000.00 and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to award the low bid for Lube Oil Upgrades to Mercury Governor, 245 Campbell Rd, York, PA 17402 in the amount of \$518,853.00 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 award the bid for PLC Panel Upgrades to Mercury Governor, 245 Campbell Rd, York, PA 17402 in the amount of \$1,063,562.00 as the bid proposed has a much more complete upgrade package over the minimum bid requirements and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to award the low bid for Relay Panel Installations to Tri-City Electric, 6225 N Brady St, Davenport, IA 52806 in the amount of \$149,975.00 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 on the Hydro Plant Testing & Commissioning as part of the Hydro Plant Upgrades Project and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote from Quad Plus, 15941 S Harlem Ave, Tinley Park, IL 60477 for the Hydro Plant Testing & Commissioning in the amount of \$45,933.60 and second Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to accept the proposal for Engineering Services with Kleinschmidt Associates, 525 Junction Rd, Madison, WI 52717 for the Drop-Down Gates Project at the Hydro Plant in the amount of \$31,800.00 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 Alderwoman Sobottka to move into Executive Session and second by Alderman Wangelin. (5:46 p.m.)

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Any action taken from Executive Session:

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve wage increase for contractual and non-contractual employees and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderwoman McKanna.
Vote via voice, all approved (5:54 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk