

1 **Rockford Town Council Regular Meeting**
2 **July 20, 2022, 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 Roecks and 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 Mayor Carrie Roecks and Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Tim
11 Fricke, Micki Harnois and Mark Lonam. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave Thompson
12 were also in attendance.
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14 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion.**
15 **Motion was carried.**
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17 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 07/06/2022 regular meeting. Mr.**
18 **Lonam seconded the motion. Ms. Harnois stated that on line 42, the words "he mayor of Malden"**
19 **should be corrected to say, "the mayor of Malden". Motion was carried.**
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21 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 22 - Rockford Lion's Club Car Show – August 13, 2022, 9am-2pm
 - 23 - Vitalant Blood Drive July 27, 2022, 3:30-6pm
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25 COUNCIL REPORTS – none

26 COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

27 PUBLIC COMMENT - none
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29 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

30 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve Resolution 22-06, placing a fire levy proposition on the**
31 **November ballot. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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33 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve Resolution 22-07, placing an EMS levy proposition on the**
34 **November ballot. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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36 OLD BUSINESS

37 Town Hall Furnace

38 Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Thompson said that three vendors have been contacted and only Banner Furnace
39 and Fuel submitted a proposal to replace the furnace with an HVAC system at Town Hall.

40 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the bid from Banner Fuel and Furnace. Ms. Harnois**
41 **seconded the motion. Mr. Fricke abstained. Motion was carried.**
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43 NEW BUSINESS

44 Council Position #2 Interviews

45 Council conducted interviews with the two council applicants, Kevin Willms and Walt Whitman. Council said
46 they would go into Executive Session later in the meeting to discuss the qualifications of each candidate.
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48 STAFF REPORTS

49 Public Works

- 50 - Mr. Thompson said that he and Mrs. Johnson attended a Kamstrup demo in Garfield, regarding the
51 automatic water meter readers, on Wednesday 07/13/2022. The demo was very enlightening on what
52 the new meters can do and how the town can benefit from the new technology.

- 53 - Public Works has been busy working on water leaks around town. The main focus of the last few days
54 was a leak in a service line on Weaver Street. This project was completed Wednesday morning.
55 There is a possibility of another water leak on Willow Street, near Emma Street. This will also be
56 investigated and corrected if need be.
57 - Mr. Thompson said Mr. Stevenson has been busy welding on a project intended to screen the gravel
58 and sand piles, per a previous discussion with Council.
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60 Clerk/Treasurer

- 61 - Mrs. Johnson gave an amended June Treasurer's Report stating that the total amount in all funds at the
62 end of June was corrected and is now at \$782,408.23.
63 - Mrs. Johnson asked Council if they would be interested in discussing a mid-year raise for staff, due to
64 the rate of inflation and cost of living. Ms. Roecks asked that Ms. Johnson get together a wage
65 spreadsheet of suggested amounts for the next meeting.
66 - Mrs. Johnson asked if payment could be made for half the furnace project and for the completed roofing
67 project at Town Hall before the next meeting. Council agreed.
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69 Mr. Lonam asked Mr. Thompson if the trees on Weaver and Emma Street could be trimmed back to allow
70 visibility for the truck drivers entering the highway. Mr. Thompson said this could be done.
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72 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 73 - Resident Kathy Creed said that it is obvious that there are several people living in RVs in Rockford.
74 When she temporarily stayed in an RV while her house was completed, she had to apply for and pay for
75 a Temporary Use Permit. She would like to see others follow the same rules or would like to ask for her
76 money back. She also mentioned that she has fixed Third Street after her home was completed and it is
77 eroding again. This eroding is due to all the traffic at her neighbors' house. Ms. Roecks added that Third
78 Street needed some gravel.
79 - Resident Ivan Willmschen thanked Mr. Stevenson for trimming the tree at the church on Church and
80 River Streets. He mentioned that he and another neighbor cut back one remaining limb.
81 - Resident Walt Whitman asked what can be done with the property on North First Street, behind Dave's
82 Auto Body. There seems to be people living in RVs and the chicken coop and quite the collection of
83 boats starting. Mrs. Johnson said she will be working with the town's attorney and Sheriff's Department
84 on several nuisance properties.
85 - Resident Kevin Willms asked what the noise ordinance in Rockford is due to "jake brakes" being applied
86 through town at 3am. Mrs. Johnson said jake brakes are not allowed through town at any time of the
87 day. Mr. Thompson added that Public Works' Patrick Marcalus has contacted the WA State Patrol on
88 several occasions with the same concerns. WSP has come to Rockford once, a couple weeks ago, to
89 patrol the area. Mr. Marcalus added that he has contacted both the Sheriff's Department and WSP who
90 have stated they are short staffed.
91 - Mr. Willmschen said that the town has hired a Code Enforcement Officer twice. The first one collected
92 over \$18k and did nothing, and the second one said all of the town's ordinance's need to be updated
93 before anyone could do anything. He also asked if we could negotiate the contract with the Sheriff's
94 Department, since they are rarely patrolling in Rockford. Mrs. Johnson said she has negotiated before,
95 but not very successfully, as they base their rates on calls, population and other criteria.
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97 EXECUTIVE SESSION – to discuss Council applicants' qualifications. Regular meeting resumed at 8:15pm.
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99 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to appoint Walt Whitman to Council Position #2. Ms. Harnois**
100 **seconded the motion. Mr. Stevenson said that the decision was difficult and asked Mr. Willms to be**
101 **sure and reapply when another vacancy comes up. Motion was carried.**
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103 APPROVE CHECKS

104 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 17605 - 17622, and 1 EFT, for a total of \$13,637.79.**
105 **Mr. Lonam seconded the motion. Ms. Harnois asked if the "Rockford Bridge" noted on the Spokane**

106 **County Inspection invoice was actually the Mica Creek Bridge. Mr. Thompson confirmed it's the**
107 **same bridge. Ms. Harnois also asked if the check for Teresa Mahn was for a park permit**
108 **reimbursement. Mrs. Johnson confirmed this. Motion was carried.**

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110 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was**
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113 Meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm

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158 Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor