

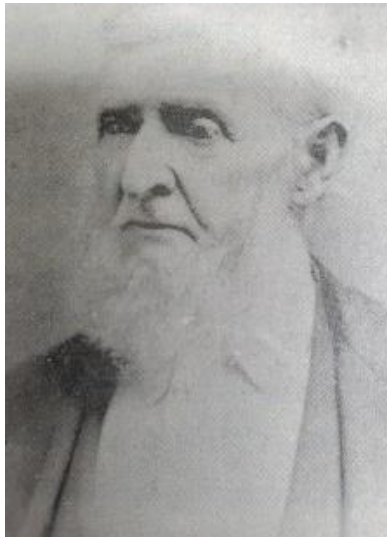
Rockford Community Newsletter

November, Happy Thanksgiving Rockford! Daylight saving time ends on the 6th, election day is the 8th, Veterans Day on the 11th, and Thanksgiving is the 24th.

Rockford History

Prewar settlement in Rockford— Excerpt from the Story of Rockford by Michael Vala.

The most important person in the company was George Wyatt, who had come from Rockford, Illinois, St. Charles (Charles City), Iowa, in 1854 with the expressed purpose of founding a village. Although his only real estate in the new village was block twenty-one where he later built his home and “Wyatt House” hotel, he was the company’s land agent and manger. In 1856 he commissioned Alvah R Prescott to survey the site and plat the village. In later years Prescott recalled his first trip to the future town and described not only the new village site but also some of its earliest inhabitants.



George Wyatt

Rockford City Council Minutes

October 11, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, October 11, 2022. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Seibert, Hoffarth, Enabnit, Schlader and Medlin @7:42 P.M. Citizens present were Myron Stadtlander, Jim & Sandra Lawrenz, Liz Enabnit, and Neil Fullerton. Employees present were Randy Schweizer and Daniel Paulus.
2. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
3. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to approve the agenda consisting of September 20, 2022, Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Discussion was held on the upcoming workshop with Maggie Burger from Speer Financial who will present the water reserve rates for the water tower project to be held on November 1st @ 5:00 P.M.
5. Discussion was held on the property of 109 W Main Ave.

6. Motion Seibert, sec. Medlin to approve 3 red sunset maples to be planted in the city right of way by owner at 110 5th St. N.W. All ayes. Motion carried. The council would also like to look into changing the city tree ordinance starting at next meeting.
7. Discussion was held with public works department on how citizens could get firewood from city dump if they would like to. They need to call and make apt with the public works department.
8. Public works electric lines tabled until next meeting.
9. Floyd County Freedom Rock Sign tabled until next meeting.
10. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve the Annual Financial Report. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Medlin to approve Resolution #2022-23 setting standard mileage rate at 62.5 cents per mile. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
12. Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to set Public Hearing Date to convey portions of 2nd Street SE from Main Ave to Alley for November 15th, 2022. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
13. Public Works Employees' Randy Schweizer and Daniel Paulus reported on stump grinding and snow plow repairs that need to be done and on the public works department yard cleanup.
14. Mayor Johnson reported on the county hiring a new EMA director and that the county will also be hiring a new county assessor. He also reported on the 109 W Main Ave property.
15. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to adjourn at 8:15 P.M.

What's happening

Methodist Church Election soup supper, sponsored by the Methodist youth group on Tuesday Nov 8 from 5-7p. The church will be serving chili, chicken noodle, veggies, bar, and drink. Free will donation.

The Rockford Senior Class of 2023 would be honored if you attended our Annual Veterans Day program on November 11th. The program starts at 10 a.m. and we will be serving lunch after the program. To RSVP for the lunch call us at 641-756-3813. On this day we honor all current and former members of the Armed Services.

There will be a **Trail committee** meeting at City Hall on Sunday November 6th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in having trails in Rockford is encouraged to attend.

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting at City Hall on Sunday November 6th at 7:00p. For more information, please call [\(641\) 756-3581](tel:641-756-3581).

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society - November 12 General Meeting: After the formal meeting we will hear Donna Schilling present "Why Did Our Ancestors Leave Their Homeland, and Where Did They Go?" will be presented by Donna Schilling. Meeting and program at 1:30 PM, followed by Q & A, discussion, and refreshments. Any members interested in being one of our chapter officers and on the board, please attend, ask questions about positions, express your interest in becoming an officer. We need you!

Rockford Library- Story Time every Saturday at 10:30am. It includes a story, craft, and playtime. Book Club meeting date and time will be posted on the website. Books are available at the library.

We have an informational website found by googling "Rockford Public Library" and we are on Facebook.

Welcome to Rockford! Kyle & Vanessa Giesen, Sara Anderson, Pablo Relampagos V, Donna Havlik, and Terry Christensen.

Welcome to the community; we hope you thrive here. We are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Obituaries: Nancy Jo Clifford born Sep 7, 1949, passed Oct 2, 2022.

Monetary donations for the Newsletter can be made at First Security bank to the Grow Rockford account. Note that the donation is for the Newsletter. Thank you.

Shout Outs! Thank you to all veterans in Rockford and all over this great country! We honor your dedication, sacrifices, and service to our country in times of war and peace. The men and women of the US military are heroes every day. Have a happy and safe Veterans Day, you are appreciated.

Shout out to Ken Hesseltine for cutting grasses on two of the three boulevards and taking the flower barrels to Bluhm's Greenhouse for the winter. Karen Schlader, Janice Ernst, and Rollie Harden did the last boulevard and decorated the welcome signs on each end of town. They are beautiful.





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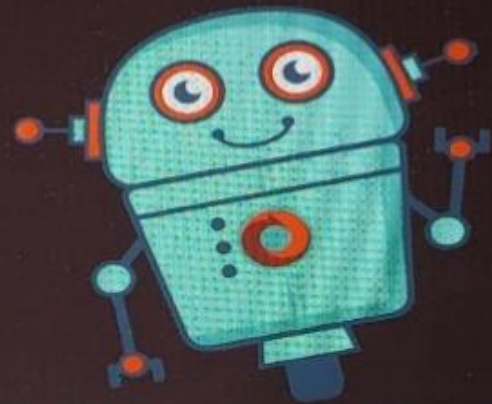
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Every 1st Saturday of the month

7:30-9:30 a.m.

400 Chickasaw (Main Street)

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Menu: Omelets, biscuits & gravy,
scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links,
homemade bread and jam, rolls, coffee
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[641-756-3850](tel:641-756-3850)

Holy Name Catholic Church

507 1ST Ave NW

Mass 5:30 pm on Saturdays

[641-756-3569](tel:641-756-3569)

Rockford Community Center

206 West Main Avenue

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Rockford Public Library

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