

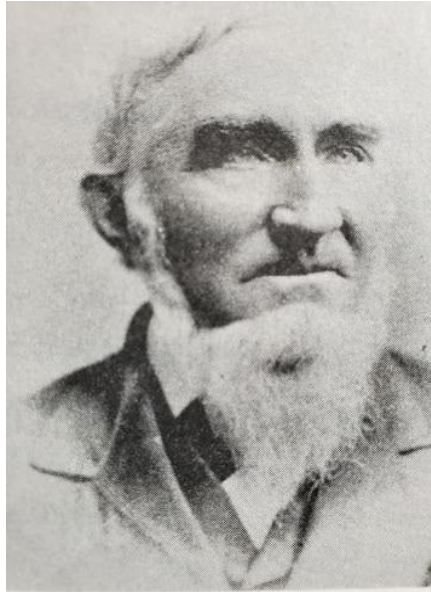
Rockford Community Newsletter

October, we are losing more daylight every day, fall is in the air, and pumpkin spice is back. Columbus Day Oct 10th, Rockford Halloween Oct 30th 5-7pm, traditional Halloween Oct 31st.

Rockford History

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

Stephen Brittan came to Rockford in 1855 and in addition to purchasing an interest in the Rockford Company, he bought a farm along the Shell Rock at the northwest edge of the village not far from Grace's original claim. He remained in Rockford until his death in 1886. Another member of the Rockford Company, David M. Bemis, was probably a very early settler whose interest in the village was passing. Very little is known about him.



S. P. Britten

Rockford City Council Minutes

September 20, 2022, 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, September 20, 2022. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Hoffarth, Enabnit, Schlader, Seibert and Medlin @ 8:29 P.M. Citizens present were Kevin Tegtmeier, Merlyn & Ramona Reiter, Sarah & Aaliyah Dodge. Employees present were Randy Schweizer and Daniel Paulus.
Motion Hoffarth sec. Enabnit to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve the agenda consisting of August 16, 2022, Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses & Yesway Liquor License. All ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Schlader to set Public Hearing Date for Water Rates for October 11th, 2022 @ 7:30 P.M. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
4. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve 2 logos for the east water tower project and for the logos to be placed on the N.W. & S.E. sides of tower. All ayes. Motion carried.

5. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to let out for bids the demolition of city property at 109 W. Main Ave. The sealed bids are due into city hall on Monday October 10th, 2022, by 4:00 P.M. The council retains the right to refuse any and all bids. Bids will be opened at Public Hearing on October 11th, 2022, at 7:30 PM. All Ayes roll call vote.
6. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve public works employees to take any old unwanted or needed equipment to Wrightz Auction Company at 1406 US-218, Floyd, IA to be put up for auction. All ayes. Motion carried.
7. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to approve tree planting request in city right of way at 802 E. Main Ave. All ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion died for tree planting request in city right of way at 110 5th St N.W. due to lack of motion. Tabled until next meeting.
9. There was discussion that the library board voted to help pay half the cost of the library basement cleaning and painting bill to Herron's Band Box.
10. Floyd County Freedom Rock sign tabled until next meeting.
11. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to approve Halloween trick or treating for Sunday, October 30th, 2022, from 5 P.M. – 7 P.M. All ayes. Motion carried.
12. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Schlader to approve a donation of \$200.00 to the Halloween Committee for their parade. All ayes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve a donation of \$250.00 to the Rudd Historical Society. All ayes. Motion carried.
14. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to budget \$4,000.00 for West Park that will go towards a new sidewalk. All ayes. Motion carried.
15. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve a monthly US Cellular plan for purchase of 6 security cameras, installation fee, and up to \$100.00 annual cloud cost for city properties. All ayes. Motion carried.
16. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Medlin to approve Resolution #2022-21 Wyatt Park Campground camping rates. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
17. Discussion was held on the sandbar/boat ramp and restrooms at the Wyatt Park Campground.
18. Discussion was held with GROW about flower basket brush cleanup.
19. Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to approve JC Construction bid for city hall sidewalk for \$3,007.00. All ayes. Motion carried.
20. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Schlader to approve Resolution #2022-22 Street Finance Report. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
21. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve Union Contract for a two-year extension. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
22. Discussion was held on looking into city ordinance on sewer charges for customers that have sewer utilities that don't have water utilities.
23. Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer reported on tree removals, stump removals, tree and stump removal on south side of bridge, riverbank and boat dock cleanup and working on cleanup at public works building site to get ready for the Water Tower Project.
24. Mayor Johnson reported on the Assessor, EMA & landfill meetings from this week. He also reported on the progress with First Link 11 of the vacated portion of road on 2nd Street SE.
25. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to adjourn at 9:01 P.M.

What's happening

No October weeding of Main Street boulevards this first Saturday, Oct 1st 9-11am. Instead, we will be pulling the flowers out of the barrels. If anyone has fall décor to donate for the downtown barrels only, it would be appreciated. We will start at the West Boulevard.

There will be a **Trail committee** meeting at City Hall on Sunday October 8th at 6:30pm. Anyone interested in having trails in Rockford, please attend.

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting at City Hall on Sunday October 8th at 7:00pm.

Rockford Congregate Meals

202 W Main Avenue

Meals are held Monday - Friday at Rockford City Hall / Community Center.

For more information, please call [\(641\) 756-3581](tel:6417563581).

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society September 2022: Meetings are held on the second floor of the Masonic Temple, 75 South Georgia, Mason City. The general meetings are held on the second Saturday of each month at 1:30 pm and are open to members, guests, and the public. The Oct topic is "Places that May Be Haunted and Possible Spirits or Residents". Bring stories and names.

Rockford Library- Story Time every Saturday at 10:30am. It includes a story, craft, and playtime. Speaker Gail Kittleson will speak at 2:00pm on WWII. Book Club meeting is Wednesday the 26th at 2:00 pm. The book is Green Land by Nicholas Sparks. 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! No new residents in September. Welcome to the community; we hope you thrive here. We are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Obituaries: No obituaries for September.

The Night Market-3rd Annual is Saturday, October 15th from 4pm-9pm. Located on Main Street at the bandstand, Rockford, IA. Local artists, makers, food trucks, & live music all under the beautifully lit night sky.

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! A big shout out to the city and the workers for cleaning up the beach area in Wyatt Park! It looks fantastic! A great place to put in or take out in your canoe or kayak or spend some lounging on the beach. On the one-year anniversary of this Newsletter, a shout out to the Mayor, City Clerks Pam and Jessica for their support of this Newsletter, and the coffee ladies for the help folding them every month! It would not be possible without these wonderful people. Thank you!



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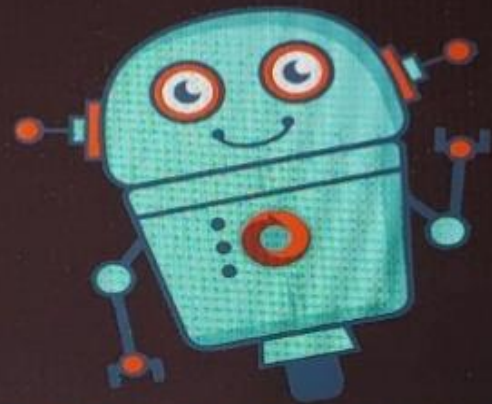
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Every 1st Saturday of the month

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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[641-756-3850](tel:641-756-3850)

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