

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 May 5, 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, Dowd, Stahr, Arduini, and Sobottka. Alderman Doane being absent. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert and Assistant City Administrator Gabbi McKanna were present.

Oath of Office: - Mark Searing – Ward 1 Alderperson

City Clerk Pam Martinez read the Oath of Office for Mark Searing to Ward 1 Alderperson for his swearing in.

Audience Request:

None

Community Affairs: Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda was read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of minutes from the April 21, 2026, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Approve the reappointment of Terry Gisi to the Police Pension Board for a 2-year term (05-01-2026 to 04-30-2026)

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

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Approval of Agreement for Hearing Services between the cities of Sterling, Illinois, Rock Falls, Illinois and Timothy J Slavin.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Agreement for Hearing Services between the cities of Sterling, Illinois, Rock Falls, Illinois and Timothy J Slavin and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

2. Approve a Development Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and Scott A. Wolber.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve a Development Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and Scott A. Wolber and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator Blackert is watching HB1283 – Motor Fuel Tax increase – IML has stated that it might be put with another bill, but not much support right now because of the high gas prices.

Rock Falls Tourism: Melinda Jones

Melinda gave City Council an update on all the events that are planned for the Summer starting in June and going through October. All events can be found on their website.
Visitrockfalls.com

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the Utility Office Write-Off's for January 2026 through March 2026 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase of new water meters from Ferguson Waterworks, 1720 State St., DeKalb, IL 60115 in the amount of \$35,259.60 and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve a sixty-month extended service coverage contract for nine generators from Altorfer 8400 6th St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 in the total amount of \$124,740.00 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote from Kirby Cable Service, PO Box 37, Pecatonica, IL 61063 for directional boring at River View Drive and Humber Lane, Rock Falls, IL in the amount of \$62,794.50 and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase of a new bucket truck for the Electric Department from Altec, P.O. Box 11407, Birmingham, AL 35246 in the amount of \$343,516.00 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve a one-year SCADA software support plan from Survalent, 1967 Wehrle Drive, Buffalo, NY 14221 in the amount of \$15,022.00 and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase of a new Eaton UPS System from William & Mary Computer Center, 812 12th Ave, Rock Falls, IL 61071 in the amount of \$17,450.00 and second by Alderman Stahr.

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase and installation of a bypass switch panel for UPS system from Helm, 1514 W Fourth St, Sterling, IL 61081 in the amount of \$5,500.00 and second by Alderman Stahr.

Vote 7 aye, motion carries.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Recommendation from the Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee to approve the same signing authority for the Assistant City Administrator as the City Administrator and second by Alderman Searing.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

A motion was made by alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Recommendation from the Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee to approve the increase of the spending limit from \$22,000.00 to \$25,000.00 for the City Administrator and Assistant City Administrator and second by Alderman Wangelin

Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Alderman welcomed Mark back to Ward 1 City Council seat.

Mayor's Report:

None

Executive Session:

None

Adjournment

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

Vote via voice, all approved (5:54 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk