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Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting July 3, 2019 7:00pm

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Mayor Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke and William Benson. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave Thompson were also in attendance. It was noted that Brian Laude was absent due to work.

Mr. Benson made a motion to excuse Brian Laude from the meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the minutes from the 06/19/2019 regular meeting. Mr. Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Fire Chief, Gary Hill spoke with Council the new dispatch system, how it works, and the possibilities of dispatch fees being lowered. He said that, with all of Fire District 11's mutual aid partners joining the new system, FD11 has no choice but to also join. Mr. Hill told Council that FD11 is working on getting grant money to purchase new SBCA for the department.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town Hall will be closed 07/04/2019.
- 07/17/2019 Public Hearing to discuss increasing the levy for fire protection.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Harnois has been in communication with Ian Eccles and Paul Kimmel at Avista. They have secured a grant to install a new electronic reader board in Rockford. Ms. Harnois said that she was re-elected into her board position with AWC during their annual conference. She said that during a transportation segment at the conference, she did a presentation and discussed the ice jam issues Rockford has had with the Emma Street bridge, the completion of Missile Base Road, and concerns about the height of railroad bridge on Highway 27. It was confirmed by WSDOT that the height of the railroad bridge is 14'6", although it is posted as 14'1". Ms. Harnois asked if Council would like to consider using Missile Base Road as an official alternate truck route. They said not at this time. Ms. Harnois said that Representative Bob McCaslin showed some concern about the Emma Street bridge and would like to attend a council meeting in the near future. She concluded that there is a regional meeting in Spokane in October that other councilmembers could attend with her.

COMMISSION REPORTS

Planning and Zoning
P&Z Regulations updates are in review. Council can adopt the plan at the 09/04/2019 regular meeting.

Comprehensive Plan
Comprehensive Plan updates are in review. Council can adopt the plan at the 08/07/2019 regular meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – None

53 PUBLIC COMMENT

54 - Resident Ivan Willmschen asked if the new reader board will be like the one in Fairfield. Ms. Roecks
55 and Ms. Harnois said the board will not be as bright but will be electronic like Fairfield's.

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57 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS - None

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59 OLD BUSINESS

60 Recycling Services

61 Ms. Roecks said that Deb Geiger, Spokane County Solid Waste Director, would attend a council meeting
62 and discuss recycling options.

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64 NEW BUSINESS

65 Ms. Roecks and resident Kelly Bowan met with Derek Schneidmiller at CHS to discuss any option of
66 acquiring the CHS property that is for sale. Mr. Schneidmiller explained that there was already a firm offer to
67 purchase the property. The potential new owner met with town staff this morning and explained what he
68 intends to do with the property. He would like to partner with the town and continue to allow the town to
69 lease/use the park as we have been doing so.

70 Ms. Roecks asked if Council would be ok with leaving the lights on at the basketball court on all night. This
71 idea was discussed, and it was decided to do so as a trial. If there are any issues in the next couple of
72 weeks, they will be turned back off.

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74 STAFF REPORTS

75 Public Works

- 76 • Mr. Thompson said one of the property owners on Pine Street, where the large trees were removed,
77 is upset with the trees being taken down without their permission. The owner said he wanted the
78 town to do a survey to prove that the trees were on town property. Mr. Thompson is confident the
79 trees are in the sewer line easement. Council said not to get a survey. If the owner wants a survey,
80 he can have one done.
- 81 • Mr. Thompson said that the property that is for sale on West Emma Street has been sold and there
82 will be some activity in the area as the new owner starts to develop it.
- 83 • Mr. Thompson was asked by Mr. Benson if he could go check on the person that brought a shed in
84 to a piece of property on Stringham Road. Mr. Benson believes the owner is living at the property.
85 Mr. Thompson said he would check in on him.

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87 Clerk/Treasurer

- 88 • **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to accept the June Utility Bill Adjustments. Mr. Fricke**
89 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
- 90 • Mrs. Johnson submitted the past due report and second quarter budget amendments.

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92 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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94 APPROVE CHECKS

95 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 16114-16137, and 4 EFTs for a total of \$26,296.83.**
96 **Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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98 **Mr. Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:24pm. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion.**
99 **Motion was carried.**

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor