

1 **Rockford Town Council Regular Meeting**
2 **September 4, 2024, 7pm**
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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 Ms. Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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11 Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Walt
12 Whitman, and Kevin Willms. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Patrick Marcalus were also in
13 attendance.
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15 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to excuse Councilmember Micki Harnois from the meeting. Mr.**
16 **Stevenson seconded the motion.**
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18 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion**
19 **carried.**
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21 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 08/21/2024 meeting. Mr. Whitman**
22 **seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
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24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 25 - 2024 Budget Amendment Public Hearing 09/18/2024 7pm
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27 COUNCIL REPORTS – None
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29 COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

- 30 - Gregg Tenner, Planning Commission President, said that the commission reviewed the Checklist
31 required for the Comprehensive Plan Update.
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33 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

34 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS - None

35 OLD BUSINESS - None

36 NEW BUSINESS - None
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38 STAFF REPORTS

39 Public Works

- 40 - Ms. Roecks asked if there was any plan for new fencing around the playground area. Mr.
41 Thompson said that he will get some quotes. It was agreed that it would be nice to see black chain
42 link fence there.
43 - Mr. Thompson said that he will place the new Hughes Field sign up next week, before the fair.
44 - Mr. Thompson reported that the sewer project on Weaver Street started slow and there were some
45 hiccups at first. Most of the issues have been ironed out and the construction company still intends
46 to complete the project before fair weekend. This included grading, adding culverts, replacing the
47 concrete sidewalks and laying pavement.
48 - Spokane County is ditching around the area and pulling a lot of water from Well #5.
49 - Big Sky cleaned and videoed another section of the sewer main. There is some concern with the
50 integrity of the sewer main going from Highway 27 to the lagoons, which will likely need to be
51 replaced soon. JUB will confirm after reviewing the video.
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53 Clerk/Treasurer

- 54 - The past due list was reviewed.
- 55 - **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the August Utility Bill Adjustment Report. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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- 57 - Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the total amount of all funds at the end of
- 58 August was \$825,448.17.
- 59 - Council reviewed and discussed the AWC Salary and Benefit Survey results. Mrs. Johnson
- 60 organized the results by towns under 1000 and by job title. There was discussion about Rockford
- 61 being at the bottom of the results and how the town is in a better financial position than it has been
- 62 in the past. Ms. Roecks reported to Council the annual cost of increasing the full time employees by
- 63 \$5 per hour and the part time employees by \$4 per hour.
- 64 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to increase the wages of Heidi Johnson, Dave Thompson and**
- 65 **Patrick Marcalus by \$5 per hour and an increase of \$4 per hour for Jennie Hagen, starting**
- 66 **September 1st, 2024. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- 67 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to increase the wages of Clint Stevenson by \$4 per hour. Mr.**
- 68 **Fricke seconded the motion. Mr. Stevenson abstained. Motion carried.**
- 69 Ms. Roecks requested that Mrs. Johnson find out some information on a 401k or IRA, in addition to
- 70 vision and dental plans.
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72 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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74 APPROVE CHECKS

75 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 18648-18668, and 3 EFTs for a total of \$31,717.68.**

76 **Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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78 **Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion**

79 **carried.**

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81 Meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

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105 Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor