



I hope you had a wonderful holiday season! Two years in a row of minimal snow by the first of the year. I wonder what February will bring?

Again, Dale and I counted the lighted trees (or reasonable facsimile of) in town on December 22nd. There were definitely fewer decorated houses this year, but the trees were nearly the same count, with 58 decorated outside! In the windows we saw fewer, with 31. The town added a few decorations in the park, and will keep adding every year as long as we can. It helps the community feel so festive! And many, many thanks to the Rockford Women’s Club for lighting up Pioneer Park! What a great thing to see as you come in to town.

2019 was a very good year for the town. We were able to complete a few major projects, such as the sewer main replacement near the creek, and the creek cleaning. There were also many small projects that kept the Public Works Department very busy, including helping the SE Spokane County Fair install the new playground equipment. There were some additional duties being done in the office too, and a three-year audit was completed.

I’d like to remind you again to please keep your vehicles off the road when snow is expected, so the crew can do a good job of clearing the streets. They start by clearing the hills and bus routes, so please be patient if they don’t get to your street right away. We really appreciate your cooperation.

Since 2020 is a census year, I encourage you to watch for your Census survey packets. A couple of things to remember about the census – this year, you will have the ability to respond online. If you complete your survey, either on paper or online, you won’t have anyone knocking on your door! This time, there is no income question on the survey, however, the town still receives money from the state based on our population, so it’s extremely important that everyone answer the survey questions.

It will be short, and simple. The town staff will be available to help anyone who needs assistance.

My wish for 2020 is for health and prosperity for the town, the staff and the residents. You are appreciated and it means a great deal to me to have the honor of serving as your mayor.

Happy New Year and best wishes for 2020! Carrie

Town Hall will be closed on January 20, 2020 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Online payments are now being accepted through the town’s website at www.rockfordwa.com. There is a 2.5% fee for using this service.

Mayor

Carrie Roecks

Councilmembers

Clint Stevenson

Micki Harnois

Bill Benson

Tim Fricke

Brian Laude

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL, OF THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD, THAT THE FOLLOWING IS THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKFORD, FOR THE YEAR OF 2020:

FUND	NO.	EXPENDITURES
CURRENT EXPENSE	001	\$384,181.00
STREET FUND	101	\$46,350.00
CRIMINAL JUSTICE	111	\$36,955.00
EQUIP/PROP. RESERVE	201	\$33,370.00
SEWER FUND	401	\$194,200.00
LAGOON	402	\$50,605.00
WATER FUND	403	\$147,375.00
LAGOON LOAN REPAYMENT	405	\$141,400.00
SEWER RESERVE	406	\$46,300.00
WATER RESERVE	407	\$43,770.00
LAGOON RESERVE	410	\$42,000.00
		\$1,166,506.00

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

2020 Garbage Rate Schedule

Effective January 1, 2020, the new garbage rate schedule reflects a 4.63% increase.

Per Empire Disposal, rates per month for weekly pickup:

<u>Schedule of Rates</u>	<u>Container Rates</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>
\$11.50 - 1 mini can	\$65.30 - 1 yard	\$3.35/mo carryout
\$16.70 - 1 32 gallon can	\$97.95 - 1.5 yard	\$5.85/mo driveway
\$20.90 - 2 cans	\$130.55 - 2 yard	\$3.35 each add'l bag
\$22.35 - 1-65 gallon cart	\$195.80 - 3 yard	
\$27.20 - 3 cans	\$261.15 - 4 yard	
\$33.20 - 4 cans	\$20.90 per cu yd of materials	
\$23.35 - 90 gallon cart		

TOWN HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DAYS IN 2020

(Garbage service will be **delayed by one day** on the holidays as noted)

New Years Day - Wednesday, January 1st

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Monday, January 20th

President's Day - Monday, February 17th

Memorial Day - Monday, May 25th (*garbage service delayed*)

Independence Day (observed) - Friday, July 3rd

Labor Day - Monday, September 7th (*garbage service delayed*)

Veteran's Day - Wednesday, November 11th

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 26th

Day after Thanksgiving - Friday, November 27th

Christmas Day - Friday, December 25th

Snow Removal Policy

The Town of Rockford believes that it is in the best interest of the residents for the town to assume basic responsibility for control of snow and ice on town streets. Reasonable ice and snow control is necessary for routine travel and emergency services. The town will provide such control in a safe and cost effective manner, keeping in mind safety, budget, personnel and environmental concerns. The town will utilize town employees, equipment and/or private contractors to provide this service. For a copy of the policy in it's entirety, please contact Town Hall.

The Public Works operator will decide when to begin snow or ice control operations.