

# 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 December 2, 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, Byrd, Doane, Dowd, Stahr, Arduini, and Sobottka. In addition, Attorney Matt Cole and City Administrator Robbin Blackert were present. Absent: Alderman Wangelin

### **Audience request:**

None

### **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 November 18, 2025, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Recommendation from Planning & Zoning Commission to grant the request for variance for the property located at 1113 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls, PIN # 11-33-128-013 and direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance authorizing the same.
4. Recommendation from Planning Zoning Commission to deny the request for the rezoning real estate from R-2 to B-1 for the property located at 1119 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Rock Falls, PIN # 11-33-127-011, 11-33-127-012 and 11-33-129-001.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the Consent Agenda and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

### **Ordinance for 1<sup>st</sup> Reading:**

1. Ordinance 2025-2721 – Approving Lawn Maintenance & Snow Removal Agreement with P and T Peppers Lawn Care.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve Ordinance 2025-2721 – Approving Lawn Maintenance & Snow Removal Agreement with P and T Peppers Lawn Care for first reading and second by Alderwoman Arduini.

**Vote 6 aye, 1 no (Doane), motion carried.**

### **City Administrator:**

1. Consideration and approval of the retention of Reed Smith, LLP to assist with Insurance Coverage Matters

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the approve the retention of Reed Smith, LLP to assist with Insurance Coverage Matters and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

**Vote 7 aye, motion carried.**

**City Attorney:**

None

**City Departments:**

Melinda Jones, Tourism Department, presented Theresa Sommers with a certificate of appreciation. Theresa goes above and beyond helping to keep Rock Falls free of litter. Melinda also presented the council with information about the new Hometown Heros Banner Program. The Banners are to honor service members, present or past, with a banner that will line 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue from May 2026 to November 2026 and May 2027 to November 2027 for \$125.00. Applications can be found on Tourism's website.

Dave Miller, Street Department, thanked all departments for their help with the snow removal over the weekend.

**Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests**

Alderwoman Sobottka thanked the Street Department for their effort in removing the snow over the weekend.

**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 litigation  
A motion was made by Alderwoman Byrd to move into Executive Session and second by Alderman Stahr.  
**Vote via voice, all approved, motion carried.(5:39 p.m.)**

**Any Action taken from Executive Session:**

None

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to adjourn and second by Alderwoman Arduini.  
**Vote via voice, all approved (6:08 p.m.)**

*Pamela Martinez*

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk