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# **Rockford Town Council Regular Meeting** June 4, 2025, 7pm

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Mayor Roecks called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, and Councilmembers Tim Fricke, Micki Harnois, 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 Clint Stevenson from the meeting. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Fricke 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 05/21/2025 regular meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Freeman High School graduation June 7<sup>th</sup> at 3pm
- Town Hall closed 06/19 for Juneteenth
- Fairfield's Flag Day celebration 06/14, parade starts at 11am

## **COUNCIL REPORTS - None COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**

PLANNING COMMISSION

Gregg Tenner, Planning Commission President, said that two of the Planning Commission members, Julie Hoffmeyer and Beth Bowan, offered to do more extensive research regarding what was needed for the town to hire a Code Compliance Officer. Council agreed to this.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT - None** ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve Ordinance 25-01, amending the 2025 budget. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve resolution 25-03, updating the town's fee schedule. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Roecks updated Council with the nuisance issues at 206 N First Street. She has not heard back from the owner regarding all of the violations. She asked Mrs. Johnson to contact the town's attorney and have him send an additional letter.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Council discussed a request made by a potential property buyer, requesting permission to have an ADU that has a common sewer and water service with a primary residence. Council reviewed the regulations, and the majority agreed that one utility connection for each service could be allowed on a lot with single ownership. Mrs. Johnson will contact the requestor, Joseph Boger.

## STAFF REPORTS

#### Public Works

- Mr. Thompson reported that there are still three concerning trees that need to be addressed in town. Based on the quotes received last spring, Janson McElfish Tree Care was the cheapest. Mrs. Johnson called to get a new quote from McElfish, and they said they would honor last year's quote.
  - Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the quote from McElfish Tree Care. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Mr. Whitman suggested double checking that the cottonwood on B Street is healthy enough that it shouldn't come down completely. Motion carried.
- Mr. Thompson said that Public Works will be starting the utility work on Lake Street on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.
   This project will replacing the lateral sewer lines to the property lines on the north side of East Lake Street and later replacing the water mainline. Homeowners will be notified.
- The Transportation Improvement Board project will begin in July, with Spokane County doing the work. The amounts quoted from the County were far less than the grant awards, so there have been some amendments to the contract.
- Ziply Fiber has requested a right-of-way (ROW) permit to install fiber lines throughout town.
  There are several things that need to be addressed before allowing for ROW
  construction/obstruction. Council would like to see a ROW permit for each road on each block
  (from intersection to intersection), and applicable fees included. Mr. Thompson said he has
  additional notes, as well.

#### Clerk/Treasurer

- Mrs. Johnson showed Council a brochure on a program called textmygov. This program can receive and send text messages from groups to alert them (or the town) of important issues or events coming up. A map can be used to capture phone numbers in a certain area of town to notify them of any potential leak or other issue.
  - Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the quote from textmygov. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- The past due list was reviewed.
- Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the May Utility Bill adjustments. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the total amount of all funds at the end of May was \$849,653.04.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mr. Tenner said congratulations to the two SE Spokane County Fair princesses who live in Rockford, Maddy Johnson and Morgan McIntire.

## APPROVE CHECKS

Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve checks 19009-19031, and 3 EFTs, for a total of \$36,371.74. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.	
Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer	Carrie Roecks, Mayor