

Rockford Community Newsletter



Happy New Year Rockford! What the New Year will bring us depends a great deal on what we bring to the New Year. May we have joy, peace, love, and prosperity to our town in 2023. Jan 16th Martin Luther King Day.

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.

The day was cloudy and cold with a brisk westerly wind but seemed to be driving away the clouds as we had been contemplating the trip for weeks could hardly put it off longer. So, deeming all things propitious, we left Charles City about one o'clock p.m. for Sprague's (S. P. Sprague, an early settler in Ulster Township) near Flood Creek crossing, planning to go further under his advice. The sleighing was good for a foot and a half of snow, but before we arrived at Sprague's a heavy snow squall sprang up suddenly giving us some uneasiness and there was some talk of turning back. But evidently the party was unsuited to that kind of talk, and we pushed on.

Rockford City Council Minutes

**ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 13, 2022,
7:30 P.M.**

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Seibert, Hoffarth, Enabnit and with Schlader and Medlin absent. Citizens present were Angie Johnson, Sandi Willman, Peg Huisman, Donna Smith, Darlene Eaton, Harry White, and Larry Pump with Larry Pump CPA, and employee Daniel Paulus.
Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to open Public Hearing at 7:31 P.M. for purposed Johnson Addition Lots 3 & 4 as published. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
Mayor Johnson asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to close Public Hearing at 7:34 P.M.
3. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2022-26 approving the bid for Lots 3 & 4 from Russell & Mary Litterer for \$3,070.00. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

4. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve consent agenda consisting of November 15, 2022, Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, and Claims & Expenses. All ayes. Motion carried.
5. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, 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.
6. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve the city to have a commercial water softener installed for the community center kitchen through Culligan Water Conditioning Inc. The City will pay for the one time installation fee, monthly rental fee, and delivery fee of salt. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve change order for the city hall sidewalk to JC Construction & Concrete in the amount of \$200.00. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve paying the full amount of the RAKA bill totaling \$3,261.31 for the rental of a lift for work done at the property of 109 W. Main Ave. All ayes. Motion carried. The city is requesting that Iowa Wall Sawing Service Inc. reimburse the city for half the cost of the rental.
9. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve public works employee Daniel Paulus up to \$1,000.00 to purchase holiday decorations for central park. All ayes. Motion carried.
10. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve a donation of \$200.00 to Paige Martin with Farm Bureau insurance towards the holiday bags for this past week's holiday stroll. All ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to budget annually up to 15 years a \$10,000.00 donation to the Rockford Grow Committee towards walking trails that will go through town and connect to the Rockford Fossil Park trails. All ayes. Motion carried. Angie Johnson with Grow is applying for grants and requesting donations from other organizations for this project as well. The Grow committee is anticipating the project to be complete way in advance to the city's donation threshold.
12. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to open Public Hearing at 8:12 P.M. for discussing Ordinance #254 to raise water volume rates & capital improvement fees. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to close Public Hearing at 8:13 P.M.
13. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to put upon its first reading Ordinance #254, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to water volume rates & capital improvement fees. And by adding the statutory rule requiring said Ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be waived, and that Ordinance #254, amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Rockford, Iowa, by amending and to be put upon its final passage and officially adopted, upon publications. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
14. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to open Public Hearing at 8:13 P.M. for discussing Ordinance #255 to raise sewer base & volume rates. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to close Public Hearing at 8:14 P.M.
15. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to put upon its first reading Ordinance #255, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to sewer base & volumes rates. And by adding the statutory rule requiring said Ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be waived, and that Ordinance #255, amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Rockford, Iowa, by amending and to be put upon its final passage and officially adopted, upon publications. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
16. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to open Public Hearing at 8:14 P.M. for discussing Ordinance #256 to planting trees in city parking. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to close Public Hearing at 8:15 P.M.
17. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to put upon its first reading Ordinance #256, amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to planting trees in city parking. And by adding the statutory rule requiring said Ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be waived, and that Ordinance #256, amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Rockford, Iowa, by amending and to be put upon its final passage and officially adopted, upon publications. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

18. Public Works Employee Daniel Paulus reported on getting equipment ready for snow and mixing more salt & sand for winter weather.
19. Mayor Johnson reported on the derelict building grant workshop that he attended. He also asked the council to start thinking about which way they would like to proceed with the 109 W. Main Ave property.
20. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.

What's happening

Grow Rockford is sponsoring a holiday light decorating contest!

The judges had a hard time determining the winners of the Holiday Light Contest. Rockford looked so pretty with all the lighting. Thank you to all who participated. The winners are: 1st – Bill & Denise Dow, 2nd Marty Ginther, and 3rd Jacob Zieman & Lani Fuller. Congratulations!!!

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting via Zoom on Sunday Jan 8th at 7:00pm. For more information, please call [\(641\) 756-3581](tel:6417563581).

BINGO-Come play bingo for fun on Thursday Jan 5th from 2:00-3:00pm. Everyone is welcome! If there is enough interest, it would be a weekly event. Contact City Hall with any questions.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society (NCIGS) will hold its regular monthly meeting and program on Saturday, January 14, 2023. Program title is "The Story of the Lone Ranger", presented by Tom Castle. What does the Lone Ranger have to do with genealogy? Come & find out! Time: 1:30 PM. Location: 75 S Georgia, Mason City. That building is the Masonic Lodge building, across the street directly east of the MC Police Department. Our resource room/ meeting room is on the 2nd floor; elevator is available. Need not be a member to attend!

Rockford Library- Story Time every Saturday at 10:30am. It includes a story, craft, and playtime. Book Club meeting on the 25th 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.

Welcome to Rockford! Ryan Bartling and Ben & Brittany Commer + Benson and Brenna. Welcome to the community; we hope you thrive here. We are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Obituaries: Janice Roselyn Herman born Jul 23, 1934, passed Dec 06, 2022. Carol Josephine Meader born Jan 10, 1947, passed Dec 14, 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! Bobbi Hinrichsen and Kasey Ott for a successful 2nd Annual Holiday Stroll! Looking forward to the 3Rd annual Stroll.



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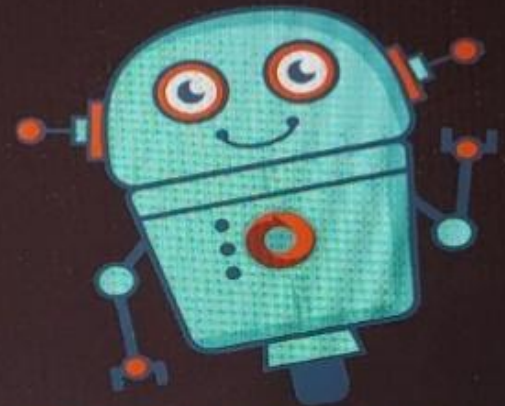
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Open: Wednesday at noon until 6:30 P.M.