

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **July 1, 2020 7:00pm Teleconference**
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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 Roecks opened the public hearing at 7:02pm to take public comment on the town's Six-year*
9 *Transportation Improvement Plan. There was no public comment. Councilmember William Benson*
10 *asked about paving Stringham Court. Public Works' Dave Thompson said that the rating for Stringham*
11 *Court is not high enough to change the road from gravel to pavement. Ms. Roecks closed the public*
12 *hearing at 7:06pm.*

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14 Mayor Carrie Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:06pm. Because of the COVID19, and the
15 social distancing guidelines, the meeting was conducted via telephone conference.
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17 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke,
18 William Benson and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works Director Dave
19 Thompson were also in attendance.
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21 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Laude seconded the motion. Motion**
22 **was carried.**
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24 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 06/17/2020 regular meeting. Mr. Fricke**
25 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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28 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 29 - Town Hall will be closed on 07/03/2020 in observance of Independence Day.
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31 COUNCIL REPORTS

- 32 - Ms. Harnois said that she attended the virtual AWC Annual Conference for which there was good
33 attendance. She also attended, via Zoom, the Spokane Regional Transportation Council Data
34 Conference. She told Council that there will be a special session for the legislature to discuss the
35 impacts from COVID and police reform.
36 - Ms. Harnois said the census takers will begin knocking on doors in August. As of today, only 59% of
37 Rockford has completed their census for 2020. Mr. Thompson said he would put something on the
38 reader board.
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40 COMMISSION REPORTS – None

41 COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

42 PUBLIC COMMENT - None
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44 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

45 **Mr. Laude made a motion to approve Resolution 20-05, approving the Six-year Transportation**
46 **Improvement Plan. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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48 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to accept Ordinance 20-02, implementing a management plan**
49 **for fats, oil and grease. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

50 Mr. Fricke asked what the plan is for enforcement. It was explained that Mr. Thompson and the
51 town's Satellite Operator, Paul Sifford, will meet with the individual restaurant owners and explain
52 what is needed to stay in compliance. Each business will need to install a grease trap and follow a

53 management plan to avoid any violations or fines, according to the new ordinance. Mr. Stevenson
54 asked if the town received any violation fines, could they be turned over to the businesses. Ms.
55 Roecks said, yes, if the town finds the businesses negligent, the fees could be passed on to them.
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57 OLD BUSINESS - None

58 NEW BUSINESS

- 59 - **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to appoint Mr. Fricke as Mayor pro-tem. Ms. Harnois seconded**
60 **the motion. Motion was carried.**

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62 STAFF REPORTS

63 Public Works

- 64 - Dave Thompson updated Council with information relating to preparing for the chip-seal project
65 funded by the Transportation Improvement Board. TIB will chip seal Stringham, Sprague and Third
66 Streets via Spokane County. He anticipates the project starting in August.
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68 Clerk/Treasurer

- 69 - **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the June Utility Bill Adjustment report. Mr. Fricke**
70 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
- 71 - Ms. Roecks told Council that she will discuss this with staff, but the past due list is worse than she
72 has seen it in a really long time. Ms. Johnson began to explain the situation and Ms. Roecks said
73 she did not want to have to go through it.
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75 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 76 - Mr. Benson said that he has gotten an earful about the intersection change. Mr. Stevenson said he
77 ran into a couple that thanked him for doing something about the intersection. Ms. Harnois added
78 that she is hearing both sides, the non-residents like it and the residents do not like it. Jennie Hagen
79 said that she is hearing the opposite side of things. Ms. Roecks said to let the people know they can
80 come speak with Council and that safety was a factor. Ms. Harnois suggested just letting it ride for
81 now.
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83 APPROVE CHECKS

84 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 16605-16627, and two EFTs, for a total of**
85 **\$18,743.41. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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87 **Mr. Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34pm. Mr. Laude seconded the motion.**
88 **Motion was carried.**
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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor