

Rockford Community Newsletter

May flowers will be popping out from the much-needed rain we have been receiving. May 12th is Mother's Day, the last day of school is the 23rd, the 27th is Memorial Day.

Rockford History



The Illinois Central caboose in front of the railroad depot was purchased for \$2,500.00 on Nov 19, 1991, as part of the Rockford Historical Society display for the Rock Island Depot. The society received grants for painting the depot and the caboose. After a lot of man hours restoring both, they opened for viewing as historical buildings on Aug 31, 2014. The first picture is the caboose as purchased. The second, the caboose is loaded on a trailer, heading to a new home in Boone Iowa where it will be refurbished for the Boone and Scenic Valley Railroad. Canadian National purchased Iowa Northern Railway in December 2023. Due to the sale, all Rockford Historical items must be removed by the end of this year from the property.

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING APRIL 9, 2024, 7:30 P.M.

The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, April 9, 2024.

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Enabnit, Schlader, Seibert, and Johnson with Medlin absent. Citizens present were Chris Kehoe and Dave Hoffman with Jendro Sanitation, Rustin Lingbeek with SEH, and Spenser Gruis at 7:44 P.M. Also present were employees Randy Schweizer and Dan Paulus.

Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

1. Motion Johnson, sec. Seibert to open Public Hearing at 7:30 P.M. to discuss Ordinance #257 to raise water volume rates. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Johnson asked for any written or oral objections or comments: there being none, Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to close Public Hearing at 7:31 P.M.

Motion Enabnit, sec. Johnson to put upon its first reading Ordinance #257 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to water volume rates. And by adding the statutory rule requiring said Ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to meeting at which it is to be finally passed be waived, and that Ordinance #257, amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of

Rockford, Iowa, by amending and to be put upon its final passage and officially adopted, upon publications. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

2. Motion Seibert, sec. Schlader to open Public Hearing at 7:32 P.M. for discussion Ordinance #258 to raise sewer volume rates. Passed all ayes roll call vote. Mayor Johnson asked for any written or oral objections or comments: There being none, Motion Enabnit, sec. Johnson to close Public Hearing at 7:33 P.M.

Motion Schlader, sec. Seibert to put upon its first reading Ordinance #258 amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rockford, Iowa by amending provisions pertaining to sewer volume rates. And by adding the statutory rule requiring said Ordinance to be considered and voted on for passage at two council meetings prior to meeting at which it is to be finally passed be waived, and that Ordinance #258, amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Rockford, Iowa, by amending and to be put upon its final passage and officially adopted, upon publications. Passed all ayes roll call vote.

3. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to approve consent agenda consisting of March 12, 2024, Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, and Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Discussion was held with Chris Kehoe with Jendro sanitation on the upcoming garbage contract and the possibility of going to the toter system for garbage and recycling. Mayor Scott Johnson and City Clerk Pam Hopper will schedule a meeting with Chris Kehoe from Jendro Sanitation to discuss more in depth the cost and scheduling of garbage and recycling.
5. Discussion was held with Rustin Lingbeek with SEH about the upcoming Water Tower Project.
6. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2024-09 Amending the Engineering Agreement with SEH for the Wastewater System Improvements. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
7. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve the purchase of 4 solar powered LED blinking stop signs for the 2 main intersections on Main Street. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
8. Motion Johnson, sec. Seibert to approve estimate from Concrete PolyFix for \$1,400.00 to work on the City Hall retaining wall to void fill. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
9. Motion Johnson, sec. Seibert to approve estimate from Concrete PolyFix for \$1,540.00 to work on the main street bridge to raise bridge approach and raise marked slabs. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
10. Discussion was held on the Welcome to Rockford Signs.
11. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to approve purchase of up to \$3,000.00 for replacement trees in the campground and city property that have been removed. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
12. Discussion was held on City Insurance.
13. Motion Schlader, sec. Johnson to set 2024-2025 Budget Hearing date for April 23, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
14. Public Works Employee Randy Schweizer reported on tree removal, and new solar stop signs at school.
15. Mayor Johnson reported on looking into getting some speed signs.
16. Motion Seibert, sec. Johnson to adjourn at 9:22 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together-The next meeting will be on Sunday May 5th at 7:00pm at City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Grant Writing-Monthly grant writing on Friday, May 3rd at 9:00am at the mayor's residence. Anyone interested in applying for a grant of any kind is welcome to attend.

North Central Iowa Genealogical Society- The May program is Saturday May 11th, 2024, at 1:30 PM, in the NCIGS resource room at 75 S Georgia, Mason City. Program to be determined.

Floyd County Conservation- Fossil and Prairie Center opens on weekends May 4th 1-4pm. All Floyd County Conservation campgrounds open May 3rd, including West Idlewild, Colwell Park, Ackley Creek Park, and Tosanak. Please visit Floyd County Conservation Facebook page and/or floydcoia.org to stay current on events and information.

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

Rockford Public Library- Childrens Book Week May 6th-May 12th. Register by May 1st for children to come to the library and unwrap a book that week. Return books by the due date written in the book. Book Club on Thur May 9th at 11:00am. This will be the last book club until Emily returns from maternity leave. Knitting/Crochet Club Tues May 14th at 1:00p and Tues May 28th at 1:00p.

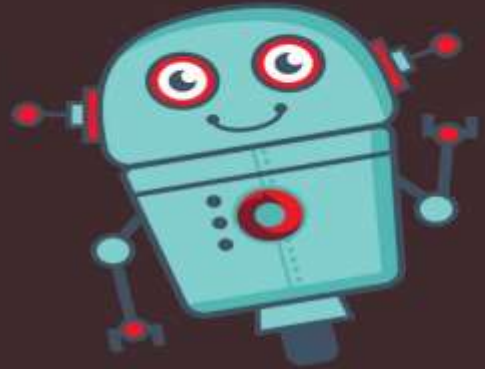
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 Community Meals [\(641-756-3581\)](tel:6417563581)

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 Churches

First United Methodist Church

21 3rd St NW
Worship 10:30am Sundays or on
Facebook
[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)

Open: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9:00am – 4:00pm, Wednesday 12:00-6:30pm, Saturday 9:00 – 12:00 noon.



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