

Rockford Community Newsletter

February, the month of love, and the third and last month of meteorological winter. The days are getting longer sunshine and hopefully a little warmer. Groundhog Day is the 2nd, Valentines Day is the 14th, Presidents Day on the 17th.

ROCKFORD CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING JANUARY 14th, 2025, 7:30 P.M.

1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, January 14, 2025. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Enabnit, Schlader, Seibert, and Medlin with Johnson absent. Citizens present were Angie Johnson, Liz Enabnit with Farm Bureau Financial, Bill Dow, Spenser Gruis, Jake & Darci Mallo, Chris Diggins with NIACOG at 7:40 P.M., Rustin Linbeek with SEH at 7:40 P.M. and employees Daniel Paulus and Heidi Stufflebeam.
Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve the agenda as posted. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Citizen Bill Dow wanted to thank the council for the use of electricity at the campground for this year's Rockford Holiday light show.
3. Motion Schlader, sec. Medlin to approve the consent agenda consisting of December 3 & 10, 2024 Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims and Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
4. Motion Seibert, sec. Schlader to approve Engagement Letter with Speer Financial as the city's Municipal Advisor for the Sewer Revenue Project for the SRF loan process. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
5. City Hall security alarm was tabled until next meeting.
6. Public Works Director Daniel Paulus informed the council about the abuse of use for the recycling dumpster that has been put down to the city dump for RRMR school fundraising. The council would like the dumpster moved out of city dump. They advised someone to talk to the school to see that it be moved to the school.
7. Jake & Darci Mallo voiced their concerns to the council about their property at 113 W. Main Ave since the city's building at 109 W. Main Ave was demolished.
8. Motion Medlin, sec. Schlader to approve variance at 509 2nd Ave N.W. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
9. Angie Johnson with Grow told the council that they received a grant for the walking trail at the campground from both Floyd County Community Foundation and First Security Bank and Trust.
10. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve a 6-month office lease agreement starting on January 20, 2025 with Liz Enabnit with Farm Bureau Financial. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
11. Chris Diggins with NIACOG and Rustin Lingbeek with SEH spoke with the council on the next steps with the sewer lagoon project.
12. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve to donate \$649.00 to the Nora Springs Ambulance. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
13. Motion Schlader, sec. Medlin to approve Resolution #2025-03 setting policy for voting procedures. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
14. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2025-04 authorizing immediate payment. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
15. Motion Enabnit, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2025-05 appointing official newspaper and naming depositories. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
16. Motion Medlin, sec. Schlader to approve Resolution #2025-06 Setting Standard Mileage Rate at 70 cents per mile. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
17. Mayor Johnson appointed the following committees for the 2025 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.

18. Public Works Director Daniel Paulus reported to the council on 2 water main breaks that were fixed and another one that is leaking that is not located yet, taking down Christmas décor, wastewater classes and cleaning of the shop.
19. Council member Enabnit shared with the council about an upcoming Housing Development meeting that will be at Music Man Square.
20. Mayor Johnson reported to the council that the DNR final approval was done with the derelict building grant and the Union Contract that was approved from the Rockford Municipal Light Plant.
21. Motion Seibert, sec. Enabnit to adjourn at 8:07 P.M.

What's Happening

Grow Rockford Together-The next meeting will be on Sunday March 2nd at 7:00pm at City Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

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-Program for February is MASON CITY'S HATHORN AUTOMOBILE CO. JOHN W. ROBERTS' FAMILY. Mark Suby will be the presenter at the North Central Iowa Genealogical Society Library, Saturday, February 8, 2025, 1:30 p.m. The library address is 75 S. Georgia Ave, Mason City IA. (2nd floor). Need not be a member to attend.

Shout outs-Angie Johnson for working hard for the RRMR Education Endowment Fund. Having an Endowment fund for RRMR students has been a goal of hers for years. This fund will benefit graduating RRMR students for years to come.

Rockford Public Library- Sat Feb 1st Kids story time and craft 10a-11a. Meet Iowa author Joseph LeValley Wed the 5th 12:30p. Book Club Wed the 5th 5p-6p and Sat the 8th at 11a-12p. Knit/Crochet Club Sat 15th 10a and Wed the 26th 4:30p.

Obituaries-Dan Otto Marth born Feb 25, 1943, passed Jan 17, 2025, Rollin Knight Howell born Mar 24, 1929, passed Jan 07, 2025.

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!



Exciting announcement: The RRMR Education Endowment Fund has been established to create opportunities for all graduating students of Rockford Senior High, ensuring every graduate receives financial assistance to pursue their dreams. The fund is held with the Floyd County Community Foundation, an affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa.

“All students deserve a chance at prosperity, whether they are heading to university, community college, a trade school, or even directly to work/on-the-job training,” said Angie Johnson, Fund Advisor. “This fund is to provide assistance to all Rockford Senior High graduates as they enter the next part of their journey.”

The RRMR Education Endowment Fund seeks to ensure that every Rockford Senior High graduate receives support—regardless of their path. Scholarships and other student support are directed through Grow Rockford Together, a nonprofit improving the quality of life in Rockford, Iowa.

Gifts to the RRMR Education Endowment Fund are eligible for a 25% state tax credit through the Endow Iowa Tax Credit program. Your contribution not only benefits local students but also maximizes your impact with this additional incentive.

Financial gifts of cash/check and stock are accepted through the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, 3117 Greenhill Circle, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613. Checks to the fund should be made payable to the RRMR Education Endowment Fund. Gifts can also be made on the Community Foundation’s secure website at fund.cfneia.org/rrmreductionfund. Donors to the fund can take advantage of normal federal deductions for charitable gifts.

Questions about giving to the fund may be directed to Terry Gaumer, Charitable Advisor with the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa, at 319-243-1354 or tgaumer@cfneia.org. You may also contact Angie Johnson at 641-425-5791 or angiejohnson3310@gmail.com.

RRMR Education Endowment Fund

Investing in the Future of Rockford Senior High Graduates

The RRMR Education Endowment Fund has been established to create opportunities for all graduating students of Rockford Senior High, ensuring every graduate receives financial assistance to pursue their dreams. Whether heading to university, community college, trade school, or starting a career, this fund is dedicated to empowering students as they take the next step in their journey.

Why This Fund Matters

The RRMR Education Endowment Fund was created to provide better post-graduate support to Rockford Senior High graduates, regardless of their path. Inspired by similar area initiatives, this endowment ensures support to a broader range of students than our current available scholarships. Scholarships and other student support are directed through Grow Rockford Together, a nonprofit improving the quality of life in Rockford, Iowa.

Our Vision

"All students deserve a chance at prosperity, whether they are heading to university, community college, a trade school, or even directly to work/on-the-job training. This fund is to provide assistance to all Rockford Senior High graduates as they enter the next part of their journey." - Angie Johnson, Fund Advisor

How the Fund Helps

Contributions to the RRMR Education Endowment Fund support critical initiatives, including:

- Scholarships for All Graduates: Providing equitable funding to every Rockford Senior High graduate.
- Career Pathway Support: Assisting students pursuing trade certifications, vocational training, or apprenticeships.
- Higher Education Opportunities: Offering scholarships for students attending universities and community colleges.

Endow Iowa Tax Credit Advantage

Gifts to the RRMR Education Endowment Fund are eligible for a 25% state tax credit through the Endow Iowa Tax Credit program. Your contribution not only benefits local students but also maximizes your impact with this additional incentive.

Confident Giving

Gifts to the RRMR Education Endowment Fund is tax deductible as allowed by law and you will receive an acknowledgment of your gift from CFNEIA, an accredited local nonprofit organization. Learn more about this fund by contacting the Community Foundation at 319-287-9106.

A fund held with the



An affiliate of the Community Foundation of Northeast Iowa which is confirmed in compliance with National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations.

YES! I/We want to support RRMR Education by making a gift to the fund.

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I would like information about additional giving opportunities such as stock gifts, retirement assets, etc.

I would like to learn more about leaving a gift in my will or estate plan.

Rockford History

From the Story of Rockford by Michael Vala, Biographical chapter.

John C. Sanders

Unfortunately little is known about John C. Sanders, who came to Rockford in 1898 and was superintendent of schools for the next seven years. He did a great deal for not only Rockford's schools but also for the community at large. He organized school sports—especially football teams and girls' basketball –and both a high school and town band. He re-vitalized the dramatics department of the high school and conducted numerous local talent plays. Moreover, his general interest in promoting Rockford persisted even after he left in 1905 for Fort Madison, Iowa, where he became a warden at the state penitentiary.

Personal recollections of Floy Wyatt Michell



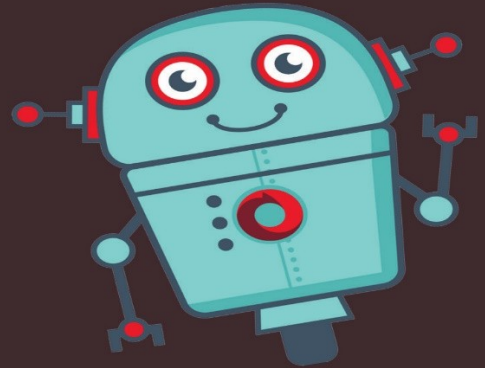


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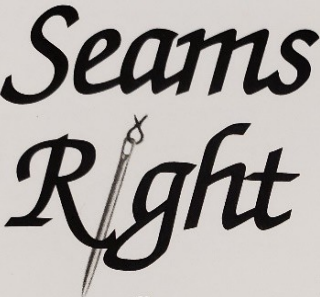
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Rockford Churches

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ZION Lutheran Church

805 East Main Ave

Worship 10:00am Sundays

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507 1ST Ave NW

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