

Rockford Community Newsletter

February, the shortest month of winter. St. Valentine's Day on the 14th, Presidents Day on the 19th.



Rockford City Council Minutes

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 16th, 2024, 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Seibert, Johnson, Enabnit, and Schlader with Medlin absent. Citizens present were Bill Dow, Spenser Gruis, and Employee Heidi Stufflebeam.
Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Citizen Bill Dow talked with the council about the annual Rockford FFA Holiday Light Show in Wyatt Park Campground. He asked the council's thoughts about including business owners, church groups or any other organization who wish to participate in a drive through light show at the campground. He also asked their thoughts on starting the light show the weekend after Thanksgiving and running through to the end of December. Item will be added to the February agenda.
3. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve the consent agenda consisting of December 12th, 2023, Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve Memorial Bench for John and Marlys Arends to be put in West Park by the playground and enclosed shelter. Passed with Ayes: Johnson, Enabnit, and Seibert with Schlader Abstaining. Motion carried.
5. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2024-01 setting policy for voting procedures. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
6. Motion Schlader, sec. Johnson to approve Resolution #2024-02 authorizing immediate payment. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
7. Motion Enabnit, sec. Johnson to approve Resolution #2024-03 appointing official newspaper and naming depositories. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
8. Mayor Johnson appointed the following committees for 2024 calendar year. Mayor Protem - Sharon Enabnit, Parks & Recreation – Sharon Enabnit, Alexandra Seibert & Mayor Scott Johnson, Streets – Jerry Schlader & Derek Johnson, Water & Sewer – Jerry Schlader & Derek Johnson, Solid Waste – Jerry Schlader & Derek Johnson, Nuisance Properties – Jerry Schlader, Derek Johnson & Mayor Scott Johnson, Liaison to Library Board – Jerry Schlader & Alexandra Seibert, Liaison to Fire Board – Brent Medlin & Alexandra Seibert, Liaison to Light Plant – Brent Medlin & Alexandra Seibert, Emergency Management – Sharon Enabnit & Mayor Scott Johnson, Employee Relations – Sharon Enabnit,

Alexandra Seibert & Mayor Scott Johnson, Regional Housing Task Force – Mayor Scott Johnson, Liaison to NIACOG Board – Sharon Enabnit & Brent Medlin, Liaison to GROW – Mayor Scott Johnson.

9. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to approve a \$20.00 water adjustment to utility account #5100002. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
10. Mayor Johnson reported on an upcoming meeting with the Rockford Senior Center board. He also talked and asked the council's opinion on doing a fundraiser selling Rockford Flags.
11. Council member Schlader talked with the council on a request from a citizen to put up a stop sign coming out of the Dollar General parking lot. They reached the agreement that it is up to the property owner of the parking lot to install one as it isn't a street anymore. Council member Enabnit reported on NIACOG meeting she attended and the transportation issues they are having.
12. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to adjourn at 7:53 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together will have their next meeting on Sunday Feb 4th at 7:00pm at City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Grant Writing-Monthly grant writing on Friday, Feb 2nd at 9:00am at City Hall. Anyone interested in applying for a grant of any kind is welcome to attend.

FLOYD COUNTY TO HOST LISTENING SESSION REGARDING UTILITY-SCALE WIND ENERGY ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

Floyd County is beginning the process to amend its Zoning Ordinance to update minimum requirements related to utility-scale wind energy development and battery storage. The County seeks to gather community input on issues important to residents, property owners, and the public at-large on the topic. The public is invited to a public listening session hosted jointly with the Floyd County Board of Supervisors and Planning and Zoning Commission.

Monday, February 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.
Fossil and Prairie Center, 1227 215th Street, Rockford, IA

Wednesday, February 21, 2023, at 6 p.m.
Floyd County Courthouse Emergency Operating Center

If you are unable to attend in person, other options include participation by:

- Phone: 1-641-257-6165; access code: 1129#
- Zoom: Meeting ID: TBD

The meeting will also be recorded and uploaded to YouTube following the meeting at
<https://www.youtube.com/@FloydCountyIABOS>.

This will be the first of several listening sessions with an opportunity over the next couple months to provide feedback. The public is invited to make comments regarding topics and issues you wish to see considered in the ordinance, provide information, express opportunities, or concerns, or ask questions.

No decisions will be made at this meeting. The Board of Supervisors and Planning and Zoning Commission are only seeking input at this time. Invenergy and Nextera Energy wind companies will each be given 10 minutes to make presentations on their projects, including any comments or graphics on what they would like to have

included, or not included, in the amended Zoning Ordinance. Individual commenters will be asked to limit comments to no more than five minutes during the listening session. Feedback may also be submitted in writing to the Floyd County Auditor's Office, 101 S Main St, Ste 302, Charles City, IA 50616 or e-mailing auditor@floydcoia.org.

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 Feb program topic is "The Orphan Train". Don Pauley will be the Presenter/Researcher. Saturday, Feb 10th, 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.

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

Rockford Public Library-Valentine's Day party Feb 7th 5pm-6pm. Book Club on Feb 8th at 11:00am. Knitting/Crochet Club Feb 8th at 1:00p. Puzzle competition Feb 21st at 4:30pm. Heidi's Book Craft Feb 24th at 10:00am.

Shout Outs: North Iowa Fabrication in Rockford received a USDA grant of \$139,440.00 to help install a 224-kilowatt solar array at its metal fabrication business.

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!

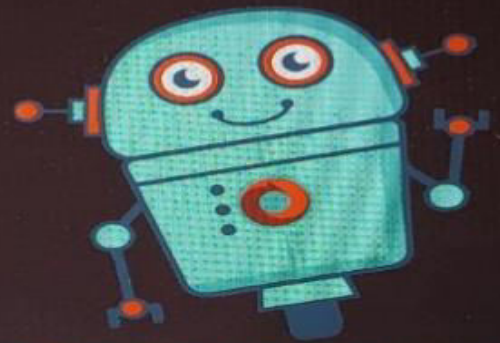
City of Rockford Water Supply-Friendly reminder to Rockford Utility account holders, if you have not filled out the Copper/Lead questionnaire, please complete the form attached in the Newsletter, on the city website, City Facebook page, or at City Hall. You will receive a \$5.00 credit on your utility bill. Thank you.



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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

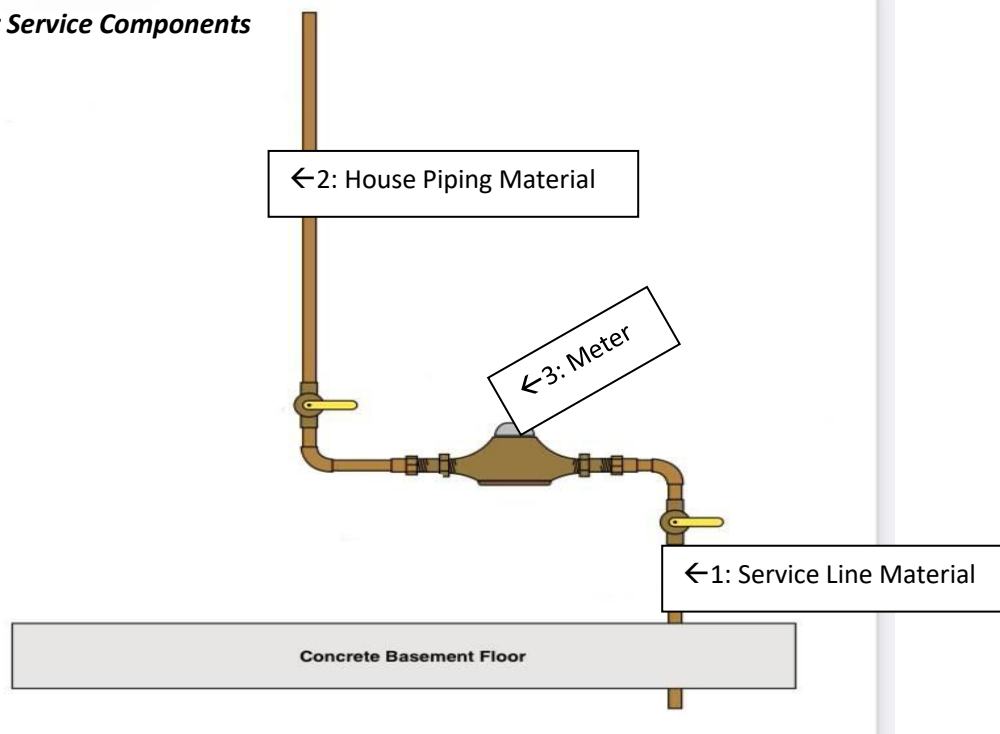
☐ Commercial

☐ 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 or need help determining what kind of pipes you have etc., please contact Dan to set up an appointment.

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

Or:

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

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Community Meals (641-756-3581)

RUDD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BREAKFAST
Every 1st Saturday of the month
7:30-9:30 a.m.
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links, homemade bread and jam, rolls,
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Sunday Worship 10: am

Rockford Churches

First United Methodist Church

21 3rd St NW

Worship 10:30am Sundays or on
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[641-756-2360](tel:641-756-2360)

ZION Lutheran Church

805 East Main Ave

Worship 10:00am 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)

Rockford Public Library

202 W Main Avenue

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

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