

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 June 4, 2024, 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, Alderman McKanna, Wangelin, Snow, Byrd, Dowd, Dornes, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Public Hearing:

- Public Hearing for the purpose of receiving written or oral comments from the citizens regarding the proposed Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year commencing, May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2025.
 - The Public Hearing was entered at 5:31 p.m. and Mayor Kleckler asked if there were any written or oral comments – none presented. Mayor Kleckler closed the Public Hearing at 5:32 p.m.

Audience request:

None.

Community Affairs:

Sam Smith, President /CEO of the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce presented information on the May Garage Sales days and Summer Splash, June 21 & 22, 2024 at the RB&W park

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the May 21, 2024, 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 Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2024-2652 – Amending Section 16-387.1 to Impose Fines for Failure to Maintain Required Basset Certifications.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2652 – Amending Section 16-387.1 to Impose Fines for Failure to Maintain Required Basset Certification for first reading and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2024-2653 – Amending Chapter 32, Section 32-24 Regarding Utility Service Disconnection and Reconnection.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2024-2653 – Amending Chapter 32, Section 32-24 Regarding Utility Service Disconnection and Reconnection for first reading and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2024-2647 – Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025 (Beginning May 1, 2024, and Ending April 30, 2025).
A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2024-2647 – Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2025 (Beginning May 1, 2024, and Ending April 30, 2025) for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2024-2648 – Approving Increases to the Salaries of Elected Officials.
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2024-2648 – Approving Increases to Salaries of Elected Officials second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2024-2649 – Amending Chapter 18, Article IX, Section 18-257, Administrative Fee for Towed and Impounded Vehicles; storage fees.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2649 – Amending Chapter 18, Article IX, Section 18-257, Administrative Fee for Towed and Impounded Vehicles; storage fees for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.
Vote 6 aye, 2 no (Dornes, Arduini), motion carries.
4. Ordinance 2024-2650 – Authorizing Disposal of a 1980 Balko Trailer.
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2024-2650 – Authorizing Disposal of a 1980 Balko Trailer for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
5. Ordinance 2024-2651 – Amending Chapter 16, Article II of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Licensure at RB&W Qualified Public Events.
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2024-2651 - Amending Chapter 16, Article II of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Licensure at RB&W Qualified Public Events for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Snow.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Approval to enter into an agreement with Daupler, Inc., 8024 Conser St, Overland Park, KS 66204 in the amount of \$15,000.00 to provide dispatch services for after-hours utility calls and non-emergency calls.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the entering into an agreement with Daupler, Inc., 8024 Conser St, Overland Park, KS 66204 in the amount of \$15,000.00 to provide dispatch services for after-hours utility calls and non-emergency calls and second by Alderwoman McKanna.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.
2. Update on US EPA Grant
Administrator Blackert gave an update on the US EPA Grant. Community involvement through Town Hall Meetings to talk about assessment and clean up .

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

Melinda Jones, Tourism Director, gave information on Bellson Fest, Saturday, June 8, at RB&W Park and Monday Sick the Magazine Monday, June 10, bringing in over 300 cars. Downtown area Block Party.

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

Alderman Snow stated John Watts held a wonderful event last Sunday – Touch a Truck, families enjoyed the event.

Alderwoman Sobottka stated Army Corporal Richard Seloover, the young man that was lost in the Korean War was laid to rest today with full Military Honors at Coloma Township Cemetery.

Mayor's Report:

None.

Executive Session:

1. Section 2(c)(2) – Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules.
2. Purchase or Lease of Real Estate – Section 2(c)(5) – Included general discussion of whether land should be purchased or leased by the public body.
A motion was made by Alderman Snow to move into Executive Session and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried 5:56 p.m.

Action taking from Executive Session

1. Section 2(c)(2) – Collective negotiating matters and deliberations concerning salary schedules.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the side letter with wage scale and an effective date of July 1, 2024, and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to adjourn and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote via voice, all approved (6:19 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk