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 20, 2026, in the Council Chambers by Mayor Rodney Kleckler.

City Clerk Pam Martinez called the roll following the pledge of allegiance. A quorum was present including Aldermen Searing, Ehredt, Byrd, Dowd, Stahr, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert and Assistant City Administrator Gabbi McKanna were present. Absent Alderman Doane.

Audience Request:

None

Community Affairs: Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda was read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of minutes from the October 06, 2026, 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 Arduini.
   Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance 2nd Reading and Adoption:

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.
   A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve 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 for first reading and second by Alderman Stahr.
   Vote 7 aye, motion carried.
2. Ordinance 2026-2754 – Amending Chapter 24, Section 24-13 to Allow for a Greater Amount of Temporary Signs on Commercial Properties.
   A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2026-2754 - Amending Chapter 24, Section 24-13 to Allow for a Greater Amount of Temporary Signs on Commercial Properties for first reading and second by Alderman Dowd.
   Vote 7 aye, motion carried.
3. Ordinance 2026-2755 – Sale of Surplus Property – Water Department – 2012 International 7400 (Vactor)
   A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2026-2755 – Sale of Surplus Property – Water Department – 2012 International 7400 (Vactor) for second reading and adoption and second by Alderman Searing.
   Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

None

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

Chief Sommers gave condolences to the family of Ryan Brown who passed on October 17, 2026. He served in the Fire Department from 1980-2022.

Thank you to the Duty Crew today for their continued training today in Sterling.

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderman Dowd to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to award the GRR Water Service Replacement Project to Fischer Excavating, Inc., 1567 N. Heine Road, Freeport, IL 61032 in the amount of $2,492,158.72 and second by Alderwoman Arduini.
Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Alderman welcomed Jill Eherdt to the council as the new Ward 1 Alderwoman.

Mayor's Report:

Opening on Police Fire Commission – please send names to Mayor Kleckler

Executive Session:

1. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:
    a. Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation
    A motion was made by Alderman Searing to move into Executive Session and second by Alderwoman Arduini.
    Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried. (5:41 p.m.)

Any Action taken from Executive Session:

1. Resolution 2026-957 – Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation, Inter-Fund Loan and Providing Direction to Pursue Litigation Against the City's Liability Insurance Carriers.
    A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Resolution 2026-957 - Resolution Authorizing Settlement of Pending Litigation, Interfund Loan and Providing Direction to Pursue Litigation Against the City's Liability Insurance Carriers and second by Alderman Searing.
    Vote 7 aye, motion carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderwoman Arduini.
Vote via voice, all approved (6:05 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk