

Rockford Town Council Regular Meeting December 15, 2021, 7pm

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Mayor Carrie Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call took place. Those in attendance were Mayor Carrie Roecks, Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke, Mark Lonam and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson, Public Works' Dave Thompson and Fire Chief Gary Hill were also in attendance.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/01/2021 regular meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Ms. Harnois said that when the sidewalks were installed in front of the Harvest Moon, there was conduit added but no electricity. She wanted the public and Council to know that details of what was included in the grant. Motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town Hall will be closed 12/24 and 12/31.
- Vitalant Blood Drive is scheduled for 01/04/2022 from 3:15pm 6pm.

COUNCIL REPORTS

- Ms. Harnois said she tried to call Landtek to get an update on the surveying on B Street and the owner was not in. She left a message to call Town Hall when he was in.

COMMISSION REPORTS - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- The Committee List was updated with new members. Ms. Roecks asked that each Committee give an annual report, whether there was anything to report or not.
- Ms. Harnois added that she represents Rockford on the Steering Committee of Elected Officials, and she represents the small area towns with Spokane Regional Transportation Committee and North Palouse Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Fricke decided he could be an alternate with SRTC if that was an option.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 21-12 amending the 2021 Budget. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.
- Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adopt Ordinance 21-13 for the 2022 Budget. Mr. Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

- Ms. Harnois made a motion to appoint Mr. Fricke as Mayor pro-tem for the next 6 months. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

STAFF REPORTS

Public Works

- Mr. Thompson reported that he and Fire Chief Gary Hill met early in the week to discuss adding more fire hydrants in town and replacing some of the lower volume hydrants. The Washington State Rating Bureau reported to Mr. Hill some areas that will need additional fire suppression. The corners Center and Emma Streets, North First and North Streets and in the CHS compound. The CHS hydrant upgrade will require upgrading the water line and adding a loop to the system. This will likely be an expensive project. Center Street will need to be a priority because of the current development and potential future development on both sides of Emma Street. North First and North Streets will need to be addressed soon after.

Clerk/Treasurer

- Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report stating that the total amount in all funds at the end of November was \$819,518.30.

Fire Chief

- Mr. Hill notified Council that the emergency call volume was up in 2022, in Rockford and with Mutual Aid.
- It was reported that the new garage door openers for the last three bays are installed and working. Mrs. Johnson said the total will be under \$5000.00.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

APPROVE CHECKS

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 17313 – 17335 for a total of \$18,493.66. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer	-	Carrie Roecks, Mayor	