

1 **Rockford Town Council Special Meeting**
2 **February 11, 2026, 6pm**
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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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9 Mayor Roecks called the special meeting to order at 6pm.

10 Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, and Councilmembers Tim Fricke, Walt
11 Whitman and Kevin Willms. Public Works' Dave Thompson and Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson were also in
12 attendance.
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14 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to excuse Councilmembers Micki Harnois and Clint Stevenson from the**
15 **meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
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17 Sam Mineer, JUB Engineers, started a discussion about the next steps for the wastewater collection system
18 improvements by providing Council with a summary/timeline and different funding options for the upgrades.
19 Mr. Mineer re-explained what was completed during the planning study, and what will be completed during
20 the design study, should Council decide to go forward with the study.

21 There was discussion about which sections, identified during the planning study, should be addressed first.

22 Mr. Fricke expressed concern about the amount of money that was being discussed before construction
23 even started. Mr. Mineer said that his numbers were based off estimated hours the design study would
24 require, as well as other similar projects completed in other towns.
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26 The town currently has a 50% loan/50% forgivable principal from the Department of Ecology for \$420,000,
27 which was used for the planning study. The design study is estimated to be 50% loan/50% forgivable
28 principal for an additional \$800,000. It is estimated that each sewer customer's bill should increase by
29 around \$14.00 per month to pay these loans back within the term of the loan.

30 Other funding options were discussed amongst Council and staff, specifically regarding construction. It was
31 decided that the town will explore additional opportunities for grant funding for construction for the sections
32 of town that the sewer lines need replaced.
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34 **Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
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36 Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.
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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor