

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 October 7, 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

Proclamation:

- Proclaiming October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month
A motion was made by Alderman Doane to approve proclaiming October 2025 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and second by Alderman Wangelin.
Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

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

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1-4 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of minutes from the September 16, 2025, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of minutes from September 30, 2025, Committee of the Whole Meeting.
3. Approval of bills as presented.
4. Grant permission for the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois to hold its annual 2026 Girl Scout Cookie program from January – March 2026.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2025-2711 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Article VI – Parking - Fire Lanes

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2025-2711 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Article VI – Parking – Fire Lanes for first reading and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2025-2712 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Article XIII Signs – Temporary Signs.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2025-2712 – Ordinance Amending Chapter 24, Article XIII Signs – Temporary Signs for first reading and second by Alderman Stahr.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

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

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2025-2709 – Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Rock Falls Regarding Short-Term Rentals for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2025-2710 – Ordinance Acknowledging Interim Appointment of Chief of Police.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2025-2710 – Ordinance Acknowledging Interim Appointment of Chief of Police for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

Finance Committee to have a special meeting next Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 5:30 Update on Loves – contracting is out for bid for six weeks. Whoever is awarded the contract could start after the awarding process or could wait until spring to start construction. The City of Rock Falls is not part of this process.

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 award 11th Street Bridge Phase III Construction Observation to Willett, Hofmann & Associates, 809 E 2nd Street, Dixon IL 61021 and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderman Wangelin to approve the Recommendation from the Public Works Public Property Committee to approve the agreement between the City of Rock Falls and Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc., 809 E 2nd Street, Dixon IL, Concerning Sidewalk Construction at Avenue A and Dixon Avenue and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve changes to the General Procedures Governing Utility Service - change the deposit from \$150.00 to \$300.00 for a banking or financial institution which has taken responsibility for a residential property and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve changes to the General Procedures Governing Utility Service - discontinue requiring a landlord blanket deposit and reimburse current deposits held by landlords and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve changes to the General Procedures Governing Utility Service - approve the changes to the Schedule of Fees and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the quote from Quad Plus Testing, 15941 S. Harlem Ave #222, Tinley Park, IL 60477 for repair of the South 14th Ave. Transformer Tap Changer in the amount of \$47,022.00 (Sole Source Provider) and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve contract to purchase a new Seagrave Capitol Pumper from Seagrave Fire Apparatus, LLC, 7285 Solutions Center, Chicago, IL 60677 in the amount of \$1,419,431.00 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Finance Committee to approve the Rock Falls Police Department to purchase two new Chevy Tahoe PPC AWD (Patrol Vehicles) from Karl Emergency Vehicles, 5983 NE Industry Dr, Des Moines, IA 50313 in the amount of approximately \$160,000.00 to be financed with Tax Exempt Leasing, Thompson's Station, TN and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Alderman Doane has been assigned as Coordinator for Murals from the Public Works/Public Property Committee.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Arduini to adjourn and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.
Vote via voice, all approved (5:48 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk