

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 July 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, Byrd, Doane, Dowd, Stahr, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Tim Zollinger and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience request:

Misty Friedl brought to the City Council a new business that she is starting 'After 6'. It will be at the church by Dillon School, 2002 9th Ave, Rock Falls, IL, 61071. After 6 is a non-profit designed to help women and children through music, arts and gardening.

Matt Hicks:

Matt Hicks, board president, presented City Council with an update on Sauk Valley Ski Shows and the proposals for Swards Park improvements, the site where the Ski Shows will take place.

Mr. Hicks is working on fundraisers to fund the improvements that will be made at the park. New signage will be placed soon at Swards Park with Park and Ski Show logos.

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 minutes from the June 17, 2025, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2025-2699 – Amending Chapter 18, Article V Stop and Yield Intersections.
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-2699 – Amending Chapter 18, Article V Stop and Yield Intersections and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2025-2700 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Providing for a Class D-3 Liquor License.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-2700 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Providing for a Class D-3 Liquor License and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2025-937 – Authorizing the Extended Term of the Municipal Insurance Cooperative Agency Insurance Pool and Approving its Amended By-Laws.
A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Resolution 2025-937 – Authorizing the Extended Term of the Municipal Insurance Cooperative Agency Insurance Pool and Approving its Amended By-Laws and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote via Voice, all approved, motion carried.

City Administrator:

None

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase of a 2025 walk-behind trencher and 2025 trailer from Vermeer Midwest, 1801 179th Street North, East Moline, IL 61244 in the amount of \$33,674.59 and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the purchase of a 2025 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 truck with plow package from Kunes Auto Group, 2811 North Locust Street, Sterling, IL 61081 in the amount of \$65,551.10 and second by Alderman Dowd.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee to approve the change for GLP-1 Health Insurance Coverage with the implementation of the EnCircleRX Program with Continuation of Treatment as of 01/01/2026 and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

The new waste management company Midwest Disposal has the new toters out and all old Morning/Republic toters should be placed on the curb until picked up. There are several around town that need to be placed by the curbs.

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