

City of Rock Falls

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

September 16, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call

Audience Requests

Rock Falls Fire Department

- Retirement of Fire Chief Ken Wolf
- Badge pinning for Fire Fighter Benjamin Harvey
- Badge pinning for Fire Fighter Cameron Reuter
- Approve Mayoral appointment of Kyle Sommers to the position of Fire Chief as of January 19, 2026

Community Affairs - Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, Sam Kersey President/CEO

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the September 2, 2025 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Rock Falls Township High School - Permission to hold the annual Homecoming Parade on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2025-2709 - Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rock Falls Regarding Short-Term Rentals

Ordinance for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2025-2707 - Approving Acquisition of Easement from Coloma Township Park District
2. Ordinance 2025-2708 - Sale of Surplus Property

Rock Falls Tourism

1. Approval for road closure for the Spooktacular Halloween Lighted Golf Car & UTV Parade on October 18, 2025 from 6:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Closure would be West 2nd Street from 1st Avenue to Grace Avenue.

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

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/Tourism Committee

Aldersperson Gabriella McKanna – Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee Chairman/Utilities Committee

Ward 2

Aldersperson Vickey Byrd – Tourism Committee

1. Recommendation from the Tourism Committee to approve the changes to the Policies and procedures for the Façade Improvement Grant

Aldersperson Marshall Doane

Ward 3

Aldersperson Steve Dowd – Police Fire Committee Chairman

Aldersperson Nathan Stahr

Ward 4

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

Aldersperson Cathy Arduini

Mayor's Report:

Adjournment

Next City Council Meeting – October 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Posted: September 12, 2025

Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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