

Rockford Community Newsletter

Spring is in the April air! Good Friday is on the 7th, Easter Sunday the 9th. Federal Taxes need to be post marked on the 18th. Rockford City cleanup days from Wed. the 19th thru Sunday the 23rd.

Rockford History

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

The next few months will be the account of Alvah R. Prescott’s first trip to Rockford to survey and plat our town.

Cole (team driver) needed no advice about where to drive and at once the team at least was in shelter. Knight and Robbins began a search for the house, which they found some distance west of the shed. Mr. Robbins rapped loudly on the door of the small log cabin and a quick response from a gruff voice within asked, “What fools are here this time of the night?”. Robbins replied, “Well, you are about right on the fools, but we are five of them out here cold and hungry and have been lost, can’t you take us in? We’re from St. Charles.” “Well, just wait till I get dressed, and we’ll see what can be done for you. Isn’t your name Robbins? I think I’ve seen you at Charles City.” Robbins had a peculiar, musical, pleasant high-keyed voice which once heard would likely to be remembered by most people. The door was soon opened, a fire started in the cook stove, and we found ourselves in the home of Alanson H. Bailey. We learned that the family had retired at half past nine and the light that we had a glimpse of was from the candle which Mr. Bailey had placed in new position just before extinguishing it.

Rockford City Council Minutes

**ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
& REGULAR MEETING**

**MARCH 14, 2023
7:30 P.M.**

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at the Rockford City Hall on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Hoffarth, Enabnit, Schlader, Seibert, and Medlin. Also present were Citizens Kevin Tegtmeier, Myron Stadtlander, Travis Mahlstedt, Pablo Relampagos, Chris Diggins with NIACOG, Rustin Lingbeek with SEH, and Employee Randy Schweizer. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to open Public Hearing at 7:31 P.M. on the proposed plans, specifications form of contract and estimate of cost for the proposed East Water Tower and Well project as published. 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 7:51 P.M.
3. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve Resolution #2023-08 approving and confirming plans, specifications form of contract and estimate of cost for the East Water Tower and Well Project. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
4. Motion Schlader, sec. Medlin for further consideration of bids for the proposed East Water Tower and Well Project. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
5. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve Resolution #2023-09 awarding contract for the East Water Tower and Well Project to Champion Tank Services. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

6. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve the consent agenda consisting of February 14, 2023 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
7. Motion Medlin, sec. Seibert to hire Federal Fire Equipment Company to inspect annually the City Hall fire alarm system. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
8. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to approve quote from Bergo Environmental for asbestos removal at 109 W Main Ave. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Enabnit to reject the bid for the West Park Sidewalk project and to let them out for bids again to be due back to City Hall by April 10th by 4:00 P.M. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
10. No action was taken on 1st Ave NW Street closure.
11. No action was taken on Sewer/Lagoon Project.
12. Discussion was held on the Library Director position being posted with the current Director retiring at the end of April.
13. Motion Seibert, sec. Medlin to approve reimbursing the Rockford Senior Center \$300.00 for the purchase of the BUNN coffee maker in the community center. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
14. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve \$250.00 RRMR After Prom Donation. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
15. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve \$2,000.00 Rockford Summer Rec Donation. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
16. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve \$200.00 Rockford Spring Egg-stravaganza that is set for April 8th at the Fossil Park. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
17. Motion Schlader, sec. Hoffarth to set 2023-2024 Budget Hearing date for April 11th, 2023. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
18. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2023-11 Employee Handbook & Benefits. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
19. Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer reported on snow removal and equipment repair.
20. Mayor Johnson reported on more grants he is looking into for the city.
21. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to adjourn at 8:33 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting on Sunday Apr 2nd at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Grant Writing-Monthly grant writing on Friday Apr 7th, 2023, 8:00am at City Hall. Anyone interested in getting a grant is welcome to attend.

Rockford Library- Library Director needed at our Rockford Public Library. Please stop in at the library for more information. Book Club meeting on April 26th at 2:00pm. We have an informational website found by googling "Rockford Public Library" and we are on Facebook.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society (NCIGS) The Title of the April 8, 2023, Program/Session is: TWO MILES NORTH OF MASON CITY: SUGAR BEET ROW. The Presenter is Karen Byrne. Sugar Beet Row was a stop on the Seasonal Farm Work Circuit for many Migrant Workers, while Some People stayed to raise a Family. Long Hidden Photos highlight the Stories of hard work of Families and those who assisted them during their life at Sugar Beet Row in This One Hour Presentation. As usual, the session will begin at 1:30 p.m. Location: NCIGS Research Room, 75 S Georgia, Mason City (2nd floor; elevator available). Need not be a member to attend!

Welcome to Rockford! Welcome to the community three new families. Katelyn & Andrew Schmitt, Dawson Foell, Amanda Opkis, Brayden Opkis & Nicole White.
We hope you thrive here and are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Obituaries: Donald Robert Washington born Dec 9, 1945, passed Mar 17, 2023.

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: To Jessica DeGrootte Meyers. For 12 years she helped the citizens of Rockford. Her warmth, caring, and humor will be greatly missed. Please wish her well in her new endeavors.

CITY OF ROCKFORD is currently seeking applicants for the fulltime Deputy Clerk's position with IPERS, vacation, & health benefits.

The candidate must have strong computer skills, including working knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Candidates should also have strong customer service skills. Applicant must have a High school diploma or equivalent to.

The position is responsible for answering phones, greeting citizens, filing, webpage management, utility billing & reconciliation of accounts, bank deposits, online tax filings, monthly meeting preparation, light plant reporting, payroll, W'2 & 1099 reporting, clerical support and will perform City Clerk duties in the clerk's absence.

Interested parties can pick up application at City Hall or send resume to Rockford City Hall P.O. Box 403 Rockford, Iowa 50468. **Applicant Deadline: April 7th.** EOE.

Fossil & Prairie Center Volunteer Training on April 17th at 10 am. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can contact the Fossil & Prairie Center 641-756-3490. Volunteers get an opportunity to meet new people visiting our area! The Center is open from 1-4 pm daily Memorial Day through Labor Day and weekends in May, September, and October. You get to pick the days to volunteer that work for you.

Spring Egg-travaganza



Saturday April 8
9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Fossil & Prairie Park

- Spring Activities
- Live Rabbit & chicks
- Visit with the Easter Bunny
- Egg Hunt 10:00 a.m.
(For Kids 10 yrs & Under)





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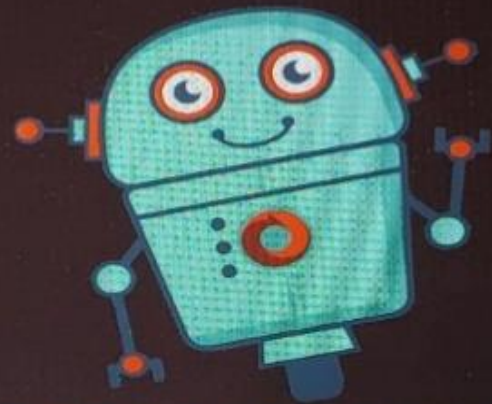
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darangels@comcast.net or call Darlene
Eaton at 641-756-2441.

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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Rockford Public Library
202 W Main Avenue
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Open: Monday, Tuesday, and Friday 1:00 – 5:30 P.M. and Saturday 9:00 – 12:00 noon
Open: Wednesday at noon until 6:30 P.M.