

Rockford Community Newsletter

June welcomes summer. Flag day is on the 14th, Father's Day is the 18th, and the first day of summer and the longest day of daylight is June 21.

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.

By directions from Mr. Green, I visited a man named Walker (possibly William Walker) who lived in a small log cabin in the northwest part of the contemplated town site with wife and four children all sick with measles and had not seen a neighbor for several days. He was a hunter and trapper, very poor, said he had hardly anything in the house to eat and could not leave his family to get food or medicine, was out of money and seemed in a sad plight generally. He was pleased to make a bargain to prepare the stakes, and out of pity, I paid him the five dollars in advance and left promising to send someone to help them. He had some furs but could not get away to sell them.

Rockford City Council Minutes

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING

MAY 9, 2023 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at the Rockford City Hall on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Hoffarth, Enabnit, Seibert, and Medlin with Schlader absent. Also present were Citizens Derek & Lexi Steere, Harry White with Rockford Public Library, Dusten Rolando with Heartland, and Spenser & Heidi Gruis and Employees Randy Schweizer and Daniel Paulus.
Motion Hoffarth, sec. Medlin to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to open Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. for Proposal to enter into a Water Revenue Loan and Disbursements. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Johnson asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to close Public Hearing at 7:31 P.M.
3. Motion Enabnit, sec. Medlin to approve Resolution #2023-18 authorizing and approving Loan and Disbursement Agreement and providing for the issuance and securing the payment of \$785,000 Water Revenue Bonds, Series 2023. Passed with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Seibert, Medlin, Hoffarth, and Enabnit.
4. Motion Seibert, sec. Hoffarth to open Public Hearing at 7:32 P.M. for Conveyance of interest in real estate of property of Lots Three (3) and Four (4) of W. C. Johnson First Addition, 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 7:33 P.M.
5. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve Resolution #2023-19 approving conveyance of interest in real estate of property of Lots Three (3) and Four (4) of W.C. Johnson First Addition, Rockford, Iowa. Passed with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Medlin, Hoffarth, Enabnit, and Seibert.
6. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Medlin to open Public Hearing at 7:34 P.M. for Opening of Sealed Bids for City Lots RFD E20' W44' Lot 7 Block 12 & RFD W ½ Lot 8 Block 12. 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 7:53 P.M.

7. Motion Seibert, sec. Hoffarth to approve sealed bid from Spenser & Heidi Gruis for the RFD W ½ Lot 8 Block 12 property for \$10,500 and to put the other City Property of RFD E20' W44' Lot 7 Block 12 back out for sealed bids and to be due into City Hall on June 12 by 3:30 P.M. Sealed bids will be opened at the June 13 Public Hearing. The city does have the right to negotiate sealed bids or refuse any and all bids at the June Public Hearing. Passed with the following roll call vote: Ayes: Hoffarth, Seibert and Medlin. Nays: Enabnit.
8. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve the consent agenda consisting of April 11 & 18, 2023 council minutes, monthly reports, claims and expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
9. Discussion was held on cleaning up the garage at city hall. The council would like the equipment not being used anymore to be taken to Wrightz Auction Company in Floyd, IA to be sold.
10. Motion Medlin, sec Enabnit to approve letting of sealed bids for the 2023 Street Improvement Project to be due into city hall June 12 by 3:30 P.M. Sealed bids will be opened at the June 13 council meeting. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to get an estimate on the cost for repairs for the Case IH Tractor and an estimate on what the cost would be for trading in the Case IH for a new tractor. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
12. Rockford Public Library board President Harry White discussed with the council that Emily Deetz has resigned from the library board and was hired as the new Library Director with her start date being June 1st. He also stated that there will be different hours of operation for the library for the summer months.
13. Sharon Enabnit discussed with the council that the flowerpots for Main Street will be placed sometime before Memorial weekend.
14. Motion Medlin sec. Seibert to approve campground spots for the Fire Department steak cook off. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
15. Motion Enabnit, sec. Hoffarth to approve bid from Larry Pump, CPA of \$3,200.00 for the City of Rockford annual exam. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
16. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2023-20 transfer of LOST Funds to Water Funds. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
17. Motion Enabnit, sec. Medlin to approve Resolution #2023-21 transfer of Water Funds to Debt Service. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
18. Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer reported on sweeping streets, stop sign replacements, storm sewer repair, flushing hydrants, west park side work, and lift assists.
19. Mayor Johnson reported on the 911 Board meeting.
20. Council member Hoffarth gave the Public Works a couple different numbers of contractors who do work with bricks and to get estimates on the cost of repairs. Also, Enabnit reported on an upcoming grant for homeowners on home repairs they can apply for through NIACOG.
21. Motion Hoffarth, sec. Seibert to adjourn meeting at 8:45 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting on Sunday June 4th at 7:00pm at City Hall.

Monthly Boulevard workday 6/6/23 9am-11am.

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

Rockford Library- Welcome to the new Library Director, Emily Dietz. The new hours for June are, Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9am-4pm, Wednesday 12pm-6:30pm, and Saturday 9am-12pm. We have an informational website found by googling "Rockford Public Library" and we are on Facebook.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society (NCIGS) Saturday, June 10, 1:30 PM: "Family History / Genealogy Round Table". This annual program is a relaxed open discussion. Explore ideas, share questions and discoveries, maybe pick up a new strategy in your genealogy adventures. You may come away with a new way to "plug those holes." Join us in the NCIGS Research Room, upper level, Masonic Lodge, 75 S Georgia, Mason City IA. (elevator available.) Need not be a member to attend!!

Shout Outs: To the 2023 senior class volunteers helping on Community Service Day! They helped placed new mulch on Main St. boulevard. Special thanks to City of Rockford and Municipal Light Plant staff, Randy, Dan, Cory, and Shae for arranging receipt and moving the free mulch from Mason City. And the citizen volunteers Angie Johnson, Jerry Schlader, Ken Hesseltine, and anybody else I missed. The Boulevard is beautiful!
Ken Hesseltine and Gil Eaton for picking up the flower barrels from Bluhm's and setting them out.

The Stainless memorial that will light the Freedom Rock in Central Park has been installed. There are still lights to be installed along with having Extortion 17 engraved into the star. Extortion 17 is the mission Jon Tumilson gave his all on. It is a memorial for everyone that has served our Country. The structure was designed so it would not distract from the Bandstand. Al Christeson headed this project. Funds were raised from JT's Last Ride event and the Osage VFW helped in fund raising.

Fossil & Prairie Conservation Foundation's Summer Festival is June 3rd, 2023, 10:00am-2:00pm. Historic Memorabilia, Tours & more. EAT INSIDE THE KILNS. \$30.00 tickets include meal & membership. To purchase tickets, contact the Fossil & Prairie Center, 641-756-3490.

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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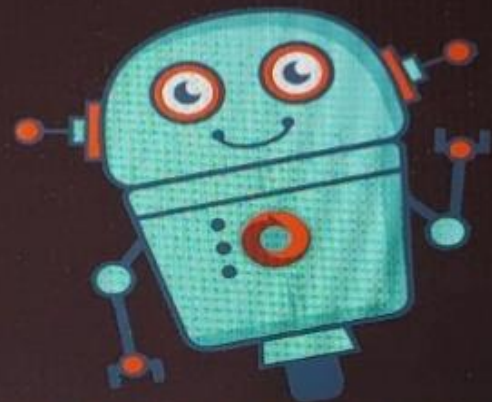
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RUDD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BREAKFAST

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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Worship 10:30am Sundays or on
Facebook

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805 East Main Ave

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Rockford Public Library

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