

Rockford Community Newsletter



The shortest month of the year, February, is Black History month, Super Bowl Sunday on the 12th, Valentine's Day is the 14th, and Presidents Day celebrating George Washington's and Abraham Lincoln's birthdays is the 20th.

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.

An accident to our team's harness delayed us at Sprague's for nearly an hour, but he thought we "could succeed if we didn't get lost in the woods across the creek". His words on parting with us were, "Well if you get lost come back and stay all night with us." The snow squall having ceased we made good time into the timber but blundered considerably over the numerous wood-hauler's woes, which seemed to zig-zag in every direction but the right one, with wind being our only compass. Our method of travel was two following one road, two following another and the team a third returning to the sleigh every twenty minutes for consultation, finally learning that we indeed were lost with no show for the acceptance of Mr. Sprague's kind invitation.

Rockford City Council Minutes

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 10th, 2023, 7:30 P.M

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Enabnit, Schlader, Seibert, and Medlin with Hoffarth absent. Citizens present were Harry White and Rustin Lingbeek with SEH and Employees Randy Schweizer and Dan Paulus.
Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Medlin, sec. Seibert to approve the consent agenda consisting of December 13th Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
3. Motion Enabnit, sec. Medlin to approve adjustment to water and sewer bill at the property of 701 Riverview Drive and charge them the average consumption of their last 6 months usage. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
4. 109 W Main Ave is tabled until next meeting.
5. Rustin Lingbeek with SEH discussed the next phase of the water tower and well project.

6. Water Softener Quote from Culligan was tabled until next meeting.
7. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to set Budget Workshop for January 18th at 7:00 P.M. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2023-01 setting policy for voting procedures. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
9. Motion Enabnit, sec. Medlin to approve Resolution #2023-02 authorizing immediate payment. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
10. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2023-03 appointing official newspaper and naming depositories. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
11. Mayor Johnson appointed the following committees for 2023 calendar year. Mayor Protem Sharon Enabnit, Parks & Recreation – Alexandra Seibert, Brent Medlin & Mayor Scott Johnson, Streets – Jerry Schlader & Sharon Enabnit, Water & Sewer – Jerry Schlader & Alexandra Seibert, Solid Waste – Sharon Enabnit & Alexandra Seibert, Liaison to Library Board – Jerry Schlader & Carol Hoffarth, Liaison to Fire Board – Brent Medlin & Alexandra Seibert, Liaison to Light Plant – Carol Hoffarth & Sharon Enabnit, Emergency Management – Mayor Scott Johnson & Sharon Enabnit, Employee Relations – Sharon Enabnit & Carol Hoffarth, Regional Housing Task Force – Mayor Scott Johnson, Liaison to NIACOG Board – Brent Medlin & Carol Hoffarth, Liaison to Grow – Mayor Scott Johnson & Council
12. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to set 2023-2024 Max Tax Levy Hearing for Tuesday, February 9th, 2023. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
13. Public works employee Randy Schweizer reported on equipment ready for snow, snow removal, and well checks.
14. Mayor Johnson reported on meeting with Floyd County Emergency Management and assessor.
15. Motion Enabnit, sec. Medlin to adjourn at 8:22 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting on Sunday Feb 5th at 7:00pm at City Hall. **Trail Committee** will meet at 6:30pm before the regular Grow meeting also at City Hall. Anyone interested in trails is welcome.

Grant Writing-Monthly grant writing on Friday Feb 3rd, 2023, 8:00am at City Hall. Anyone interested in getting a grant is welcome to attend.

BINGO-Come play bingo for fun on every Thursday 12:30-1:30pm at City Hall community room. Everyone is welcome! Free fun for all ages. Contact City Hall with any questions.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society (NCIGS) will hold its regular monthly meeting and program on Saturday, Feb 11, 2023, 1:30pm. Program title is "Last Will and Testament". How to find the wills filed by your ancestors, and glean information found in them. Location: 75 S Georgia, Mason City. That building is the Masonic Lodge building. Our resource room/ meeting room is on the 2nd floor; elevator is available. Need not be a member to attend!

Rockford Library- Library Director needed at our Rockford Public Library. Please stop in at the library for more information. Annual adult Puzzle Competition will be held Feb 18th at 9:30am. Book Club meeting on the 22nd at 2:00pm. Home Front by Kristin Hannah is the book title. 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! Welcome to the community two new families. We hope you thrive here and are happy you chose Rockford as your home.

Obituaries: Maynard "Mike" Clayton Ewald born Feb 4, 1929, passed Jan 04, 2023. Deedra A. Feltus born Mar 21, 1958, passed Jan 20, 2023. Garrett Andrew Staudt born Jul 17, 1997, passed Jan 18, 2023. Gerald "Jerry" Kollman born Jan 18, 1945, passed Jan 14, 2023. Mousa (Moses) I. Saleh born May 14, 1947, passed Jan 25, 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! Deb Hufft would like to thank Randy Schweizer and all who have kept the back entrance to city hall clear of snow and ice. She would not be able to serve the community meals if the driveway and entrance are not cleared. Call Deb Hufft at 641-756-3581 if you are interested in community meals at City Hall.

Before and after views of the east entrance to Rockford, December 2022.





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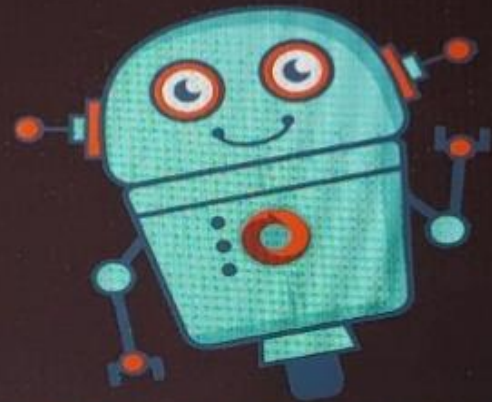
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RUDD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BREAKFAST

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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[641-756-2360](tel:641-756-2360)

ZION Lutheran Church

805 East Main Ave
Worship 10:30am 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)

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Rockford Community Center

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Rockford Public Library

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[641-756-3725](tel:641-756-3725)
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.