

Rockford Community Newsletter

December marks the start of winter, the coldest season of the year and a time of dormancy. It also brings us the Christmas holiday and New Years Eve. Rockford's 3rd annual Holiday stroll is Dec 9th. Also, on Dec 9th the FFA Rock'n Light Show. Christmas Eve on the 24th, Christmas Day is the 25th. New Year's Eve on the 31st. **Merry Christmas Rockford!!!!**

Rockford History



The new Dollar General is getting closer to opening.

Rockford City Council Minutes

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
Present was Council Members Seibert, Hoffarth, Enabnit, Schlader and Medlin being absent. Citizens present was Larry Pump with Larry Pump CPA, Spenser Gruis, Derek Johnson, and Elizabeth Enabnit @ 7:32 P.M. Employee present was Daniel Paulus.
Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve the posted agenda. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to approve the consent agenda consisting of October 10th, 2023, Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses and Liquor License for Yesway & Dollar General and Aces tobacco permit. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, Annual Examination Report presented by Larry Pump. All ayes. Motion carried. A copy of the report may be viewed at City Hall during working hours.
4. No action was taken on the Water Tower Project.
5. No action was taken on the Sewer Lagoon Project.
6. Discussion was held with council on budget quotes from DeCarlo Demolition and Iowa Wall Sawing Service for budgeting purposes for the property of 109 W Main Ave. Discussion was held to have new quotes from the 2 companies to have the price sectioned out for what the exact cost is for each area of the building. The council committee will meet with the mayor to discuss the project further once the new quotes are in and how exactly to proceed forward with demolition and where to pay the expenses from.

7. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to purchase 2 Genie garage door openers for \$1,065.72 for the public works building garage doors. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to hire H.K. Masonry to fix broken bricks on the City Hall building. All ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to approve Miller's Lawn Care for the 2024 spraying. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Garbage service was tabled until a later date.
11. Discussion was held with council and mayor on the 28E Law Enforcement contract and the price per capita going up for the next year's budget.
12. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2023-38 to transfer funds from water to the CDBG/SRF project fund. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
13. Public Works Employee Daniel Paulus reported on draining the ponds & E.coli numbers, snow blade installed on public works truck, bricks on city hall, and putting up Christmas decorations.
14. Mayor Johnson reported on discussions with the county auditor & assessor's office on past city property transfers.
15. Council member Enabnit discussed the legislative meeting she attended in Mason City on law enforcement for towns in Iowa.
16. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting on Sunday Dec 3rd at 7:00pm at City Hall. New board positions will be voted on in the Dec meeting. Grow Rockfords Together's mission is for the residents of Rockford area to work with the Rockford City Council to develop plans and implementation strategies to enhance the natural, cultural, and visual resources of our community. All people interested in developing our community are encouraged to attend meetings every 1st Sunday of the month.

Grant Writing-Monthly grant writing on Friday, Dec 1st at 9:00am at City Hall. Anyone interested in applying for a grant of any kind is welcome to attend.

Grow Rockfords 2nd annual 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 23rd 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! Last year's first place winner is not eligible for prizes this year.

Floyd County Conservation-Please visit Floyd County Conservation Facebook page and/or floydcoia.org to stay current on events and information.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society-No Dec program.

Sunset Generation of Rockford-Will hold a community meeting concerning the future of Rockfords congregate meal program on Dec 9th at 9am at City Hall. Sunset Generation encourages everyone to attend this meeting.

Rockford Public Library-Book club on Dec 7th at 10:00am.

Rockford's 3rd Annual Holiday Stroll-Saturday Dec 9th 6-8pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at the band stand. Dress warmly and enjoy all the activities. Bingo at City Hall sponsored by Grow Rockford.

FFA Rock'n Light Show-Saturday Dec 9th 5-8pm. The Rockford FFA will be hosting a drive-through light display. There will be Coffee, Hot Chocolate, and cookies available for free will donation. All proceeds go towards packing care packages for troops overseas.

Welcome to Rockford! Welcome to the community Kenzie Waters. We hope you thrive here and are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Shout Outs: To the winners of the 1st annual Fall Planter Decorating contest. The winners are 1st place-Karen Schlader, 2nd place- Liz Enabnit, and 3rd place- Rob & Jen Schmitt. Thank you for participating in this event and helping downtown look festive.

Reminder: City code 105.05 Open Burning Restrictions. Only yard waste or recreational fires are permitted to burn in Rockford City limits. Contact City Hall with any questions.

Donations of paper for printing the Newsletter are appreciated and can be dropped off at City Hall. 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!

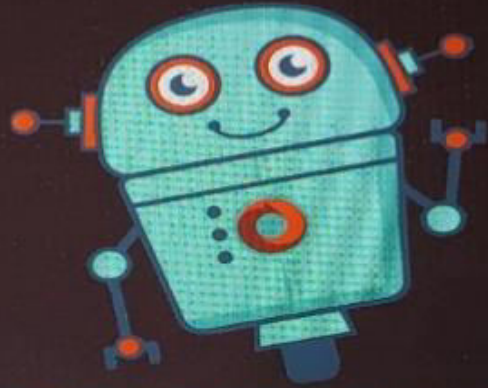




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RUDD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BREAKFAST
Every 1st Saturday of the month
7:30-9:30 a.m.
400 Chickasaw (Main Street)
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ZION Lutheran Church

805 East Main Ave

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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 Public Library

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