

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 August 6, 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, Aldermen Wangelin, Snow, Byrd, Arduini, and Sobottka. Absent Alderman McKanna, Dowd and Dornes. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

Audience request:

None.

Community Affairs:

None.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Approval of the minutes of the July 16, 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 Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2024-2659 – Amending Chapter 20 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Nuisance Greenery.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2659 – Amending Chapter 20 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Nuisance Greenery for first reading and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 4 aye, 1 no (Arduini), motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2024-2660 – Amending Chapter 26 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Sidewalk Snow Removal within the Downtown Business Area.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance Amending Chapter of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Sidewalk Snow Removal within the Downtown Business Area for first reading and second by alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:-

1. Ordinance 2024-2657 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Requiring Dedicated Telephone Service at ALL Licensed Premises.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Ordinance 2024-2657 – Amending Chapter 16, Article V of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Requiring Dedicated Telephone Service at ALL Licensed Premises for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2024-2658 – Amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to the Office of City Administrator.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2024-2658 – Amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to the Office of the City Administrator for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. City Administrator Blackert asked to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, 809 East 2nd Street, Dixon, IL for IEPA Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund program funding for Wastewater System Improvements for \$19,500.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve Engineering Services Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, 809 East 2nd Street, Dixon, IL for IEPA Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund program funding for Wastewater System Improvements for \$19,500.00 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

2. Amendment No. 2 to the Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, 809 East 2nd Street, Dixon, IL in the amount of \$16,500.00 for the Watermain Replacement Phase 2 Project.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the Amendment No. 2 to the Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, 809 East 2nd Street, Dixon, IL in the amount of \$16,500.00 for the Watermain Replacement Phase 2 Project and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

3. Approve Quote from Renewal by Andersen, 3307 W. Farmington Road, Peoria, IL 61604 for replacement of windows at the Rock Falls Electric Department for \$20,539.00.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the quote from Renewal by Andersen, 3307 W. Farmington Road, Peoria, IL 61604 for replacement of windows at the Rock Falls Electric Department for \$20,539.00 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

Tourism Director, Melinda Jones:

1. Approve the closure of East 2nd Street from Avenue A to Wood Avenue on August 16, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for Eats 'n' Beats.

A motion was made by Alderman Snow to approve the closure of East 2nd Street from Avenue A to Wood Avenue on August 16, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. for Eats 'n' Beats and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

2. Approve a Public Event License to Taste of Fiesta for September 7, 2024.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve a Public Event License to Taste of Fiesta for September 7, 2024, and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Public Works/Public Property Committee to vacate a portion of Avenue E and second by Alderwoman Sobottka. Attorney Cole stated this will come back to Council as an Ordinance.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Public Works/Public Property to approve the proposal from Turnroth Sign Co, Inc., 1207 E Rock Falls Road, Rock Falls, IL to recondition and install the sign at the West Industrial Park in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried

A motion was made by Mayor Kleckler to approve the Recommendation from the Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee to approve the Utility Office Write-Off's – April 2024 through June 2024 for \$8,394.54 and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Approval to purchase Real Estate, (PIN 11-34-201-006) with south boarder modification, total of 1.25 acres in the amount of \$30,000.00 plus legal and closing costs from Tammy Tompkins. (to come back to Council as an Ordinance)

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the purchase of Real Estate, (PIN 11-34-201-006) with south boarder modification, total of 1.25 acres in the amount of \$30,000.00 plus legal and closing costs from Tammy Tompkins and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

Executive Session:

Enter Executive Session for the purpose of:

- a. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to enter Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote – roll call was not completed went right into Executive Session – 5:50 p.m.

Any Action from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the hire for the Street Department and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the contract for Larry Hanrahan for Electric Department Director and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the revised contract for Matt Trotter, Sewer Department and second by Alderman Snow.

Vote 5 aye, motion carried.

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

Vote via voice, all approved (6:03 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk