

Rockford Community Newsletter

Happy New Year Rockford! May Rockford's 2024 be filled with joy, laughter, and countless moments of happiness for you and your loved ones. Jan 15th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Rockford History



The building on the left is the first High school building in Rockford, adding on to an existing school built in 1874. The High school was completed in 1888. On July 14th, 1899, in the morning, it burned down. The cause of the fire was never determined. The current old school was completed in February 1900. The old school building caught on fire Friday Dec 22, 2023. The structure suffered major damage, but no one was injured. Many area firefighters and emergency personnel responded to the scene. The cause of the fire has not been determined.

Rockford City Council Minutes

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2023 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, December 12, 2023. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Enabnit, Seibert, Medlin, and Hoffarth and with Schlader absent. Citizens present were Rustin Lingbeek with SEH and Employees Randy Schweizer and Dan Paulus.
Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve the posted agenda. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Enabnit, sec. Medlin to approve the consent agenda consisting of November 14th & 30th Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses and a correction to the November 14th meeting minutes line 15 stating that council member Enabnit attended the legislative & law enforcement meeting in Mason City. They were two separate meetings; the legislative meeting was in Mason City and law enforcement meeting was in Charles City. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.

3. Rustin Linbeek with SEH informed the council that the water tower project construction will start in the spring of 2024.
4. A discussion was held with Rustin Lingbeek from SEH to move forward with plans for the sewer lagoon project to meet the DNR requirements.
5. A discussion was held with the council to budget and apply for grants for demolition on the 109 W. Main Ave property.
6. No action was taken on the Rockford Public Library.
7. No action was taken on GROW.
8. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to set Budget Workshop meeting for January 17th at 5:00 P.M. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
9. Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer reported a water service line that was leaking, and they found that it was a lead line. They will resume work in spring to replace the line. He also reported on putting up Christmas decorations and getting the salt & sand mixture, and trucks ready for winter.
10. A discussion was held with council member Hoffarth on the 3rd Annual Rockford Holiday Stroll and its success. Council member Enabnit discussed with the council that a report is due by the end of January 2024 for the 2nd phase of the West Park project grant with the Floyd County Community Foundation. She also discussed the meeting she attended with Floyd County on the Iowa open meetings/open records law. There will be a YouTube video available for interested parties who may have missed the meeting.
11. Mayor Johnson reported on the meeting he attended with Sunset Generation on their senior meal program. He also discussed the opening of the new Dollar General Store and the positive feedback he has received. He would also like to thank Carol Hoffarth for her service as council member and to welcome Derek Johnson as the newest council member starting in January 2024.
12. Motion Seibert, sec. Hoffarth to adjourn at 8:10 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting on Sunday Jan 7th at 7:00pm at City Hall. New board positions will be voted on in the meeting.

Grant Writing-Monthly grant writing on Friday, Jan5th 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 1st place Dustin Nicholson awarded \$50.00, 2nd place Dianne & Al Christensen awarded \$30.00, and 3rd place Rich Ritter awarded \$20.00 cash. Winners can pick up their prize at City Hall starting Jan 3rd.

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-The January program topic is "The Orphan Train". Don Pauley will be the Presenter/Researcher. Saturday, January 13, 2024, at 1:30 PM, in the NCIGS resource room at 75 S Georgia, Mason City. Topic suggestions for future programs may be passed along to any Society member.

The Genie Bug Edition will be issued in February 2024. Forward any stories about your ancestor’s travel/migration to America, to Editor Patti Baker. The Society Library remains ‘A Gathering Place’ Monday-Saturday. Enjoy and partake in great conversations to exchange tidbits, ideas, research techniques.

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

Rockford Public Library-Book Club on Jan 11th at 10:00am. Puzzle time Jan 27th at 9:00am.

Shout Outs: To the city crews decorating our town for the holiday season. It is so beautiful coming into town to all the lights and decorations. Way to go!

Obituaries-Rick L. Levenhagen, born Mar28, 1958, passed Dec 22, 2023

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!



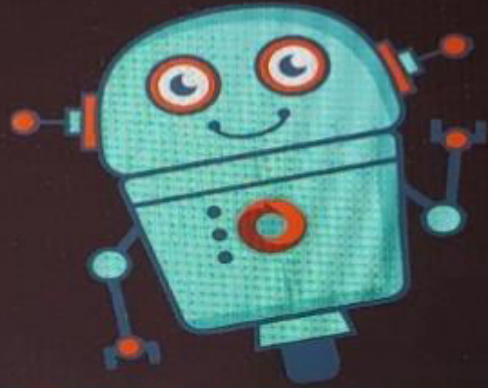


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Every 1st Saturday of the month
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ZION Lutheran Church

805 East Main Ave

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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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