

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

November 18, 2025
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Audience Requests

1. Rock Falls Optimist Club - 2026 Optimist Calendar - Tom Starr and Jim Wiemken
2. Sauk Valley Community College - Impact Program updates - Kenneth Burn

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

1. Hometown Holidays - Road Closures

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from the November 4, 2025 City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented

Ordinance for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2025-2714 - Amending Certain Provisions of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to Appointed Positions
2. Ordinance 2025-2715 - Fiscal Year 2026 Tax Levy Ordinance
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
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
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
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
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

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2025-940 – Resolution Granting Real Estate Tax Abatement (Ready Lab)
2. Resolution 2025-941 – Resolution Transferring Jurisdiction and Control of Real Property to the Industrial Development Commission (200 W 2nd Street)

Rock Falls Tourism – Melinda Jones:

1. Review of 2025 Tourism Events

**City Administrator Robbin Blackert:
Information/Correspondence**

Matt Cole, City Attorney

Corey Buck, City Engineer

Aldersperson Reports/Committee Chairman Requests

Ward 1

Aldersperson Bill Wangelin – Public Works/Public Property Committee Chairman/Tourism Committee

1. Recommendation from the Public Works/Public Property Committee to allow the Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce to adjust the Community Building Rental Rates and the Chamber of Commerce’s monthly management fee
2. Recommendation from the Public Works/Public Property Committee to approve a Snow Angel Program in the City of Rock Falls
3. Recommendation from the Public Works/Public Property Committee to support the IDOT project of installing a turn lane on W 2nd Street and to draft a Letter of Support to IDOT

Aldersperson Gabriella McKanna – Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee Chairman/Utilities Committee

Ward 2

Aldersperson Vickey Byrd – Tourism Committee

Aldersperson Marshall Doane

Ward 3

Aldersperson Steve Dowd – Police Fire Committee Chairman

Aldersperson Nathan Stahr

Ward 4

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

Aldersperson Cathy Arduini

Mayor’s Report:

Executive Session:

1. Enter into Executive Session for the purposes of:
 - a. Litigation – Section 2(c)(11) – Pending, probable or imminent litigation

Any Action taken from Executive Session

Adjournment

Next City Council Meeting – December 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Posted: November 14, 2025

Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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