

Rockford Community Newsletter

Fall officially begins Sep 23rd. The Cedar Valley Engine Club Show is Labor Day weekend.

Rockford History

Many changes since this photo. More exciting changes are coming to downtown Rockford.



2017 Rockford Historical Society Calendar

May 25, 1976

Looking south, old school in foreground

Rockford City Council Minutes

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING AUGUST 8, 2023 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at the Rockford City Hall on Tuesday, August 8th, 2023. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present was Council Members Hoffarth, Enabnit, Schlader, Seibert; Absent Medlin. Citizens present were Spenser Gruis and Rockford Public Library Director Emily Deetz.
Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. for Authorizing Conveyance of interest in real estate of property of portion of 2nd Street S.E., Rockford, Iowa. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Johnson asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to close Public Hearing at 7:31 P.M.
3. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Schlader to approve Resolution #2023-32 approving Conveyance of interest in real estate of property of portion of 2nd Street S.E., Rockford, Iowa to First Link 11, LLC. Passed with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Schlader, Seibert, Hoffarth and Enabnit.

4. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve the consent agenda consisting of July 11th, 2023 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses and Liquor License for Yes way and Aces, LLC. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
5. No action taken on Water Tower Project.
6. No action taken on Sewer Lagoon Project.
7. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve the purchase from Koshatka Farm Equipment, Inc. for a 2023 New Holland Boomer tractor with the trade in of the city's Case IH Farmall 55C tractor Koshatka Farm Equipment for \$17,250.00. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve a quote from Bergo Environmental for asbestos removal at 109 W Main Ave for \$8,450.00. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to approve the possible variance to waive the set back up to the city property line on the north and south side of 113 E Main Ave. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
10. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve the library to block off part of 1st St. N. on Monday August 14th from 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. for the touch a truck event. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to approve the purchase of paint for the Rockford Public Library for the remainder of the walls that have not been painted. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2023-33 Transfer of Emergency Funds to General in the amount of \$5,358.00. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
13. Public Works Employee's Randall Schweizer and Daniel Paulus reported on painting of school crosswalk lines, led and copper testing, locates, dog at large warnings, and the status of the water tower project.
14. A council discussion was held on looking into the Trees Forever Program.
15. Mayor Johnson reported on meetings he has had with First Link, LLC, property deeds from the lawyer, and an upcoming meeting in Mason City, IA about Economic Development he will be attending.
16. Motion Seibert, sec. Schlader to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting on Sunday Sep 10th at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Monthly Boulevard workday 9/9/23 9am-11am.

Grant Writing-Monthly grant writing on Friday, Sep 1st at 8:00am at City Hall. Anyone interested in applying for a grant is welcome to attend.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society (NCIGS) North Central Iowa Genealogical Society September program is titled: LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGY SITES, MASON CITY IA. Mark Suby is the Presenter and will provide a display of old bottles. As usual, the location is the Society's Library Room within the Masonic Temple, 75 S. Georgia Ave, Mason City at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept 9, 2023. Another connection with families' histories! Need not be a member to attend. Please join us, enjoy the program, and socialize with others who find genealogy and history so very interesting. If anyone has ideas for programs, or something they'd like to have more info on, feel free to offer suggestions!

Grand opening of Aces Restaurant & Bar. Sep 16th. Doors open at noon to check out the progress and catch some college football. A street dance featuring the The Smokin Yotes will rock out from 8:00p through midnight. There will be outside beer sales along with liquor and beer sales inside. The kitchen will not be open for this event.

Rockford Public Library-Book club on Sep 12th at 10:00am. New hours for the month of **September only**. Starting Sep 1st, Mon, Tue, Thu, 9am-4pm. Wed, 12-6:30pm. CLOSED Sat and Sun.

Welcome to Rockford! Welcome to the community Toni Benson/Thomas Folkerts and family! We hope you thrive here and are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Shout Outs: To all the volunteers that have worked on the Main Street Boulevard. Angie Johnson has been push mowing the boulevard this summer to keep the weeds down. Thank you all! The boulevard is beautiful.

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!



RSVP connects adults 55 and older to volunteer opportunities at RRMR!

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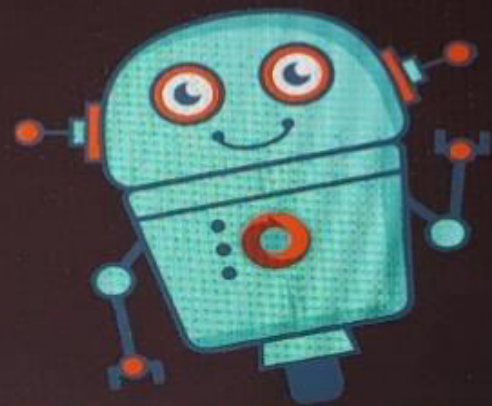
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Rockford Community Center
206 West Main Avenue
Call for Reservations [\(641\) 756-3718](tel:6417563718)

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

Rockford Churches

First United Methodist Church

21 3rd St NW

Worship 10:30am Sundays or on
Facebook

[641-756-2360](tel:641-756-2360)

ZION Lutheran Church

805 East Main Ave

Worship 10:30am Sundays


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Holy Name Catholic Church

507 1ST Ave NW

Mass 5:30 pm on Saturdays

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Rockford Public Library

202 W Main Avenue

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Open: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00am – 4:00pm, Wednesday 12:00-6:30pm, Saturday 9:00

– 12:00 noon. **See amended Sept hours above.**