

# 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 19, 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 Searing, Wangelin, Byrd, Doane, Dowd, Stahr, and Arduini. In addition, Attorney Tim Zollinger and City Administrator Robbin Blackert and Assistant City Administrator Gabbi McKanna were present. Absent Alderwoman Sobottka.

### **Jerry Celletti, VFW Post 5418**

- Donation to the City of Rock Falls Veterans Park  
Mayor Kleckler stated that there will be a donation of \$12,500.00 to Veterans Park.

### **Rock Falls Fire Department**

- Matt Oswalt – Promotional Pinning to the position of Captain  
Chief Sommers presented Matt Oswalt with his pin of Captain.
- Presentation of a Unit Citation Award  
Chief Sommers presented B Shift with this award for their life saving measures from a November 2025, cardiac resuscitation. Captain Derick Newton, Captain Matt Oswalt, Fire Fighter Brian McPhillips and Fire Fighter Cameron Gonzalez.

### **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 May 5, 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 Alderman Searing.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

### **Ordinance 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption:**

1. Ordinance 2026-2736 – Vacating Part of Fourth Avenue  
A motion was made by Alderman Searing to approve Ordinance 2026-2736 – Vacating Part of Fourth Avenue for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Byrd.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**
2. Ordinance 2026-2737 – Authorizing Acceptance of Donation of Real Property (1507 W Rock Falls Road).

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2026-2737 – Authorizing Acceptance of Donation of Real Property (1507 W Rock Falls Road) for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Arduini.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

**Resolutions:**

1. Resolution 2026-947 – Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement for Hearing Officer Services – Alternate Hearing Officer  
A motion was made by Alderwoman Byrd to approve Resolution 2026-947 – Authorizing Mayor to Execute Agreement for Hearing Officer Services – Alternate Hearing Officer and second by Alderman Searing.  
**Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.**
2. Resolution 2026-948 – Consenting to Re-Subdivision Request in Glen’s Garden Subdivision  
A motion was made by Alderman Searing to approve Resolution 2026-948 – Consenting to Re-Subdivision Request in Glen’s Garden Subdivision and second by Alderman Wangelin.  
**Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.**

**City Administrator Assistant McKanna:**

1. Approve the Side Letter Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union No. 196 for the terms and conditions of compensation for the position of Meter, Generation Department  
A motion was made by Alderman Searing to approve the Side Letter Agreement between the City of Rock Falls and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Union No. 196 for the terms and conditions of compensation for the position of Meter, Generation Department and second by Alderman Stahr.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**
2. Approve Lease Agreement with Leaf Capital Funding, LLC, 1720A Crete St, Moberly, MO 65270 for a Sharp BP-71C31 Copier System for a cost of \$216.00 per month for 60 months.  
A motion was made by Alderman Dowd to approve the Lease Agreement with Leaf Capital Funding, LLC, 1720A Crete St., Moberly, MO 65270 for a Sharp BP-71C31 Copier System for a cost of \$216.00 per month for 60 months and second by Alderwoman Arduini.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**
3. Approve a Live Performance Agreement with Mike Baker for the Ring of Fire performance.  
A motion was made by Alderman Doane to approve a Live Performance Agreement with Mike Baker for the Ring of Fire performance and second by Alderman Stahr.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**
4. Approve Quote from OnMedia, 6300 Rockwell Dr NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 in the amount of \$1,250.00 for Bellson Fest and Taco Throwdown advertising.  
A motion was made by Alderwoman Byrd to approve a quote from OnMedia, 6300 Rockwell Dr. NE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52402 in the amount of \$1,250.00 for Bellson Fest and Taco Throwdown advertising and second by Alderman Wangelin.  
**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

**Rock Falls Tourism: Melinda Jones**

Melinda gave the Electric Department a Thank You for putting up all of the Hero's Banners, 59 of them.

Memorial Day events, 9:00 am Lower Dam, 11:00 am Coloma Township Cemetery and 3:00 pm at Veterans Park with Rifle Volley and Taps.

**City Attorney:**

None

**City Departments:**

None

**Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests**

Alderman Searing stated West 1<sup>st</sup> Street has been repaved and looks very nice. Walkway under the bridge (1<sup>st</sup> Ave) is almost finished and looks very nice.

**Mayor's Report:**

None

**Executive Session:**

None

**Adjournment**

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

**Vote via voice, all approved (5:45 p.m.)**

*Pamela Martinez*

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk