

Rockford Community Newsletter

March, will it come roaring in like a lion and leave like a lamb? We will find out. Daylight savings time is back on the 10th, St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, first day of spring on the 19th, and Easter Sunday on the 31st.



Rockford City Council

REGULAR MEETING FEBRUARY 13th, 2024, 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, February 13th, 2024. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Schlader, Seibert, Johnson, Enabnit, and Medlin at 7:31 P.M. Citizens present were Bill Dow, Tod Cleghorn, Spenser Gruis, and Liz Enabnit. Also present were Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer and Dan Paulus.
Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Schlader, sec. Johnson to approve the consent agenda consisting of January 16th Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to donate \$551.00 to the Nora Springs Ambulance Service. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Motion Enabnit, sec. Medlin to approve half of the cost with RRM School to replace the school crossing stop sign on wheels at the intersection of East Main Ave and 9th Street with two solar powered LED blinking stop signs. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
5. Motion Johnson, sec. Enabnit to set the City-Wide Clean-up dates from June 5th – 9th, with 4 – 30 yard dumpsters to be put at the city dump for in town residents only. Appliances will also need to be taken to dump with purchase of sticker. Appliance stickers will be sold at city hall. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
6. Motion Johnson, sec. Seibert to approve sewer credit of 9,832 gallons for February bill at the property of 410 1st Ave NW. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
7. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve Resolution #2024-4 Rental Agreement with Sonberg Tree Service for the use of a boom truck for \$175.00 an hour when cutting down city trees. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
8. Discussion was held on applying for a grant with the Iowa DNR for the 109 W. Main Ave property.
9. Motion Johnson, sec. Schlader to approve \$200.00 donation to the Rockford Spring Egg-stravaganza that is set for March, 30^h at Fossil Park. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.

10. Motion Johnson, sec. Seibert to approve \$250.00 donation to the RRMR after Prom. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to approve business owners, church groups or any other organization who wish to participate, the use of city electricity in Wyatt Park Campground for the 2024 Rockford FFA Holiday Light Show that will start the weekend after Thanksgiving through the weekend after New Year's. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve to permanently waive the Sunset Generation monthly reimbursement for their utilities to the city. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2024-05 Setting Public Hearing date for the General Fund Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 for April 9th, 2024, at 6:45 P.M. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
14. Motion Medlin, sec. Seibert approved to get quotes on the cost of the City Budget Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2024, for Annual Exam. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
15. Motion Schlader, sec. Johnson to approve Resolution #2024-06 Bridge Inspection Program Agreement. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
16. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2024-07 Memorandum of Understanding between the Iowa Department of Revenue and City of Rockford regarding the state setoff program. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
17. Motion Medlin, sec. Schlader to approve Fiscal Year 2024-2025 contract with Gworks Hub for city financial software and to share half the cost with the Rockford Municipal Light Plant. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
18. Discussion was held with the council on annually raising water and sewer rates for rising costs of expenses.
19. Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer reported on lead & copper survey, ambulance call, water main break and water main fix.
20. Mayor Johnson reported on changes to city insurance, meeting with Floyd County Supervisors and the Annual 28E agreement cost rising.
21. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to adjourn at 8:24 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting on Sunday Mar 3rd at 7:00pm at City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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

Grow Rockford Together-Easter Egg Sale. 50 easter eggs, 25 filled with candy and 25 filled with toys can be purchased for \$25.00. They can be picked up in a bag or can be placed in your front or back yard. Please contact Heidi Reams at 641-220-0264 to schedule pick up or delivery. For local area only.

Floyd County Conservation-Starting January 2024, the “*Conservationist*” and “*Connections*” newsletters will combine to become “*Conservation Connections*”. This combination will also be arriving to you via email monthly instead of quarterly. The newsletter can also be found on fossilcenter.com, floydco.iowa.gov, as well as all social media sites. Printed newsletters can be mailed upon request at 641-756-3490.

Please visit Floyd County Conservation Facebook page and/or floydcoia.org to stay current on events and information. **Spring Egg-stravaganza** Mar 3rd at the Fossil Center, **Maple Syrup Fest**-Mar 9th at Tosanak, **Hunters Education Course** Mar 23 at Fossil Center.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society- March program is our popular relaxed, informal discussion, “FAMILY HISTORY/GENEALOGY ROUNDTABLE.”

Meet in the Society library, located on the 2nd floor of the Masonic Temple, 75 S Georgia, Mason City (elevator available). Saturday, March 9, beginning at 1:30 PM. Always, a relaxed atmosphere with the opportunity to share discoveries, mysteries, insights. Ask questions and get answers! The roundtable has always been a crowd pleaser. Come join us! Refreshments available.

Coming Soon-Emma Lou’s Haridos. Hair & Beauty 126 W Main St. Opening her first ever salon Mar 26th in downtown Rockford. She will be offering the following services. Haircuts-Men Cuts-Waxing-Color-Highlights. To book an appointment, text or call 641-210-8356.

Welcome to Rockford! Welcome to the community all who made Rockford your new home in March. We hope you thrive here and are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Obituaries-Dennis Adams, born Feb 2, 1941, passed Jan 30, 2024. John W. Pearson, born Dec 19th, 1948, passed Feb 10th, 2024.

Rockford Public Library- Book Club on Mar 14th at 11:00am. Knitting/Crochet Club Mar 14th at 1:00p and Thursday Mar 28th at 1:00p.

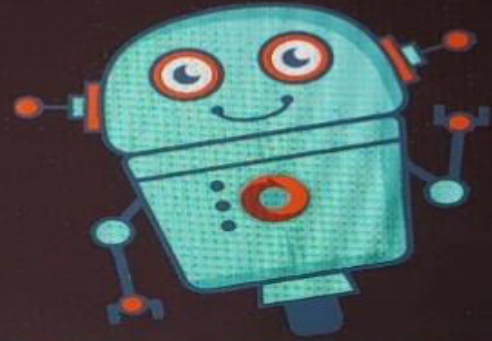
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Community Meals [\(641-756-3581\)](tel:6417563581)

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,
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links, homemade bread and jam, rolls,
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Sunday Worship 10: am

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21 3rd St NW

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ZION Lutheran Church

805 East Main Ave

Worship 10:00am 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 Public Library

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