

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **August 21, 2019 7:00pm**

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4 ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO DOCUMENT PERTINENT POINTS, THESE MINUTES CONTAIN ONLY A
5 SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AND VOTING.

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7 Mayor Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

8 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke
9 William Benson and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave Thompson
10 were also in attendance.

11 Ms. Roecks opened the public hearing at 7:01pm, stating the purpose of the hearing is to take input on
12 the 2019 Comprehensive Plan updates. The Spokane Regional Transportation Council made some
13 suggestions to the transportation piece when it was sent to them for review. The changes will be
14 included in the final version.

15 Council decided that the plan would not be approved until the final version was reviewed. Mrs. Johnson
16 said that she would send the draft to them to review and schedule another public hearing for the next
17 regular meeting.

18 There was no public comment.

19 The public hearing was closed at 7:16pm.

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21 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion.**
22 **Motion was carried.**

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24 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 08/07/2019 regular meeting. Mr. Laude**
25 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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27 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 28 - Public Hearing before Zoning Regs adoption 9/4, 7pm
29 - Public Hearing to take input on 2020 CDBG projects 9/4 & 10/2, 7pm
30 - The last movie in the park for the summer will be shown 08/22

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32 COUNCIL REPORTS

33 Ms. Harnois said that she will be attending the Regional meeting for AWC on 10/2/19 and possibly the
34 RMSA annual meeting in Chelan on 10/16/19.

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36 COMMISSION REPORTS

37 Planning and Zoning

38 425 E Stringham Road, Johnson Building (shop) Permit

39 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the building permit for Jake and Heidi Johnson. Ms. Harnois**
40 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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42 COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

43 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 44 - Resident Ivan Willmschen asked that line 74 from the minutes from the previous meeting include the
45 name of the resident who made a substantial payment on a lien that was placed on their property.
46 - Mr. Willmschen reiterated that he was against vacating any alleyways or streets.
47 - Mr. Benson thanked the town for their support with the Lions' Annual Car Show. Many show goers
48 mentioned how great the park looks. Mr. Benson said maybe next year there can be better
49 communication as to when the park bathrooms should be opened on the day of the show.

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51 OLD BUSINESS

52 Lion's Club Lease

53 No response from Lion's Club. Ms. Roecks said that if there is not an agreement in place by October 1st, the
54 Lion's Club will no longer have the opportunity to lease the exhibit building.

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56 NEW BUSINESS – None

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58 Public Works

- 59 • There has not been much movement in the Lake Street water line extension. Public Works was
60 waiting for the wheat crop to be harvested off the easement before allowing any more construction
61 on the project. The contractor will probably start placing the lines 8/22/2019.
- 62 • Mr. Thompson said that they have fixed a couple of water leaks around town and learned more
63 about the water lines near First and Spring Streets and also on First Street, between C and D
64 Streets.
- 65 • A couple of the fire hydrants have been painted and most have been pressure washed.
- 66 • Mr. Thompson mentioned that one of the cars from the car show broke down and was still there after
67 the show was over. The owner of the vehicle intended to get a low-boy trailer to remove the vehicle
68 and Mr. Marcalus told the owner no. He then helped the owner push the car out of the park. Mr.
69 Thompson asked that, in the future, the Lion's Club wait until the park is empty of all cars before they
70 leave.
- 71 • Ms. Roecks asked if everything was on track for the creek dredging. Mr. Thompson said that he just
72 needs to give Fish and Wildlife a week's notice before dredging.

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74 Clerk/Treasurer

- 75 • Mrs. Johnson gave the July Treasurer's Report, stating the total amount in all funds was
76 \$635,942.40.
- 77 • Council discussed the information Mrs. Johnson provided them about alley/street vacation. It was
78 said that, per the ordinance, an adjacent property owner must petition Council to close an alley or
79 street. There was no more discussion.
- 80 • Avista checked out a couple of places where the digital reader board that they are donating to the
81 town could be installed. The town park is an option and liked by most councilmembers.
- 82 • Ms. Harnois mentioned that on 9/24/19, Inland Northwest Partners is holding a meeting on
83 Economic Development in Communities in Hayden, ID that she plans to attend.
- 84 • Mrs. Johnson discussed the option of attending a workshop, sponsored by Avista, with author Doug
85 Griffiths, writer of 13 Ways to Kill Your Community. The workshop is on September 19th or 20th in
86 Ritzville or Potlatch, and she and Jennie would both like to attend. Ms. Roecks said that if there is
87 enough notice, the office can be closed to attend the meeting. It was suggested that they each
88 attend the opposite meeting.
- 89 • Mr. Thompson told Council that the reservoirs will be cleaned and epoxied 08/27 – 08/29/19.

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91 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 92 - Mr. Willmschen said that when he goes to the dump in Idaho and at the recycling facility in Arizona,
93 there are always items in there that don't belong. He is concerned that people will dump things that
94 don't belong in recycling if the town gets a program going that isn't always manned.

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96 APPROVE CHECKS

97 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 16185-16198 for a total of \$13,091.83. Mr. Benson**
98 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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100 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. Mr. Benson seconded the motion.**
101 **Motion was carried.**

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor