

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 16, 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:

John Watts thanked the City of Rock Falls for a successful Touch a Truck event this past summer. There were over 170 vehicles available for the public to see.

John Watts spoke about the unprofessionalism of Alderman Doane that he has displayed since being elected to office and about how he has disrespected him and the City of Rock Falls.

Appointment:

1. With the recommendation of the Police Fire Committee, approve appointment of Ryan McKanna as Police Chief.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the appointment from the Police Fire Committee for Ryan McKanna as Police Chief and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 7 aye, 1 recused (McKanna), motion carried.

Ryan McKanna was sworn in by City Clerk Pam Martinez as Chief of Police.

Community Affairs: Rock Falls Chamber of Commerce, Sam Kersey, President/CEO
None

Consent Agenda:

Consent Agenda items 1-3 were read aloud by City Clerk Pam Martinez.

1. Approval of minutes from the December 2, 2025, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented.
3. Confirm the appointment of Jamie Gisi to fill the unexpired term of John Hoffmiller on the Rock Falls Police Pension Board (Term 12-17-2025 through 05-01-2027).

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

Vote 8 aye, motion carried.

Ordinance for 2nd Reading and Adoption:

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

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

Vote 7 aye, 1 no (Doane), motion carried.

City Administrator:

Would like to see every resident to understand City Government and the difference between City and Township.

Vacation for Robbin starts Monday, December 22 until January 5, 2026.

City Attorney:

None

City Departments:

None

Alderman Reports / Committee Chairman Requests

Alderman Doane spoke about the Fire Department Survey that is open to all residents to fill out about their home, listed on Facebook.

Alderwoman Sobottka mentioned the OLPS committee has been cancelled for December and Alderman congratulated Chief McKanna and Deputy Chief Sommers on their promotions and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Kleckler requested the need to add one more Alderman to the Tourism Committee. Meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m.

The Zoning and Planning Board needs to have another person added, not necessarily an Alderman. Meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 5 p.m.

Executive Session:

1. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of:
 - a. Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) – Employee hiring, firing, compensation, discipline, and performance.

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to move into Executive Session and second by Alderwoman McKanna.

Vote 8 aye, motion carried. (5:50 p.m.)

Any Action taken from Executive Session:

A motion was made by Alderwoman Sobottka to approve the contract from Executive Session Personnel – Section 2(c)(1) and second by Alderwoman Byrd.

Vote 7 aye, 1 recused (McKanna), motion carried.

Alderwoman Sobottka mentioned there will be special OLPS Committee meeting scheduled for January 8, 2026.

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

Vote via voice, all approved (5:58 p.m.)

Pamela Martinez

Pamela Martinez, City Clerk