

1 **Rockford Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**
2 **November 15, 2023, 7pm**
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5 AN ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO DOCUMENT PERTINENT POINTS, THESE MINUTES CONTAIN
6 ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AND VOTING.
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8 Mayor pro-tem Tim Fricke opened the public hearing and stated that the purpose of the hearing was to take
9 public input on the 2024 preliminary budget.

10 Ms. Johnson said that she added a line item to replace a portion of the fence in the town park, and another
11 line item to purchase a flail mower for the midi excavator.

12 There was no public comment.
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14 Mr. Fricke closed the public hearing and called the regular meeting to order at 7:04pm with the Pledge of
15 Allegiance.
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17 Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor pro-tem Tim Fricke, Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki
18 Harnois, Walt Whitman and Kevin Willms. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave
19 Thompson were also in attendance.
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21 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to excuse Mayor Roecks from the meeting. Mr. Stevenson seconded the**
22 **motion. Motion carried.**
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24 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion.**
25 **Motion carried.**
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27 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/01/2023 regular meeting. Mr.**
28 **Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
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30 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/06/2023 special meeting. Ms.**
31 **Harnois seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
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33 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 34 - Town Hall will be closed 11/23-11/24 for Thanksgiving.
- 35 - A public hearing to take input on the 2024 final budget – 12/06/2023 at 7pm
- 36 - A public hearing to take input on the 2023 budget amendment 12/20/2023 at 7pm
- 37 - A newly elected officials workshop will be held in Fairfield on 12/09 from 9am-2:30pm
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39 COUNCIL REPORTS

40 Ms. Harnois said that she is a member of the Partners for Rural Washington through USDA-RD. There are
41 some potential grant opportunities available, and they are focusing on towns with populations less than
42 1000. As a member, Ms. Harnois represents the Town of Malden and can represent Rockford, as well. Mrs.
43 Johnson said she may be interested in learning more about that group.
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45 Ms. Harnois reminded the public that there is a luncheon for seniors at the Silver Café at the St. Joseph's
46 Parrish Hall each Friday. She would love to see some new people there.
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48 COMMISSION REPORTS

49 Planning Commission – No updates. Next meeting is 12/05/23.
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51 COMMITTEE REPORTS

52 Asset Committee – no updates

53 Finance Committee – budget workshop with Council was 11/06/2023.

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55 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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57 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS - None

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59 OLD BUSINESS - None

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61 NEW BUSINESS

62 Ag Building Lease – Rockford Lion’s Club

63 Mrs. Johnson asked Council to review the possibility of a lease for a portion of the Ag Building, which would
64 be a secondary lease since it is already leased by the Freeman Community Float Group. Mr. Whitman
65 asked that there be an addition stating that there was to be no personal items stored in the building at any
66 time. Council also asked that the lease be good for one year at a time with an option for renewal.

67 **Ms. Harnois made a motion to approve the secondary lease between the Lion’s Club and the Town**
68 **as amended. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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70 STAFF REPORTS

71 Public Works

72 - Mr. Thompson reported that Public Works worked on the dump trailer, attaching the ramps so they
73 didn’t have to be removed every time they are used.

74 - **Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve a bid from R&R Contracting to replace the roofs on**
75 **the chem building and the well #5 building, and to reside the wellhouse with metal for**
76 **\$7100.00. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

77 - The purchase of a service truck available in Bozeman, MT was discussed. The price is \$2500, and
78 it currently does not run. There is a lift gate and a service box already installed on the 2008 F350. It
79 would be worth the purchase just for these items. A new engine could cost around \$6500.

80 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to pay up to \$3500 for the truck and transport from Bozeman**
81 **to Rockford. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

82 Clerk/Treasurer

83 - Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer’s Report, stating that the total amount in all funds at the end of
84 October was 796,845.39.

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86 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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88 APPROVE CHECKS

89 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 18266-18278 and 1 EFT for a total of \$64,738.46. Mr.**
90 **Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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92 **Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion**
93 **carried.**

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95 The meeting was adjourned at 7:34pm.

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor