

City of Rock Falls

603 W. 10th Street
Rock Falls, IL 61071-2854

Mayor

Rod Kleckler
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Robbin Blackert
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Pam Martinez
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Rock Falls City Council Agenda
Council Chambers
603 W 10th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

October 6, 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

Proclamation

Proclamation of Recognition for Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October 2026

Community Affairs - Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce

1. Request for road closures and use of the W 2nd Street Parking Lot on October 30, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Biz Boo! Trick or Treat (see attached map)
2. Request for road closures on November 20, 2026 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for the Hometown Holidays Christmas Walk (see attached map)

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the September 15, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

Ordinance 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2026-2753 – Amending Chapter 16 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code to Allow for Mobile Tattoo Parlors and to Amend the Requirements for Tattoo Parlors
2. Ordinance 2026-2754 – Amending Chapter 24, Section 24-13 to Allow for a Greater Amount of Temporary Signs on Commercial Properties

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2026-955 – Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (408 4th Avenue)
2. Resolution 2026-956 – Authorizing an Inter-Fund Loan and Establishment of Appeal Bond/Escrow

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

Tourism Director, Melinda Jones:

1. Request road closure of W 2nd Street from Grace Avenue to 2nd Avenue on October 17, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the Spooktacular Halloween – Golf Cart & UTV Parade

Information/Correspondence

Matt Cole, City Attorney

Corey Buck, City Engineer

Aldersperson Reports/Committee Chairman Requests

Ward 1

Aldersperson Mark Searing

Ward 2

Aldersperson Vickey Byrd – Tourism Committee Chairman

Aldersperson Marshall Doane

Ward 3

Aldersperson Steve Dowd – Police Fire Committee Chairman & Utility Committee Vice Chairman

1. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the Water Department to purchase the 2022 International HV607 (Vactor) from the Sewer Department in the amount of \$245,000.00, \$122,500.00 to be paid when transfer is done and \$122,500.00 in May 2027.
2. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the Water Department to purchase a new or used pickup truck with plow attachment for the Water Superintendent vehicle with the purchase price not to exceed \$75,000.00.
3. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to award the GRR Water Service Replacement Project to Fischer Excavating, Inc., 1567 N Heine Rd, Freeport, IL 61032 in the amount of \$2,492,158.72.

Aldersperson Nathan Stahr – Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee Chairman

1. Recommendation from the Finance Insurance Investment Committee to approve the Fire and Police Pension Funds Actuarial Valuations for the Year Ending April 30, 2026
2. Recommendation from the Finance Insurance Investment Committee to approve the Fiscal Year 2026 Audit.

Ward 4

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

Aldersperson Cathy Arduini

Mayor's Report:

1. Approve appointment of Jill Ehredt as 1st Ward Aldersperson to fill vacancy until April 30, 2027
2. Approve appointment of Violet Sobottka to the Utility Committee to fill remaining term of Bill Wangelin

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 – October 20, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Posted: October 2, 2026

Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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