

**Rockford Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
January 21, 2026, 6:30pm**

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*Mayor Roecks opened the Public Hearing, stating that the purpose of the hearing was to discuss the Sewer Study and Wastewater Planning Updates. She turned the floor over to Sam Mineer, JUB Engineers. Mr. Mineer presented Council, Staff and several (9) residents with updates and findings from the capacity analysis and field inspections conducted over the last couple of years. He explained options and alternatives for improvements and costs associated with both the Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and the collection system. It was explained that the issues with the collection system were due to Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) of groundwater into the sewer system, which is then treated at the WWTF. The results of the study showed peak infiltration during wet years and winter months and pinpointed the areas showing the most I&I. Sections of South First Street, West Emma Street, Pacific & Pine Streets and through a portion of Rock Creek are a major culprit, due to broken pipes and/or defective pipe joints.*

*Residents asked questions regarding a timeline for Council to decide which direction to go, clarification of the issues being the sewer system or the WWTF, life expectancy of any upgrades and opportunities for community feedback.*

*Ms. Roecks recapped what was presented and encouraged everyone present to submit feedback and help let the rest of the residents know about the discussion and options. Council intends to make their decision based on community feedback.*

*Ms. Roecks closed the Public Hearing at 7:52pm*

Mayor Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:59pm.

Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, and Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Tim Fricke, Walt Whitman and Kevin Willms. Public Works' Dave Thompson and Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson were also in attendance.

**Mr. Fricke made a motion to excuse Councilmember Micki Harnois from the meeting. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

**Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 1/07/2026 regular meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

COUNCIL REPORTS - None

PLANNING COMMISSION - None

COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

**Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve Resolution 26-01, Authorizing Participation in a Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

Mr. Whitman requested the Resolution 26-02 be edited on page 11, under Retirement Benefits - Contributions, to say "the Town will match employee contributions of up to three percent of the employees' gross annual wages".

**Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve Resolution 26-02, Personnel Policy with the edits Mr. Whitman suggested. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

54 OLD BUSINESS

55 Broadlinc Fiber Update

56 Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Roecks met with the director of Broadlinc, Ariane Schmidt. Ms. Schmidt said that a  
57 group called Inland Cellular won the bid to connect the "middle mile" of fiber internet from Fairfield to north of  
58 Freeman. Inland Cellular may not accept the bid, which would allow Spokane County's Broadlinc to secure  
59 the project. There will be more updates in the next couple of weeks. Ms. Schmidt said that, if the bid is  
60 awarded to Broadlinc, Rockford and Freeman should see completion of the project this summer.

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62 206 N First Street – No update

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64 NEW BUSINESS - None

65 STAFF REPORTS

66 Public Works

- 67 - Mr. Thompson requested that Council approves the purchase of a flail mower attachment for the  
68 Hitachi excavator, as is budgeted.  
69 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the purchase of the flail mower through Needham**  
70 **Ag Technologies, LLC. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**  
71 - **Mr. Fricke made a motion to purchase additional picnic tables for the park, as is**  
72 **budgeted. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**  
73 - Mr. Thompson said Public Works has been doing equipment maintenance and purchasing  
74 supplies for scheduled projects this year.

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76 Clerk/Treasurer

- 77 - Mrs. Johnson said that she applied for a grant through AWC RMSA to replace the security  
78 cameras at Town Hall and the park.  
79 - Council agreed to the Climate Element for the Comp Plan, provided by Spokane County. Ms.  
80 Roecks asked that they update the population to reflect the actual amount.

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82 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

83 APPROVE CHECKS

84 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 19327-19343, with checks 19331 and 19332 being**  
85 **voiced, and 1 EFT for a total of \$48,616.86. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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87 **Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion**  
88 **carried.**

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90 Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm.

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106 Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor