

Rockford Community Newsletter

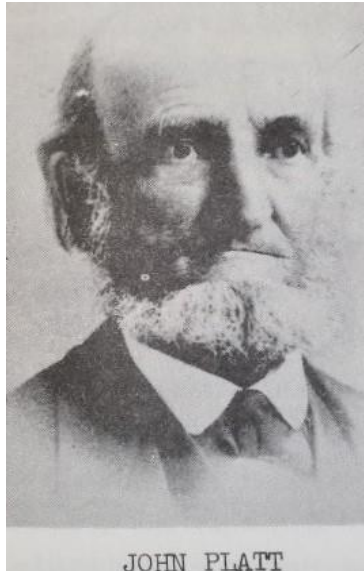
September is back to school, and fall colors are starting to creep into the trees. Cooler temps should be here by the end of the month. Sept 5th is Labor Day, Homecoming Parade on Sept 23rd at 2:45pm.

Rockford History

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

Continuing the story Robert Nelson Mathews sold it in 1856 to a party of several men who soon called themselves “The Rockford Company.”

John Platt may never have visited his Iowa investments; however, since his nephew, Dwight E Johnson, moved with his family to Rockford, Iowa in 1855 and conducted Mr. Platt’s affairs. Johnson contributed a great deal towards establishing and building the town of Rockford. And when Platt died in 1880, Mr. Johnson received full possession of his uncle’s share in the Rockford Company. Finally, Mr. Platt was long remembered when the founders named Rockford’s major business street after him.



Rockford City Council Minutes

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2022

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present Council Members Brent Medlin, Carol Hoffarth, Sharon Enabnit, Jerry Schlader; Absent Alexandria Seibert. Citizens present were Karen Schlader, Mike & Pat Sinning, Brett Fenton, Sue VanLaere, Janette Lien, Rick Palmer, Peg Huisman, Dianne Christenson, Sandi Willman, Kathy Carter, Nancy Crowe, Diane Marker, Angie Johnson, Jan Lukes, Lee Dodge, Darlene Eaton, Rustin Lingbeek with SEH, and Employee Randy Schweizer.
Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

2. Motion Schlader, sec. Medlin to approve the agenda consisting of July 14, 2022 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses and Liquor License for YESWAY. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Discussion held concerning Sewer/Lagoon Project. We will continue to monitor the effluent quality.
4. Discussion held concerning Water Tower Project. Motion Hoffarth, second Enabnit to sign tower construction permit. All Ayes. Motion carried.
5. Discussion held concerning 109 W Main Avenue Property owned by City. Estimates for repair need to be obtained to determine further action.
6. Discussion held concerning nuisance at 500 Riverview Drive.
7. Motion Schlader, second Medlin to reject sealed bid for 2000 Chevy Pickup Truck and to take truck to auction. All Ayes. Motion carried.
8. Discussion held concerning signage for the Floyd County Freedom Rock. Randy Schweizer will apply to the IOWA DOT for signs to be placed along Hwy 14 and the Avenue of the Saints.
9. Discussion held concerning the upcoming deadline for Floyd County Foundation Grant applications. Angie Johnson encouraged the council to apply by September 30, 2022 and offered her guidance.
10. Motion Hoffarth, second Schlader to approve Resolution 2022-18 Transfer of Emergency Funds to General in the amount of \$5,822.00. All Ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Medlin, second Schlader to approve Resolution 2022-19 Transfer of Water funds to the Capital Water Meter Project Fund in the amount of \$31,326.30. All Ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Enabnit, second Schlader to move next meeting date to September 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM. All Ayes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Hoffarth, second Enabnit to approve Resolution 2022-20 setting W.C. Johnson 1st Addition Lots 3 & 4 out for sealed bid. Bids will be due to Rockford City Hall by September 19, 2022 at 4:00 PM. One bid per lot per bidder may be given. A \$5,000.00 minimum bid per lot is set. The council retains the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids will be opened at Public Hearing on September 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Cash payments will be required at the close of property transfer. All Ayes roll call vote. Motion carried.
14. Discussion held concerning JC Construction estimate for handicap parking improvements at City Hall. A new estimate is requested to add additional parking spaces.
15. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Schlader that Ordinance #254 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa, 2020, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Streets and Sidewalks for the consideration of vacation portion of 2nd Street S.E. South of Main Avenue and North of the North Line Extended of the East-West Alley in Blocks 1 and 6 in the original plat of the town of Rockford, Floyd County, Iowa be put upon its final passage and officially adopted upon publication. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor declared said Ordinance duly adopted.
16. The following comments were made in reference to the above ordinance amendment addressed to our Mayor and Council: It has been brought to my attention that a business would like to locate in downtown Rockford. What a godsend! We have all wanted this for a long time. Just think of the revenue that would bring to our city and to Floyd County. Our City would receive additional real estate tax revenue, along with the electric, water and sewer utilities. The local option sales tax (LOST) would also be increased. The LOST is distributed to all cities within our county on a monthly basis, ten months out of the year. With the possibility of more sales in Floyd County, we would then be receiving additional funds from this tax. Last year alone, the City of Rockford received over \$90,000 just from LOST. A portion of the new playground equipment placed in Wyatt Park was purchased from LOST funds. Just think of all the benefits we have already received and what the future could bring. With all the organizations and individuals in town that have done such a beautiful job with the boulevard, the flower pots, and Main Avenue lighting projects; what has everyone said?: "We need to bring businesses to town!" and now we have one that wants to come, let us be a part of bringing them here. At this point I wouldn't be concerned about the cost to the City or Light Plant because we will get it back tenfold in the future. Don't let small concerns be the factor in letting this opportunity pass us by. You, as Mayor and City Council, should be proud of having been elected by citizens of Rockford to represent

them. Be proud you are the ones wearing the hat that does this fantastic thing for Rockford. I know it takes a lot of time and dedication to accomplish such a project. Let's all get together and GROW Rockford Together! This could be the start of something BIG!! - Diane Marker, former Rockford City Clerk.

17. Employee Randy Schweizer reported that hydrants were flushed and discussed road safety hazards along 7th Street NW and 2nd Avenue NW.
18. Mayor Johnson reported on abandoned buildings, estimates, and that contracts with First Link LLC should be completed by end of month.
19. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Schlader to adjourn at 8:53 P.M.

What's happening

Volunteers are needed for weeding of Main Street boulevards on the first Saturday of the month from 9-11am. This month will be September 3rd. We will start at the East Boulevard.

There will be a **Trail committee** meeting at City Hall on Sunday September 11th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in having trails in Rockford, please attend.

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting at City Hall on Sunday September 11th at 7:00pm.

Rockford Congregate Meals

202 W Main Avenue

Meals are held Monday - Friday at Rockford City Hall / Community Center.

For more information, please call [\(641\) 756-3581](tel:6417563581).

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society September 2022: 50 years!! That's how "old" our group is, and to celebrate, we're having an open house on Saturday afternoon, September 10. Come join us for a walk-through, browse our resource collections, snoop in our library, visit with us, and enjoy refreshments while you're doing it. 2nd floor (elevator available) 75 S Georgia. Directly across to the east from the Mason City Police Department, you can't miss us! Plenty of parking. See you on Saturday the 10th!

Rockford Library will be closed Sept 5th. Story Time every Saturday at 10:30am. It includes a story, craft, and playtime. The Book Club is meeting Wednesday the 28th at 2:00 pm. The book is "The Measure". 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! Ashley Carlson, Sheila Stover, Haley & Jason Rahe + Parker, Emelia, and Jack. Welcome to the community; we hope you thrive here. We are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Obituaries: Gary Lee Schriever was born April 9, 1939, passed away August 21, 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! A big shout out to Ken Hesseltine, Karen Schlader, Jerry Schlader, and Janice Ernst for keeping the boulevard looking so beautiful this year. Ken and Karen also tackled the Creeping Juniper patch! It looks amazing, you can see the juniper now! Your work is noticeable and makes a big impact on Rockford.

RUDD'S CELEBRATION Saturday, September 3, 2022

Breakfast at the museum, 400 Chickasaw, from 7:30-9:30 a.m.

Inflatables for the kids in the park from 1-4 p.m., sponsored by the firemen and RCBC.

Corn hole double elimination tournament starts at noon. \$20 per team. Bags provided.

Tanks open at 11 a.m. for Bloody Mary bar and serving food from 11-2 p.m., plus normal evening hours.

Tickets will be sold for 50/50 drawing, Snap-on items, and more!

Come join us for Tony and Jerry's Chicken Bar-b-q meal served at the downtown park from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Menu: ½ chicken, baked beans, dinner roll, and cookies.

Call 641-420-4686 to see if any \$12 tickets are still available.

Outdoor seating or indoor at Historical Society Museum.

Proceeds from meal go towards expenses for this event and for next year's events.

Parade of semi-trucks starts at 7 p.m. on Chickasaw Street. Bring a lawn chair.

Street dance starts following the parade. BPM Dee Jay Services will be providing the music. Come join us for a fun filled day.



Rudd Historical Society
invites you to their
Decades of Fashion Fundraiser Luncheon

**11 a.m. Saturday,
September 24, 2022**
Buffet Style Luncheon
\$10.00 per person
Rudd Gym

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**Tickets available
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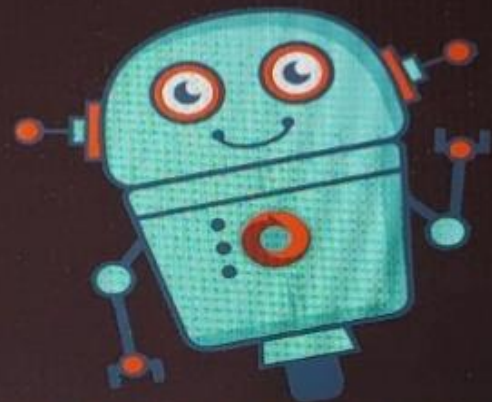
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RUDD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BREAKFAST

Every 1st Saturday of the month

7:30-9:30 a.m.

400 Chickasaw (Main Street)

Take outs available.

Menu: Omelets, biscuits & gravy,
scrambled eggs, pancakes, sausage links,
homemade bread and jam, rolls, coffee
cake & sweet breads.

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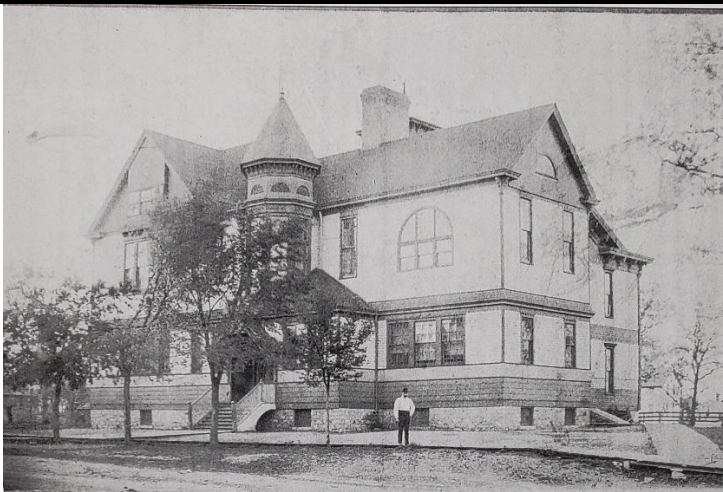
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Sunday Worship 10:30 am (Summer 10:00) Facebook 10:30

FOSTER GRANDPARENTS NEEDED: The AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparent Program is looking for those who are 55 and older and interested in becoming a mentor and/or tutor for area children in schools, preschools, daycare centers and Head Starts. Many benefits including paid training, stipend, sick and holiday pay plus knowing you are making a difference in a child's life. No experience needed. Call today at (641) 257-6327 for more information or email at f.grandparents@mchsi.com.



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Worship 10:30am Sundays

[641-756-3850](tel:641-756-3850)

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507 1ST Ave NW

Mass 5:30 pm on Saturdays

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