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Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting July 5, 2018 7:00pm

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

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Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke, William Benson, Brian Laude, Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave Thompson.

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Mayor Roecks opened the public hearing at 7:02pm to take public comment on placing a fire levy ballot measure on the November ballot. Ms. Roecks asked if there was any public comment.

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Resident Greg Johnson asked if the town was asking for the same amount as previous years. Ms. Roecks said yes, \$.51 per \$1000 of assessed value.

There was no other public or council comment.

Ms. Roecks closed the public hearing at 7:03pm and resumed the regular meeting.

Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 06/20/2018 public hearing and regular meeting. Mr. Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Ms. Roecks welcomed resident Greg Johnson back. He spoke about a piece of property that he owns on North Street that has an existing septic system. Mr. Johnson's has contacted Gold Seal to get an estimate for placing and connecting the property to the town's main line. The bid was for \$190,400. Mr. Johnson stated this project was financially impossible for him to complete. Mr. Thompson said that Gold Seal was the most expensive contractor in the area, and that a second contractor had called him to say he would be out to do a bid on Monday. Mr. Johnson said that he needs council to decide on allowing a variance for a septic system, and that he has been waiting for far too long already. There was discussion about what other options there were to cut the cost, and Ms. Roecks asked Council for their final input. She stated that Council could rewrite the ordinance to include the option of a variance or keep the existing ordinance in effect. It was the consensus to keep the existing ordinance and require all new construction to be connected to the town's sewer system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- July 12th, all day - there will be a power outage for the day at Town Hall.

- July 23rd, 6pm, - Council has scheduled a workshop to review and edit the town's Comprehensive Plan

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Harnois informed Council that she attended the AWC conference in Yakima. She was able to attend a few workshops that discussed several things Rockford could consider. Some of the workshop items included tree roots and sidewalks, small town plazas, and community engagement through art. Ms. Harnois will type up some of the highlights for Council to review.

51 Another workshop she attended during the conference talked about how the legislature has tasked the
52 Ruckelshaus Center to revisit the Growth Management Act. Ms. Harnois said that she expressed that she
53 would like to see the GMA requirements be based on population.

54 Ms. Harnois talked about the nametags that attendees wear during the AWC conference. She explained that
55 there are ribbons/badges attached based on what the individual completes and described what hers meant.

56 COMMISSION REPORTS

57 Planning and Zoning/Comprehensive Plan

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60 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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63 PUBLIC COMMENT

64 - Bill Benson told Public Works that they are doing a great job at getting things done and doing them well.

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66 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

67 Fire Levy Ballot Measure

68 **Ms. Harnois made a motion to approve Resolution 18-04. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion**
69 **was carried.**

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71 Town Council Rules of Procedure

72 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve Resolution 18-05. Mr. Laude seconded the motion. Motion was**
73 **carried.**

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75 OLD BUSINESS

76 Nuisance/Notice of Abatement

77 236 Pacific Street

78 Ms. Roecks said she will try to reach the owners again over the weekend. Mr. Thompson said he will
79 get materials to board the home up on Monday.

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81 NEW BUSINESS

82 - Ms. Harnois reminded Council and Staff that any new signage over a certain size needs to be
83 permitted.

84 - Mr. Benson said that there is a hole in one of the roof tiles of the fair office. The Lion's Club will
85 coordinate with the Fair Association to get it taken care of.

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87 PUBLIC COMMENT

88 - Ivan Willmschen asked what will happen to the trailer when it gets boarded up.

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90 STAFF REPORTS

91 Fire Chief

92 • Gary Hill stated that there is a leak in front of the fire station. Mr. Thompson said he will look at it and
93 get it fixed.

94 • Mr. Hill also mentioned that the roof on the newer portion of the fire station could start leaking soon.
95 There is an area that is rusted and needs to be repainted. He suggested getting bids to replace the
96 roof. Ms. Roecks asked if he wanted to start the bid process, to which he agreed.

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98 Public Works

99 • Mr. Thompson said that they are working on getting the new sewer pipe on Sprague ready for a
100 contractor to connect the home at 134 N Sprague. The contractor will start his portion of the project
101 on July 9th.

102 • Mr. Thompson mentioned that the new dump truck arrived last week, and it works great.

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Clerk/Deputy Clerk

- Mrs. Johnson presented the June Past Due report.
- Mrs. Johnson asked if there were any questions on the June Utility Adjustment report.
Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the June Utility Adjustment Report. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

APPROVE CHECKS

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 14474 – 14495, and 4 EFTs, for a total of \$20,032.51. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:19pm. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor