

City of Rock Falls

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Rock Falls City Council Agenda
Council Chambers
603 W 10th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

July 7, 2026
5:30 p.m.

Please note: This Public Meeting may be audio and/or video recorded

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Audience Requests

Community Affairs - Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the June 16, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2026-2741 - Amending Chapter 24 Signs - Prohibited in Residential Districts; Exceptions
2. Ordinance 2026-2742 - Amending Chapter 16, Article V, Division 1 Alcoholic Liquor; Generally
3. Ordinance 2026-2743 - Amending Chapter 16, Article V, Division 1 Alcoholic Liquor; Generally
4. Ordinance 2026-2744 - Disposal of a 1962 Clark Forklift (Street Department)

Resolution:

1. Resolution 2026-949 - Committing Funds for Operation of a Joint Fire Training Center to Comply with Receipt of Grant Funding

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

1. Approve Letter of Support to IDOT for an ADA MUP Path along IL Route 30 and IL Route 40

2. Approve Agreement with Vic Rouleau, Holcombe, WI to display a large-scale sculpture as part of the Art in the Park Sculpture Walk & Outdoor Art Gallery in the amount of \$1,250.00
3. Approve Agreement with James Haire, Ft, Collins, CO to display a large-scale sculpture as part of the Art in the Park Sculpture Walk & Outdoor Art Gallery in the amount of \$1,250.00
4. Approve 120 month contract with Axon Enterprises Inc, for Axon Community Link Software at a cost of \$4,785.77 per year
5. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to adopt a new Sewer Adjustment Policy
6. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to accept the IEPA Loan Award of \$1,498,000.00 for work to be done at the Rock Falls Water Plant, with 27% (\$404,460.00) principal forgiveness with the remaining balance of \$1,093,540.00 to be paid back with an interest rate of 1.62% over 20 years.
7. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to accept the IEPA Loan award of \$3,218,000.00 for the replacement of 335 galvanized service lines requiring replacement with 80% (\$2,574,400.00) principal forgiveness with remaining balance of \$643,600.00 to be paid back with an interest rate of 0% over 30 years.
8. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote from Quad Plus Testing, 15941 S. Harlem Ave #222, Tinley Park, IL 60477 in the amount of \$79,426.00 for the maintenance testing of Avenue A Substation
9. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve quote from Quad Plus Testing 15941 S. Harlem Ave #222, Tinley Park, IL 60477 in the amount of \$14,100.00 for the installation and testing of one Messko Breather at the Centennial Park Substation
10. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve quote from Quad Plus Testing 15941 S. Harlem Ave #222, Tinley Park, IL 60477 in the amount of \$29,850.00 for the purchase and installation of one Inertiaire dry nitrogen regulation system at the Centennial Park Substation
11. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve quote from Quad Plus Testing 15941 S. Harlem Ave #222, Tinley Park, IL 60477 in the amount of \$241,332.00 for the re-placement of the Centennial Park transformer load tap changer
12. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve quote from PSE 2424 Rimrock Road, Suite 300, Madison, WI 53713 in the amount of \$27,000.00 for updating all South 14th Avenue Substation drawings
13. Approve recommendation from Willett, Hofmann & Associates to award the bid for the City of Rock Falls' Street Department Building Concrete Apron Project to Twin City Construction, 20581 Pilgrim Road, Chadwick, Illinois 61014 for their bid or \$29,700.00
14. Approve Customer Value Agreement with Altorfer, Inc., 8400 6th St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 for CAT 265-05XPS
15. Approve Customer Value Agreement with Altorfer, Inc., 8400 6th St SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404 for CAT 938M
16. Approval to allow the Street Department to purchase a used forklift not to exceed \$10,000.00

Information/Correspondence

Matt Cole, City Attorney

Corey Buck, City Engineer

Aldersperson Reports/Committee Chairman Requests

Ward 1

Aldersperson Bill Wangelin – Public Works/Public Property Committee Chairman

Aldersperson Mark Searing

Ward 2

Alderson Vickey Byrd – Tourism Committee Chairman

Alderson Marshall Doane

Ward 3

Alderson Steve Dowd – Police Fire Committee Chairman

Alderson Nathan Stahr – Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee Chairman

1. Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the purchase of a 2026 Chevy Tahoe PPV AWD for the Police Chief from Red Rock Emergency Vehicles, Fergus Falls, MN in the amount of \$68,282.00 fully outfitted
2. Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the purchase of two 2026 Chevy Tahoe PPV AWD patrol vehicles from Red Rock Emergency Vehicles, Fergus Falls, MN in the amount of \$173,832.72 fully outfitted
3. Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve a three-year lease purchase of the two 2026 Chevy Tahoe PPV AWD patrol vehicles through Tax Exempt Leasing Corp, Thompson's Station, TN with payments due in arrears. First payment will be due in FY 2028 in the amount of \$56,313.40
4. Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates for design services for the development of a Long-Range Development Plan for the new Fire Training Facility in the amount of \$26,500.00

Ward 4

Alderson Violet Sobottka – Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee Chairman

Alderson Cathy Arduini

Mayor's Report:

Executive Session:

1. Enter into Executive Session for the purposes of:
 - a. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline and performance

Any Action taken from Executive Session

Next City Council Meeting – July 21, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Posted: July 2, 2026

Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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