

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **December 20, 2017 7:00pm**
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6 ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO DOCUMENT PERTINENT POINTS, THESE MINUTES CONTAIN ONLY A
7 SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AND VOTING.
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9 Mayor pro-tem Micki Harnois called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

10 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Micki Harnois (acting as Mayor pro-tem), Tim
11 Fricke, William Benson and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave
12 Thompson were also in attendance. Mayor Roecks and Councilmember Clint Stevenson were absent.
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15 **Mr. Benson made a motion to excuse Mayor Roecks and Councilmember Clint Stevenson from**
16 **the meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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18 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion.**
19 **Motion was carried.**
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21 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/06/17 regular meeting. Mr. Laude**
22 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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24 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/08/17 special meeting. Mr. Laude**
25 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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27 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 28 - Town Hall will be closed December 25th and January 1st.
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30 COUNCIL REPORTS

31 None
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33 COMMISSION REPORTS

34 Comprehensive Plan – Ms. Harnois stated that she had spoken with the CEO and also the IT
35 department at Spokane County, asking them to help with the mapping portion of the town's
36 comprehensive plan. One of the IT employees got her in touch with a professor from Eastern
37 Washington University who teaches a Geographic Information System (GIS) Course. The professor
38 may be able to assign a student the task of doing the mapping. There will be more information in
39 January.
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41 Tree City, USA – Ms. Harnois said that she filled out and turned in the application to be a Tree City
42 member again for the sixth year in a row.
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44 COMMITTEE REPORTS

45 None
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47 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 48 - William Benson said he would like to thank the Public Works department for all the work they
49 have been doing to get a sewer line fixed for one of the residents.
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51 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

52 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-07 adopting 2017 Amended Budget. Mr.**
53 **Fricke seconded the motion. Ms. Harnois stated the total expenditure for 2017 is \$1,963,958.88.**
54 **Motion was carried.**

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56 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-08, adopting the Complete Streets section to**
57 **Rockford's municipal code. Ms. Harnois stated that adopting this ordinance make's the town**
58 **eligible for TIB funding. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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60 **Mr. Laude made a motion to approve Ordinance 17-09, reenacting a council stipend. Mr. Fricke**
61 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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63 OLD BUSINESS

64 None

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66 NEW BUSINESS

67 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve Spokane County Public Works Department Umbrella**
68 **Agreement. Mr. Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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70 PUBLIC COMMENT

71 None

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73 STAFF REPORTS

74 Public Works

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 - Mr. Thompson reported that JUB has had the area around the Emma Street Bridge sewer line
76 has been surveyed and a plan to send to the Railroad will be made after the 1st of January.
 - Mr. Thompson received a quote on fixing three pumps from Lagoons 2 & 3 from K&N. The total
77 amount to fix all three pumps is around \$21,000.00, and one cannot be re-certified because it is
78 missing a UL tag. It was decided that there needs to be a backup pump. There was discussion
79 on whether council should approve the fixing of all three pumps, or just two.

81 **Mr. Laude made a motion to fix the two certifiable pumps and not the pump that is**
82 **missing the UL tag. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Mr. Fricke stated that he has no**
83 **problem getting the pump fixed that is missing the UL tag. Motion was carried.**

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 - Mr. Thompson said that the home at 128 S Weaver Street had a sewer backup under the
85 house. This has happened in the past and the mainline was cleaned out and videoed recently.
86 The backup was at the service line and was caused by root balls in an older piece of the line.
87 Public Works has been helping the homeowner expose the sewer line and are finishing up the
88 project tomorrow.

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90 Clerk/Deputy Clerk

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 - Mrs. Johnson explained that there was a water leak at 424 E Stringham Road last month. The
92 homeowner found out about the leak and immediately called the town to have water shut off so
93 a plumber could fix the leak. The leak was about 25,000 gallons. The homeowner wrote a letter
94 to council asking for an adjustment on her bill.
95 **Mr. Laude made a motion to charge the homeowner at 424 E Stringham Road the average**
96 **usage only. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
 - Mrs. Johnson asked council to show the same courtesy to the resident at 128 S Weaver.
97 **Mr. Benson made a motion to charge the homeowner at 128 S Weaver Street the average**
98 **usage only. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion, stating he would like to see a letter**
99 **requesting the adjustment. Motion was carried.**

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101 APPROVE CHECKS
102 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve checks 14202-14217 for a total of \$2230,027.44. Mr. Benson**
103 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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106 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was**
107 **carried.**

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109 Meeting was adjourned 8:04pm.

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Micki Harnois, Mayor pro-tem