

1 **Rockford Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**  
2 **March 1, 2023, 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 Carrie Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Councilmember Clint Stevenson led the  
9 Pledge of Allegiance.

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11 Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki  
12 Harnois, Kevin Willms and Walt Whitman. Councilmember Tim Fricke was out sick. Deputy Clerk Jennie  
13 Hagen and Public Works' Dave Thompson were also in attendance.

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15 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to excuse Councilmember Tim Fricke. Ms. Harnois seconded the**  
16 **motion. Motion was carried.**  
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18 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion**  
19 **was carried.**  
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21 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 02/15/2023 regular meeting. Mr.**  
22 **Whitman seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**  
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24 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 25 - Ms. Harnois stated the Frog Regatta would be on April 22<sup>nd</sup> this year.  
26 - Mr. Stevenson mentioned the possibility of an Easter Egg hunt. The Lion's Club is not planning to  
27 participate. Easter is April 9<sup>th</sup>. The staff will discuss and research pursuing the activity.  
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29 COUNCIL REPORTS

30 Ms. Harnois provided a recap of her attendance of the Legislative Conference February 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>. She, Joe  
31 Schmick, and Candice Bock from AWC testified in support of the House Bill to update RCW 42.23.030 to  
32 raise the wages allowed for municipal officers. Ms. Harnois also had a brief meeting with Senator  
33 Schoessler.  
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35 COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

36 Planning Commission

37 Mr. Thompson reported that the planning commission met on February 28<sup>th</sup>. They reviewed Mr.  
38 Rudnitsky's request for 5ft side-setbacks variance at his properties at 529 and 537 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Staff  
39 were provided their write-up supporting the variance. The variance will most likely be presented at the  
40 next Council meeting.

41 The Commission also met with Mr. Lee Bauder from 320 S River St regarding his possible "Glamping  
42 experience" plan. He has more work to do and will be providing more information for the Commission to  
43 review.

44 Ball Field Committee

45 Ms. Roecks reported that the committee has not met since the last meeting. She spoke with Mark  
46 Peterson from KXLY and our project will not be picked for the makeover grant. He still may be able to  
47 provide some support.

48 Asset Committee

49 Mr. Thompson reported that staff has been working on adding to the Water Asset Inventory. Ms. Hagen  
50 reported we have about 6.99 miles of water lines in Town. Once the water assets have been  
51 inventoried, sewer assets will be next.

- 52 - Mr. Whitman asked about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Street cul-de-sac project. Letters to residents will need to be  
53 prepared.  
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55 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 56 - Mr. Ivan Willmschen said he will take donated eyeglasses, as the Lion's Club sends them to 3<sup>rd</sup> world  
57 countries in need of them.

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59 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS - None

60 OLD BUSINESS - None

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62 NEW BUSINESS

63 Mr. Thompson discussed the possibility of a building moratorium because the town needs to complete a  
64 study to fix our inflow and infiltration (I&I) issues with the sewer. His estimate is a maximum of 20 new  
65 connections that would allow adequate capacity in our lagoons. The lagoons should support 900 people with  
66 no I&I present.

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68 STAFF REPORTS

69 Public Works

- 70 - Mr. Thompson reported that the annual Biosolids report has been submitted.  
71 - Town Hall had new gutters installed all around the building today.  
72 - The Public Works crew has been plowing snow as needed.  
73 - Public Works are working on getting the new cameras installed in the park. Town Hall will get the old  
74 ones from the park, which is an upgrade.  
75 - The project to replace the inside meters with new auto-read meters may be delayed due to the  
76 unavailability of parts.  
77 - The new auto-read meters that were installed in the fall are being read throughout the winter.

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79 Clerk/Treasurer

- 80 - The February Utility Bill Adjustments Report was reviewed.  
81 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the February Utility Bill Adjustment Report. Mr.**  
82 **Whitman seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**  
83 - Ms. Hagen presented the Past Due Report.  
84 - Mr. Thompson covered the window replacements from the August storm. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi  
85 Johnson will continue to work with the insurance on what gets covered.

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87 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 88 - Mr. Willmschen asked about the memos on the paychecks. Ms. Hagen will correct the memos.

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90 APPROVE CHECKS

91 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 17912-17916 for a total of \$5,320.28. Ms. Harnois**

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93 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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95 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 17917-17934 and 2 EFTs for a total of \$16,773.51.**

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97 **Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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99 The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

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Carrie Roecks, Mayor