

# Rockford Community Newsletter

Happy New Year's Rockford! January, named after Janus, the god of beginnings and transitions. It is the first month of the year and usually the coldest of the year. New Years Day on the 1<sup>st</sup>, Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Inauguration Day on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Stay warm.



## Rockford History

100 years ago, in the Rockford Register there was a banking ad with a message for the new year that is timeless.

“A Happy New Year”

AND

A THOUGHT FOR 1925

New Year's is the Day of all Days to consider the future. But who would not also wish to view his past with satisfaction?

Here is a thought for nineteen twenty-five.

Tomorrow, today's activities will belong to yesterday. If we do the worth while things today, tomorrow we can look back on a worth while yesterday. Thus as we improve the present, we build a proud record of steady development.

We wish our friends A Very Happy New Year, and extend a hearty invitation to use our convenient facilities in developing a life of “cheerful yesterdays and confident tomorrows.”

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1. The Rockford City Council met in regular session at City Hall on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. Present were Council Members Seibert, Medlin, Johnson, Enabnit, and Schlader. Citizens present were Spenser Gruis and Scott Gruis. Employees' present were Daniel Paulus and Heidi Stufflebeam.  
Motion Enabnit, sec. Johnson to approve the posted agenda. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
2. Motion Johnson, sec. Medlin to approve the consent agenda consisting of November 12<sup>th</sup> & December 3<sup>rd</sup> Council Minutes, Monthly Reports, Claims & Expenses. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
3. City Hall Security Alarm was tabled until the next meeting.
4. Motion Schlader, sec. Medlin to set the City-Wide Clean-up dates from June 4-8, 2025, with 30-yard dumpsters to be put at the city dump for in town Rockford residents only, with hiring Dennis Fenton to oversee the residents and all items being brought in on those dates. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
5. Motion Johnson, sec. Enabnit to approve Mayor Johnson's appointment of Zoey Graham as Library Board Trustee to fill out the remainder of Jean Buseman's term of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2028. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
6. Motion Johnson, sec. Seibert to approve Resolution #2024-26 transfer of Water Funds to Capital Water Tower Fund. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
7. Motion Schlader, sec. Enabnit to approve Resolution #2024-27 transfer of Water Funds to Capital Improvement Debt Service Fund. Passed all ayes roll call vote.
8. City Hall office lease agreement tabled.
9. Motion Seibert, sec. Johnson to approve carryover of Public Works Assistant Jeff Eilertson's week vacation into 2025. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
10. Motion Enabnit, sec. Johnson to approve the presented Union Contract for 2 years contingent upon the Rockford Municipal Light Plant Board's approval. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
11. Motion Seibert, sec. Schlader to set Budget Workshop meeting for January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. Passed all ayes. Motion carried.
12. Public Works Employee Daniel Paulus reported on the cleaning & organizing of the public works building and office, surveys for the wastewater grant, ordering of the new welder and equipment is all ready for winter.
13. Councilman Schlader reported to the council that he received a really nice compliment about the city workers job performance's and wanted to thank them for all their hard work.
14. Councilwoman Enabnit reported to the council that she has been approached again this year to see if the city could hang flags and Christmas lights on the west side of town.
15. Mayor Johnson told the council he is waiting to hear back with the city attorney on what she is drafting for the city hall office lease agreement, filling out paperwork for the grant for the demo of 109 W Main, and the Holiday Stroll being this coming weekend on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>.
16. Motion Enabnit, sec. Schlader to adjourn at 8:05 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.

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**Floyd County Conservation**-Please visit Floyd County Conservation Facebook page and/or [floydcoia.org](http://floydcoia.org) to stay current on events and information.

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**North Central Iowa Genealogical Society**-Jan 11<sup>th</sup> program will be “DNA test results: changes and updates”. Several changes to a person’s test results plus the updates to connections to relatives will be explored. Program starts at 1;30p in the society library at 75 S Georgia Ave, Mason City (top floor, Masonic Temple). Need not be a member to attend.

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**Grow Rockfords 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Holiday Light Decorating Contest**- Rockford looked so festive this year. Thank you to everyone that participated. The winners are 1<sup>st</sup> Mitchell Grady and Anna Schweitzer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim and Trina Von-Hagen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Travis and Kristian Mahlstedt. Congratulations! Contact City Hall to collect your prize.

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**Shout outs**- To Bill Dow for the beautiful light displays along the river and assisting with questions about Light up Wyatt Park. Also the groups and individuals that decorated a spot in Wyatt Park. We would love to see this grow even more next year.

The Holiday Stroll committee did a great job with the stroll this year too, despite the weather, there was a good turnout.

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**Rockford Public Library**- Closed on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Book Club Wed the 4<sup>th</sup> 5p-6p and Wed the 15<sup>th</sup> at 11a-12p. The book is The Boyfriend.

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**Obituaries**-Barbara Jean Theilen, born Dec 30, 1940, passed Dec 28, 2024. Connie Graham, born Oct 9, 1946, passed Dec 20, 2024. James “Jim” Marth, born May 6, 1929, passed Dec 4, 2024.

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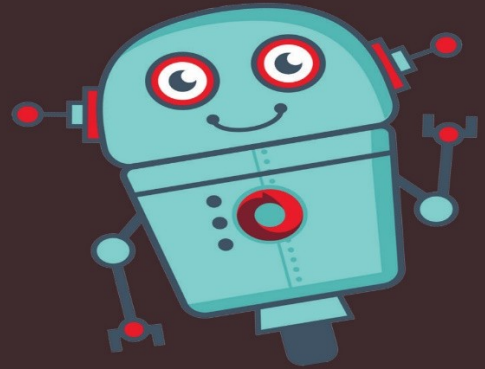
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**RUDD HISTORICAL SOCIETY BREAKFAST**  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month  
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21 3rd St NW

Worship 10:30am Sundays or on Facebook

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**ZION Lutheran Church**

805 East Main Ave

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507 1ST Ave NW

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