

1 **Rockford Town Council Regular Meeting**  
2 **April 19, 2023, 7pm**  
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5 ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO DOCUMENT PERTINENT POINTS, THESE MINUTES CONTAIN ONLY A  
6 SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AND VOTING.  
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8 Mayor pro-tem Tim Fricke called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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10 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Tim Fricke, Micki Harnois, Walt Whitman and  
11 Kevin Willms. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave Thompson were also in attendance.  
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13 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to excuse Mayor Carrie Roecks and Councilmember Clint Stevenson**  
14 **from the meeting. Mr. Willms seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**  
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16 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion.**  
17 **Motion was carried.**  
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19 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 04/05/2023 regular meeting. Mr. Willms**  
20 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**  
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22 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 23 - Frog Regatta 04/22
- 24 - Spokane Valley Partners mobile food bank will be at the Methodist Church 4/27 1:45-2:45pm
- 25 - Freeman all-school reunion 06/23-06/24  
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27 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

28 Ms. Harnois said that HB1577 that Deputy Clerk Jennie Hagen worked so hard on amending is on the  
29 Governor's desk and will be signed at 2pm 04/20/2023.  
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31 Ms. Harnois said she attended a steering committee meeting for the Growth Management Group of Elected  
32 Officials today. They are focusing on housing.  
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34 Ms. Harnois said that the town's Comprehensive Plan updates will need to be completed before 06/30/2026  
35 with opportunities for funding coming soon.  
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37 Ms. Harnois told Council that there will be a Small City Connectors meeting at the Millwood Brewery on  
38 05/11/23 at 5:30pm. She said she would not be able to make it, but it would be good to have another  
39 councilmember or two attend.  
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41 **COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

42 Planning Commission - Next meeting 05/02/2023 at 7pm.  
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44 **Ballfield Committee**

45 Mr. Whitman reported that the baseline fence posts were installed 04/18 and the fence should be installed  
46 04/21, weather permitting.  
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48 **Asset Committee**

49 Mr. Thompson said he and Ms. Hagen are still working on water system inventory.  
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51 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 52 - Resident Sue Pray asked if she could build a shelf in the Freeman Float booth of the food booth  
53 building. Mr. Thompson said it would likely have to be okayed by the health department or insurance.

- 54 - Resident Ivan Willmschen asked who was heading up the All School Reunion. Mrs. Johnson said Suzi  
55 Risken and a couple other ladies she didn't know.

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57 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

58 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to adopt resolution 23-01, declaring the 2005 Crown Victoria as surplus.**

59 **Mr. Willms seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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61 OLD BUSINESS

62 **Ms. Harnois made a motion to approve the variance request at 529 and 537 S Second Street. Mr.**

63 **whitman seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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65 NEW BUSINESS

66 Mrs. Johnson provided Council with some research on imposing a utility tax. She suggested that she and  
67 Mr. Thompson could come up with possible scenarios of different tax rates for Council to review at the next  
68 meeting. Mr. Fricke agreed and asked to include amounts from 10-25%.

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70 STAFF REPORTS

71 Public Works

- 72 - Council told Mr. Thompson to get the new roof at the fire station scheduled and plan for a new furnace  
73 to be installed.
- 74 - **Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve spending up to \$20,000 on an additional service truck.**  
75 **Mr. Willms seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
- 76 - **Mr. Whitman made a motion to accept the bid from Arrow/RPI to chip seal the road at the lagoon**  
77 **for \$12,149.92 plus tax. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
- 78 - Mr. Whitman asked Mr. Thompson if there were any commitments from a contractor to fix the exhibit  
79 building after the August storm damage. Mr. Thompson said not yet.
- 80 - There is a leak near the bathrooms in the main park. Public Works has found the problem and should  
81 have it fixed before the Frog Regatta.

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83 Clerk/Treasurer

- 84 - Mrs. Johnson gave Council budget amendments to review before the next meeting.

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86 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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88 APPROVE CHECKS

89 **Ms. Harnois made a motion to approve checks 17976 - 17992 and three EFTs for a total of \$13,409.82.**

90 **Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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92 **Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion was**  
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95 The meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

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Carrie Roecks, Mayor