

City of Rock Falls

603 W. 10th Street
Rock Falls, IL 61071-2854

Mayor

Rod Kleckler
815-380-5333

City Administrator

Robbin Blackert
815-564-1366



City Clerk

Pam Martinez
815-622-1100

City Treasurer

Kay Abner
815-622-1100

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

December 17, 2024
5:30 p.m.

Call to Order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Rock Falls Police Department

Oath of Office – Mitch Ottenhausen – Sergeant

Oath of Office – Christopher Benson – Officer

Oath of Office – Valerie Villaneda - Officer

Oath of Office – Armando Garnica - Officer

Audience Requests

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

Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the minutes of the December 3, 2024, City Council Meeting
2. Approval of bills as presented
3. Approve appointment of Nathan Stahr to vacant 3rd Ward Alderman position effective January 1, 2025

Ordinances 2nd Reading & Adoption:

1. Ordinance 2024-2671 – Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Levy
2. Ordinance 2024-2672 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay Debt Service on \$5,300,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2017
3. Ordinance 2024-2673 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay Debt Service on \$2,115,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2016
4. Ordinance 2024-2674 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay Debt Service on \$9,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Electric System Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018A
5. Ordinance 2024-2675 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Waterworks System Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018B

6. Ordinance 2024-2676 – Abating the Tax Heretofore Levied for the Year 2024 to Pay Debt Service on \$1,200,000 General Obligation Bonds (Sewerage System Alternate Revenue Sources), Series 2018C

Ordinances for 1st Reading:

1. Ordinance 2024-2677 – Amending Chapter 4 of the Rock Falls Municipal Code Relating to the Keeping of Chickens

Resolutions:

1. Resolution 2024-930 – Resolution Granting Real Estate Tax Abatement – Ready Lab, LLC

City Administrator Robbin Blackert:

Information/Correspondence

Matt Cole, City Attorney

Corey Buck, City Engineer

Alderman Reports/Committee Chairman Requests

Ward 1

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

Alderman Gabriella McKanna – Finance/Insurance/Investment Committee Chairman

Ward 2

Alderman Brian Snow – Building Code Committee Chairman/Utility Committee Vice Chairman

1. Recommendation from the Utility Committee to approve the recommendation from BHMG Engineers to award the Hydro Relay Project to Electrical Power Products, Inc., Army Post Road, Des Moines, IA in the amount of \$74,901.00

Alderman Vickey Byrd

Ward 3

Alderman Steve Dowd – Police Fire Committee Chairman

Ward 4

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

1. Recommendation from the Ordinance/License/Personnel/Safety Committee to approve a new hire for the Wastewater Department

Alderman Cathy Arduini

Mayor's Report:

Adjournment

Next City Council Meeting – January 7, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Posted: December 13, 2024

Michelle Conklin, Deputy City Clerk

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