

1 **Rockford Town Council Regular Meeting**
2 **March 6, 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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8 Mayor Carrie Roecks called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.
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10 Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, Councilmembers Micki Harnois, Clint
11 Stevenson, Tim Fricke, Walt Whitman and Kevin Willms. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works'
12 Dave Thompson were also in attendance.
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14 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion.**
15 **Motion carried.**
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17 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 02/21/2023 meeting. Mr. Whitman**
18 **seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
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20 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 21 - McIntosh Grange will be hosting a pancake feed and Easter Egg Hunt on 03/23/2024 at 10am in the
22 town park.
23 - SE Spokane County Fair's Diamonds and Dreams dinner and auction will be 04/13/2024 at Fusion
24 Seed in Fairfield. There are 20 tickets left for purchase.
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26 COUNCIL REPORTS

27 Ms. Harnois attended a conference with Inland Northwest Partners in Pullman regarding Economic
28 Development. She said that the speaker, Becky McCray, specialized in small towns and ideas on how to
29 engage the community and get people involved.
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31 COMMISSION REPORTS

32 Planning Commission

33 The commission met on 03/05 and appointed Brandon Marchand as Vice Chair. The next meeting will be
34 April 16 at 7pm.
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36 COMMITTEE REPORTS - None
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38 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 39 - Lorrie Engle said that the grant project that the Department of Agriculture awarded the SESCOF will
40 be starting soon. The asphalt pathways in the park will be scheduled for mid-April. She has been
41 working with Mr. Thompson for tree removal and sprinkler relocating.
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43 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

44 **Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve Resolution 24-01, authorizing the application of a grant**
45 **through the Recreation and Conservation Office to upgrade the ballfield. Mr. Fricke seconded the**
46 **motion. Motion carried.**
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48 OLD BUSINESS

49 Code Enforcement

50 There was discussion about the amount of "junk" vehicles parked 206 N First Street and whether or not
51 there were still people living in motor homes.
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53 NEW BUSINESS

54 2024 Sewer Improvements – Bid Results

55 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to award Evergreen Excavation the sewer project, totaling**
56 **\$384,366.51. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Mr. Stevenson asked what would happen if the**
57 **project couldn't be done in June. Mrs. Johnson said the grant doesn't expire until 2025. Motion was**
58 **carried.**

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60 STAFF REPORTS

61 Public Works

- 62 - Mr. Thompson said that the motor for the new service truck was ready to be picked up and all of the
- 63 other parts have arrived.
- 64 - Mr. Thompson said he installed a fence around town property on North First Street to keep vehicles
- 65 from driving and parking there and destroying land.
- 66 - Public Works has been filling in potholes around town and raising manholes for the sewer study.

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68 Clerk/Treasurer

- 69 - The Past Due list was reviewed.
- 70 - **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the February Utility Bill Adjustment Report. Mr.**
- 71 **Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
- 72 - Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the total amount in all funds at the end of
- 73 February was \$746,916.21.
- 74 - Mrs. Johnson suggested that she only do the newsletter quarter or semi-annually. The council
- 75 agreed to try doing it quarterly.
- 76 - Mr. Whitman asked why the electricity bill has been so high in the park bathrooms. Mrs. Johnson
- 77 said that the reader board and streetlights are pulled from the restroom.

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79 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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81 APPROVE CHECKS

82 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 18411-18430 for a total of \$37,547.32 with 3 EFTs.**
83 **Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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85 **Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion**
86 **carried.**

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88 The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm.

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor