

# Rockford Community Newsletter

October brings cooler weather and shorter daylight hours. Columbus Day is on the 9<sup>th</sup>, Rockford Halloween parade and trick or treating will be on the 29<sup>th</sup>, and official Halloween on the 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Rockford City Council Minutes

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2023, 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at the Rockford City Hall on Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Enabnit, Schlader, Seibert, and Hoffarth. Medlin was absent. Citizens present were Chelsea Carroll, Harry White with Sunset Generation, and Spenser Gruis at 7:31 and Employee's Randy Schweizer and Dan Paulus.  
Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. for Authorizing Conveyance of interest in real estate of property of portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to close Public Hearing at 7:31 P.M.
3. Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to approve Resolution #2023-35 approving Conveyance of interest in real estate of property of portion of 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S.E. from Main Ave to Alley, Rockford, Iowa to First Link 11, LLC. Passed with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Seibert, Hoffarth, Enabnit, and Schlader.
4. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve the consent agenda consisting of August 8<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
5. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Schlader to approve a \$186.37 sewer credit to 509 W. Main Ave for their August bill. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
6. Employee Daniel Paulus passed out a new Water Tower Project schedule to the council and mayor.
7. No action was taken on Sewer Lagoon Project.
8. Discussion was held on phase #2 of the West Park Sidewalk project that Sharon Enabnit and Carol Hoffarth. They are applying for another grant through the Floyd County Community Foundation.
9. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to approve Halloween trick or treating in Rockford for Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and a donation of \$300.00 towards treat bags for the parade. The parade will begin at 5:00 P.M. in the old clinic parking lot. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
10. Harry White with Sunset Generation informed the council that the program has went over budget the last 6 months with food expenses. He said that Elderbridge's monthly contribution to Sunset Generation was cut from what they were getting extra for COVID. The council suggested that the Sunset Generation Committee have a meeting with their cook and Elderbridge to discuss funding and to see if the senior center is still utilizing the US Foods and Northeast Iowa Food Bank trucks for the ordering and purchase of most of their groceries.
11. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2023-36 Street Finance Report. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
12. Public Works employee Randy Schweizer reported on work to the library air condition unit, illegal garbage burning warning, at large dog warning and citation, black dirt they got from Scott Ginther, asbestos removal at 109 W. Main Ave, meetings with First Link, LLC. with Dollar General and cleaning the city hall garage.
13. Mayor Johnson reported on meetings he has had with First Link, LLC with Dollar General, the Economic Development meeting, and looking into different possible options for garbage.
14. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to adjourn at 8:28 P.M.

# What's Happening

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**Grow Rockford Together** will have their next meeting on Sunday Oct 1st at 7:00pm at City Hall.

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**Grant Writing**-Monthly grant writing on Friday, Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am at City Hall. Anyone interested in applying for a grant is welcome to attend.

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**City of Rockford Lead and Copper Questionnaire:** Please fill out the questionnaire included in the newsletter. You will receive a \$5.00 credit on your water utility bill.

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**Fall Decorating Contest**-Sponsored by Grow Rockford. The flowers will be pulled from the planters on main street soon. Only the downtown planters will be decorated (approximately 10 planters). Participants can decorate the planters (the grass will remain) with fall decorations of their choice. The decoration deadline is the 24<sup>th</sup> of Oct. Judging will take place on the 31<sup>st</sup>. 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will receive \$50.00, 2nd place winner \$30, and 3rd place winner \$20. Please call or text Heidi Reams 641-220-0074 for planter assignments and questions. The decorations will remain until Thanksgiving.

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**North Central Iowa Genealogical Society (NCIGS)** The North Central Iowa Genealogical Society program on Saturday, October 14, 2023, will be "HALLOWEEN, THE REAL STORY". Presenters will be Rod Hungerford & Larry Paul. Historical information, cultural beliefs & traditions, and related topics will be discussed. As usual, the program will begin at 1:30 p.m. Location: NCIGS research library, 2nd floor of the Mason City IA MASONIC TEMPLE. 75 S. Georgia Ave in Mason City IA. An elevator available, refreshments provided. Need not be a member to attend.

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**Rockford Halloween** parade will be Sunday Oct 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm. Line up at the old clinic site. Contact Kristi Fullerton at 641-430-4474 with any questions.

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**Rockford Public Library**-Book club on Oct 10th at 10:00am. Book is When No One Is Watching. Library hours have returned to normal.

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**Welcome to Rockford!** Welcome to the community Cullen Carrigan and Tyler Johnson. We hope you thrive here and are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

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**Obituaries:** Glen Arthur Higby 56, passed Sep 9, 2023.

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**Sunset Generation**-Sunset Generation of Rockford, a nonprofit, is seeking donations for the meal program. The program serves meals to shut in's, special needs, handicap, low income, and Senior Citizens over 60 here in Rockford. The program is partially funded by Elderbridge. As of July 2023, Elderbridge has cut funding by two thirds due to cutbacks and the end of COVID funding. The funding while greatly appreciated, is not enough to cover the cost of the program. The funding barely covers food costs. There is payroll, utilities, insurance, and supply costs that need to be covered. The program provides 15-5 meals 5 days a week. Most of the meals are delivered to resident homes by volunteer drivers. Residents may also come to the center for a meal. Dine in meals are asked for a donation for the meal. Please consider donating to keep the program here in Rockford. For more information, contact Harry White, 641-257-8541, Donna Smith, 756-2265 or Deb, 756-3581. **Thank you!**

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**Mark your calendars:** Oct 14<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm Eyes in the Night. Oct 26<sup>th</sup>, Women in the Woods with Wine, 7pm. Oct 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Full Hunters Moon Hike. All these events are at Tosanak. Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 1pm Charcuterie Board Workshop at Fossil & Prairie Center. Contact Floyd Co Conservation 641-756-3490 with questions.

Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rockford Holiday Stroll. Contact Bobbi Hinrichsen or Kasey Ott if you are interested in helping, sponsoring an activity, or have any ideas for this year's stroll.

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**Shout Outs:** Dale and Jan Stern for supplying paper for the Newsletter. It is greatly appreciated.

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**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.

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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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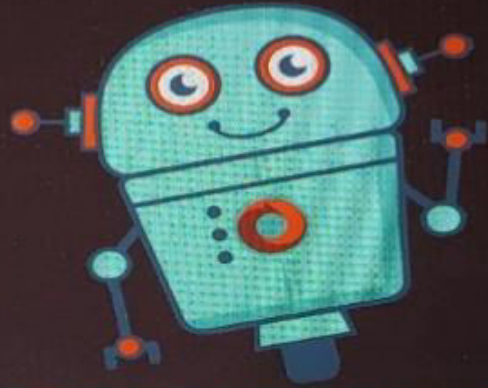


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## Customer Questionnaire for Lead and Copper Testing of Drinking Water in the City of Rockford

The City of Rockford Water Supply is required to do Lead and Copper testing at least every three years at different locations within our distribution system. In order to compile a database of the materials used in our customer's service lines and plumbing required by our sampling plan, please take a few minutes to complete and return this questionnaire. By doing so, we will credit your water utility account \$5.00.

Return to:

City of Rockford

PO Box 403

Rockford, IA 50468

Or

City of Rockford Drop Box

We thank you for your cooperation in helping us with this to continue to serve clean and safe drinking water to our customers.

### **Contact Information**

Name of Person filling out this questionnaire: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number should we have questions: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Property Information**

Address (use separate sheet for each property): \_\_\_\_\_

Type: ☐ Single Family

☐ Multi-Family

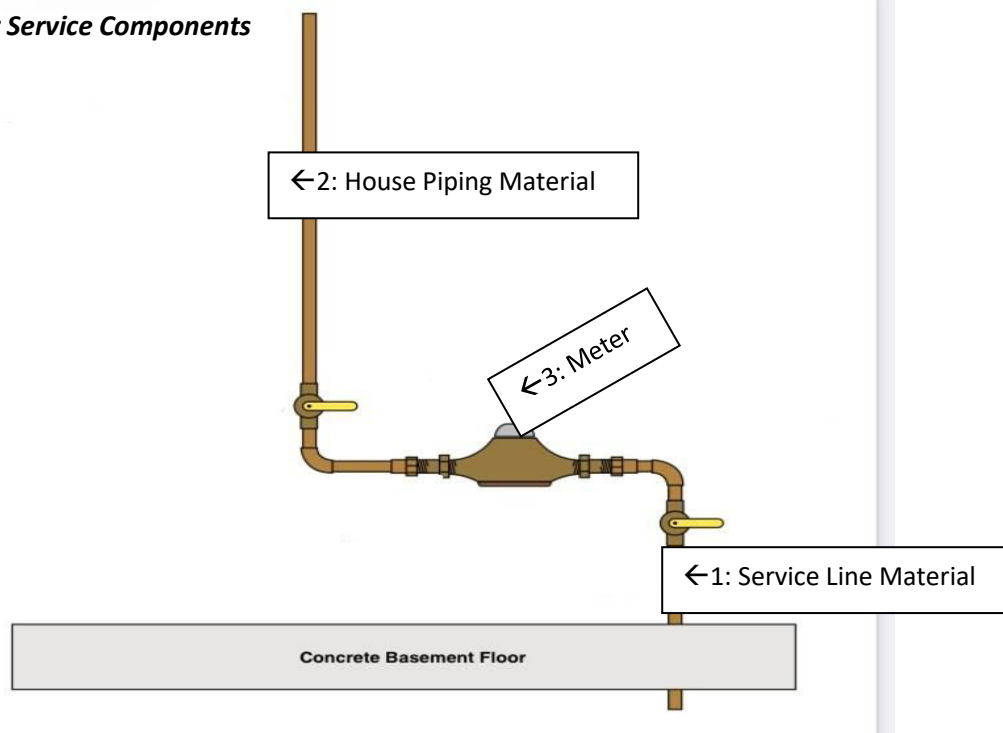
☐ Commercial

☐ Industrial

Year Built: ☐ Before 1988

☐ After 1988

### **Water Service Components**



**USE THIS TEMPLATE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON BACK OF SHEET.**

**Materials List**

What material is your service line (1) made of? (Check all that apply)

☐ Lead      ☐ Copper      ☐ Galvanized steel      ☐ P.E. (polyethylene)

When was the service line going into your house or business installed?

☐ Before 1988      ☐ After 1988

What material are the pipes in your house or business made of (2)? (Check all that apply)

☐ Lead      ☐ Copper      ☐ Galvanized      ☐ PVC      ☐ PEX

How old are the pipes inside your house?

☐ Installed before 1988      ☐ Installed after 1988

Do you have a water softener or a whole home water purification system or any other treatment device installed in your house or business?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

If you answered yes to question 5, do you have an untreated, cold water kitchen or bathroom faucet?

☐ Yes      ☐ No

If your home or business meets the criteria for lead and copper sampling, would you be willing to participate in this testing? During testing, a Water Supply Employee would bring an empty bottle to your house, provide you with documentation and instructions on collecting the sample, and pick it up the next morning. Sampling frequency is typically every three years.

☐ Yes      ☐ No

**Thank you for participating in this survey; the data collected will allow us to provide accurate sampling and test results to determine the level of lead and copper found in our homes and businesses and to make appropriate treatment changes to lower or eliminate lead or copper leaching from service lines, plumbing, and fixtures in our customers' homes and businesses.**

**If you have any questions about this survey, please contact:**

**Dan Paulus  
(641) 420-8538**

**Or:**

**Randy Schweizer  
(641) 330-0057**



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Eaton at 641-756-2441.

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

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