City of Rock Falls

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Rock Falls City Council Agenda
Council Chambers
603 W 10th Street, Rock Falls, IL 61071

November 17, 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

1. Rock Falls Optimist Club – Tom Starr – 2027 Optimist Calendar

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the November 3, 2026 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

Ordinance 2nd Reading & Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2026-2756 – Tax Levy Ordinance for Tax Year 2026 Paid in 2027
2. Ordinance 2026-2757 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2026 to Pay Debt Service on $5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017
3. Ordinance 2026-2758 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2026 to Pay Debt Service on $2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2016
4. Ordinance 2026-2759 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2026 to Pay Debt Service on $9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018A
5. Ordinance 2026-2760 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2026 to Pay Debt Service on $1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018B
6. Ordinance 2026-2761 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2026 to Pay Debt Service on $1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series 2018C

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2026-958 – Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code – 2027 General Maintenance - Section Number 27-00000-00-GM
2. Resolution 2026-959 – Granting Real Estate Taxe Abatement – Ready Lab LLC

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

Tourism Director, Melinda Jones

1. Review of 2026 Tourism Events

Information/Correspondence
Matt Cole, City Attorney
Corey Buck, City Engineer

Alderperson Reports/Committee Chairman Requests

Ward 1
Alderperson Mark Searing
Alderperson Jill Ehredt

Ward 2
Alderperson Vickey Byrd – Tourism Committee Chairman
Alderperson Marshall Doane

Ward 3
Alderperson Steve Dowd – Police Fire Committee Chairman & Utility Committee Vice Chairman

1. Recommendation from the Public Works Public Property Committee to approve the Cash Farm Lease (Zapf Farm) between the City of Rock Falls and Perino Land & Cattle for 10 tillable acres at $175.00 per acre. Term of Lease shall be from March 1, 2027 to the last day of February 2028.

Alderperson Nathan Stahr – Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee Chairman

Ward 4
Alderperson Violet Sobottka – Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee Chairman
Alderperson Cathy Arduini

Mayor's Report:

Next City Council Meeting – December 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.
Posted: November 13, 2026
Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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