

# 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 19, 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 Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present.

## **Audience request:**

None

## **Community Affairs:** Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, Sam Kersey, President/CEO

None

## **Consent Agenda:**

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

1. Approval of minutes from the August 05, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading and Adoption:**

1. Ordinance 2025-2704 – Amending Chapter 18, Article VII – Trucks Generally – Prohibited on Certain Streets.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve Ordinance 2025-2704 – Amending Chapter 18, Article VII – Trucks Generally – Prohibited on Certain Streets for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

2. Ordinance 2025-2705 – Amending the Rock Falls Municipal Code Adding Chapter 6, Article III, Division 1, Section 6-82 Relating to Accessory Buildings and Structures.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2705 – Amending the Rock Falls Municipal Code Adding Chapter 6, Article III, Division 1, Section 6-82 Relating to Accessory Buildings and Structures for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Wangelin.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

3. Ordinance 2505-2706 – Amending Section 30-150 Relating to the Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax.

A motion was mad by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2025-2706 – Amending Section 30-150 Relating to the Municipal Grocery Service Occupation Tax for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

**City Administrator:**

1. Request from Jim Helle to have the City Council waive the storm water requirements for 319 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls, IL in order to construct an accessory building for storage. A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the request from Jim Helle to have the City Council waive the storm water requirements for 319 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls, IL in order to construct an accessory building for storage and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.  
**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**
2. City Administrator Blackert presented the City Council a plaque the City was awarded recognition by the National US EPA Brownfield Region 5 for the Riverfront.

**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 renew the farm lease with Ted Jacobs for Lots 3, 4 and 5 in Glen's Garden Subdivision consisting of 40.5 tillable acres for the 2026 growing season at the current \$178.00 per tillable acre and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote 8 aye, motion carried.**

Alderwoman Arduini reminded council members of Art in the Park on Saturday, August 23, 2025. Eight new sculptures will be installed, and 25 artists will be on display.

**Mayor's Report:**

None

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderwoman Arduini.  
**Vote via voice, all approved (5:44 p.m.)**

*Pamela Martinez*

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk