City of Rock Falls
Utility Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: 9/28/2026 **Time Meeting Started:** 8:15 am **Time Meeting Ended:** 8:40 am

Members		Also Attended	
Tom Myers - Chairman	X	Ted Padilla	X
Alderperson Searing	X	Matt Trotter	A
Alderperson Wangelin	A	Shae Smith	X
Alderperson Dowd - Vice Chairman	X	Larry Hanrahan	X
Mayor Kleckler	X	Jenna Kuster	X
Shane Brown	X	Administrator Blackert	X
Ed Cox	X	Asst Administrator McKanna	X
Alderperson Sobottka	X	Matt Cole - City Attorney	X
		Dave Miller	X

Ordinance/Topic	Discussion	Plan of Action
CALL TO ORDER	• With a quorum present, the meeting was called to order at 8:15 am	Meeting begin at 8:15 am
New Committee Member	• Alderperson Violet Sobottka has filled the open seat for the Utility Committee	
Review of Minutes from June 23, 2025 Meeting	• A motion was made by Alderperson Dowd and a second by Shane Brown to approve the minutes of the August 24th, 2026 meeting.	Motion carried, minutes approved
Utility Office: Superintendent Update	• Not much to update - Moving into Invoice Cloud	No Action
Utility Office: Invoice Cloud	• Approve proposal from Invoice Cloud for a new payment platform. A motion was made by Alderperson Dowd and a second by Alderperson Searing to send to City Council.	Motion carried, to City Council.
Water Department: Superintendent Update	• Ted Padilla reported on hydrant testing at the beginning of October.	No Action
Water Department: Purchase of Jett from Sewer Department.	• Ted asked to approve the purchase of Jetter from Sewer Department for $245,000.00 with half the amount to be paid now for $122,500.00 and the other half to be paid at the beginning of FY28. A motion was made by Shane Brown and a second by Ed Cox for purchase of Jetter from Sewer Department and forward to City Council.	Motion carried, to City Council.
Water Department: Purchase of new pickup truck.	• Ted asked to approve the purchase of a new or used pickup truck with plow attachment for Superintendent vehicle with purchase price not to exceed $75,000. A motion was made by Alderperson Dowd and a second by Alderperson Searing for purchase of a new pick up truck and plow and forward to City Council.	Motion carried, to City Council.
Water Department: Award Bid for GRR	• Robbin asked to award bid for GRR water service replacements to Fischer Excavating, Inc., 1567 N Heine Rd, Freeport, IL	Motion carried, to City Council.

	61032 in the amount of $2,492,158.72. A motion was made by Alderperson Dowd and a second by Shane Brown and forward to City Council.	
Wastewater Department: Superintendent Update	• Shae reported that they had the IEPA inspection September 3rd, 2026 and that went good. • The Love's lift station is fixed on GIS. • The department is working on the Bypass Lift. • The drive behind trailer for mobile diesel is being used.	No Action
Electric Department: Superintendent Update	• Larry Hanrahan reported on a few outages and no call outs. • Working on installing cameras this week down by bridge. • Hydro is up and running.	No Action
Electric Department: Review Solar Application	• Larry asked that we review application and related documentation for an over 25kW solar installation at Moore Tires located at 2550 1st Ave, Rock Falls, IL 61071. A motion was made by Alderperson Searing and a second by Shane Brown.	No Action
City Attorney: Updates	• Update on Rock Falls Apartment/Civic Plaza II	No Action
Utility Manager:	• No updates	No Action
Next Meeting Date & Time	• The next meeting will be held on October 26th, 2026 at 8:15 am in Council Chambers.	No Action
Executive Session:	• A motion was made by Shane Brown and a second by Alderperson Searing to enter into executive session at 9:17 am. Returned to regular session at 9:20 am	No Action
Adjournment	• With nothing else for the good of the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 am.	Meeting ends at 9:20 am

_____ Committee Chairman