

Rockford Community Newsletter



Christmas long ago in Rockford



Merry Christmas Rockford! Have a joyous and blessed Christmas with family and friends. Rockford Holiday Stroll on the 12th, Holiday Light judging the 16th, Christmas on the 25th, New Year's Eve the 31st.

Rockford History

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

The next few months will be the account of Alvah R. Prescott's first trip to Rockford to survey and plat our town.

It was among the last days of January 1856, that J. P. Knight, Theron Thomas, O. N. Robbins, and the writer engaged a team of Cheney & Bracket with Morris Cole for driver and set out for a trip to the Shell Rock and Lime Creek junction (there was no Rockford then.) We were sojourners at Charles City and action under the instructions of Mr. George Wyatt, the agent and manager of the Rockford Company. Mr. Knight had about completed Kelly's new flour mill at Charles City and was going to inspect a mill site on the east bank of the Shell Rock with a view of bidding for the building job. Mr. Thomas, also a carpenter and millwright, expected to share in the mill work as Knight's foreman. Mr. Robbins' interest centered in the building of the dam, mine was to make a contract with some person to prepare a thousand stakes wherewith to mark the lot corners of the contemplated new village of Rockford as I had been engaged by Mr. Wyatt to do the company's surveying and plat the village.

Rockford City Council Minutes

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 15, 2022 4:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present was Council Members Hoffarth, Enabnit, Schlader and Seibert with Medlin being absent. Citizens present were Sarah Winters.
Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to approve the posted agenda. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve the consent agenda consisting of October 11th and November 1st & 9th, 2022 minutes, monthly reports, claims and expenses. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve water and sewer credit of \$87.50 on utility bill to the property of 103 2nd Ave SE. All ayes. Motion carried.
4. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Sharon to reimburse Library Director Elizabeth Everts as part of the medical expense reimbursement plan starting in 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Discussion was held on the Water Tower Project.
6. Discussion was held on the work being done at 109 W Main Ave.
7. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to approve Miller's Lawn Care for the 2023 spraying. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve setting W.C. Johnson 1st Addition Lots 3 & 4 out for sealed bid. Bids will be due to Rockford City Hall by December 13th, 2022 at 12:00 PM. The council retains the right to refuse any and all bids and certain variances. Bids will be opened at Public Hearing on December 13, 2022 at 7:30 PM. Cash payments will be required at the close of property transfer. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to set hearing date for Water Rate Increase Ordinance for December 13th, 2022. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to set hearing date for Sewer Rate Increase Ordinance for December 13th, 2022. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to set hearing date for Trees Ordinance for December 13th, 2022. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2022-25 Adopting Floyd County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
13. Mayor Johnson discussed Emergency Management meeting. He also discussed an upcoming meeting at NIACOG he will be attending on Derelict Building Grants.
14. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to adjourn at 8:14 P.M.

What's happening

2nd Annual Rockford Holiday Stroll December 10th, 6:00-8:00pm. Lots of fun and exciting things happening.

Amy's Food Pantry Saturday Dec 17th, 9-11am.

Grow Rockford is sponsoring a holiday light decorating contest!

Prizes will be awarded to the top three homes. 1st place will be awarded \$50.00, 2nd \$30.00, and 3rd \$20.00 cash. Impartial judges will drive around the Rockford area on the 16th of December to determine the winners. Winners will be notified by phone to arrange pickup of their prize. Their names will also be announced on the Grow Rockford Together and City of Rockford Facebook pages

and published in the January Newsletter. Very simple, all you need to do is decorate to participate. Let's see those beautiful decorations!

There will be a **Trail committee** meeting at City Hall on Sunday Dec 4th 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 Dec 4th at 7:00p. For more information, please call [\(641\) 756-3581](tel:6417563581).

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society - Due to the busy holiday season, there is no board meeting and no general program meeting during December. However, the research room will be open! The next general meeting/ program will be on Saturday, January 14, 2023, beginning at 1:30 PM. Come join us for "The Lone Ranger" presented by Tom Castle. Curious yet? Need not be a member to attend. Meetings are at 75 S Georgia, Mason City. For anyone needing to renew membership or submit dues, mail them to NCIGS, PO Box 237, Mason City 50401.

Rockford Library- Story Time every Saturday at 10:30am. No Story Time on the 31st. It includes a story, craft, and playtime. Book Club meeting on the 28th at 2:00pm. Books are available at the library. We have an informational website found by googling "Rockford Public Library" and we are on Facebook. The library will be closed December 24, 25, and 26th.

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

Obituaries: Michael J. Flitcroft born Feb 8, 1948, passed Nov 15, 2022. Robert "Bob" Fulk born Aug 21, 1954, passed Nov 13, 2022. Kathy Ann Adams born Mar 25, 1970, passed Nov 9, 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! Correction to last months shout out, Jerry Schlader helped to clean up the last boulevard, thank you.

Sunset Generation, Rockford Congregate Meals, would like to "thank" all our consumers for their patience as we have gone thru changes in the past few months. We have a new cook, Deb Hufft, who has cleaned & brightened up our facility and has passed Elderbridge and Health Department inspections with flying colors. We welcome any person over 60 to join us for lunch Monday - Friday at Rockford City Hall. Please call 756-3581 by 8:30 a.m. if you would like a meal delivered or to eat at our facility. We look forward to our continued service to the community.



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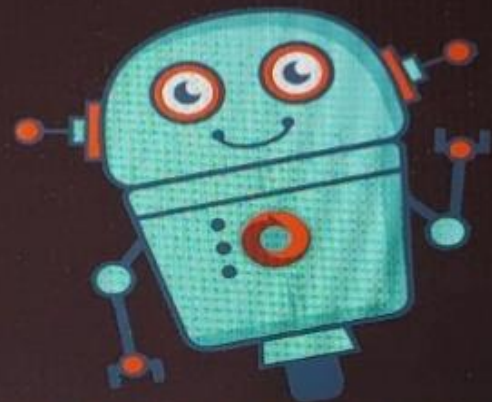
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Every 1st Saturday of the month

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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805 East Main Ave

Worship 10:30am Sundays

[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

Call for Reservations [\(641\) 756-3718](tel:641-756-3718)

Rockford Public Library

202 W Main Avenue

[641-756-3725](tel:641-756-3725)

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