

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 November 4, 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

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

None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1-2 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of minutes from the October 21, 2025, 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 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2025-2714 – Amending Certain Provisions of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Appointed Positions

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2025-2714 – Amending Certain Provisions of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Appointed Positions for first reading and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 6 aye, 2 noes (Doane and Arduini), motion carried.

2. Ordinance 2025-2715 – Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Levy Ordinance

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2715 – Fiscal Year Tax Levy Ordinance for first reading and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

3. Ordinance 2025-2716 – Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2716 - Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017 for first reading and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

4. Ordinance 2025-2717 – Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2717 - Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016 for first reading and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

5. Ordinance 2025-2718 – Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018A

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2718 - Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018A for first reading and second by Alderman Wangelin

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

6. Ordinance 2025-2719 – Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018B

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2719 - Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018B for first reading and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

7. Ordinance 2025-2720 – Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018C

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve Ordinance 2025-2720 - Ordinance Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2025 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2018C for first reading and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2025-2713 – Approving Acquisition of Easement from River Bridge, LLC
A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2025-2713 – Approving Acquisition of Easement from River Bridge, LLC with corrected address of 110 W. 1st Street for second reading and adoption and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Administrator:

1. Approve Agreement Number 3090 with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a storm sewer pipe and outlet structure at E 7th Street and Avenue E for ten years in the amount of \$2,530.00.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Agreement Number 3090 with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for a storm sewer pipe and outlet structure at E 7th Street and Avenue E for ten years in the amount of \$2,530.00 and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

2. Approve Agreement Number 3092 with Illinois Department of Natural Resources for operation and maintenance of a water main and operation and maintenance of a sidewalk on Dixon Avenue for ten years in the amount of \$2,640.00.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Agreement Number 3092 with Illinois Department of Natural Resources for operation and maintenance of a water main and operation and maintenance of a sidewalk on Dixon Avenue for ten years in the amount of \$2,640.00 and second by Alderman Doane.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Finance Insurance Investment Committee to approve the Utility Office Write-Offs for July 2025 through September 2025, and second by Alderman Dowd.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to waive bidding of materials and labor project for 1 set of fabricated replacement screw guards to be installed on influent screw lift and second by Alderwoman Sobottka.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to approve the Recommendation from the Utility Committee to accept the quote from Sabel Mechanical LLC, W 3150 Co Rd H, Fond du Lac, WI 54937 for the materials and labor for 1 set of fabricated replacement screw guards to be installed on the influent screw lift in the amount of \$25,591.19 and second by Alderman Wangelin.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Recommendation from the Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee to approve the City Administrator Job Description and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Recommendation from the Ordinance License Personnel Safety Committee to approve the Assistant City Administrator Job Description and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

None.

Executive Session:

1. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:
 - a. Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) – Pending, Probable or imminent litigationA motion was made by Alderwoman McKanna to move into Executive Session and second by Alderman Stahr.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried. (5:57p.m.)

Any Action taken from Executive Session:

None

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote via voice, all approved (6:13 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk