

Rockford Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting

November 19, 2025, 7pm

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Mayor Roecks opened the first public hearing at 7:00pm, stating that the purpose of the meeting was to take public comment on the 2026 final budget. Being that there was no public comment, Ms. Roecks closed the public hearing and called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:02pm.

Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, and Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Tim Fricke, Micki Harnois, Walt Whitman and Kevin Willms. Public Works' Dave Thompson and Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson were also in attendance.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the minutes of the 11/05/2025 regular meeting. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Public Hearing – 2025 Budget Amendment 12/3 at 7pm
- Town Hall closed 11/27-11/28

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Ms. Harnois reported that the Methodist Church is considering doing cookies and caroling this Christmas season. She asked staff and council to participate. It was decided to do an official Christmas Tree lighting on December 7th at 5pm.

PLANNING COMMISSION - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT

– Lorrie Engle said that the town can use the fair's four heaters for the Christmas Tree lighting.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-05, amending requirements for the sewer and water utilities. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Ms. Harnois asked what item e. on page three meant. Mrs. Johnson said it applies to residents currently on a septic system. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

206 N First Street

Mr. Whitman asked if there was an update on the nuisance property. Ms. Roecks had spoken to the owner, who stated that the property has closed and that the new owners will get the keys on 11/20/25.

NEW BUSINESS

FOG Violation Fees

Mrs. Johnson presented Council with a tiered fee schedule for fats, oils and grease violations. Council agreed to have these added to the fee schedule. These rates will be approved at the next regular meeting.

Industrial User Fees

Council discussed having increased rates for the water system users who had a meter bigger than 1 inch. These rates will be added to the fee schedule for approval at the next regular meeting.

54 STAFF REPORTS

55 Public Works

56 - Mr. Thompson reported that the grader needed some new hoses and is running great.
57 - Mr. Marcalus has been busy cleaning leaves in the parks.
58 - The dump truck needs new springs on the back end. They have been ordered, and Mr. Whitman
59 will help Mr. Thompson get them installed.

60 Clerk/Treasurer

61 - Mrs. Johnson asked if there were any 2026 budget questions. Mr. Whitman said he would like to
62 see a line item for future equipment purchases. Mrs. Johnson explained that there was a fund
63 dedicated to property or equipment purchases, and that other funds could be used for capital
64 expenditures, like new equipment. Mrs. Johnson said that there is a new line item for a 3%
65 match on wages if Council agreed to a retirement plan for staff. She also increased wages,
66 across the board, by 4%.

67 PUBLIC COMMENT

68 - Lorrie Engle asked if the grease trap in the food booths is inspected at the same time as other
69 grease traps in town. Mr. Thompson said that it is, and the town is responsible for any fees or
70 violations like the other businesses are.
71 - Resident Gregg Tenner thanked Public Works for scraping the apples and leaves off the
72 sidewalk on Emma Street and for cleaning out the ditches with the tractor.

73 APPROVE CHECKS

74 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 19241-19257 for a total of \$49,954.16. Mr. Whitman
75 seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

76 **Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

77 Meeting was adjourned at 8:01pm.