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## Rockford Town Council Meeting June 1, 2016 7:00 pm

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

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Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Dave Thompson, Bill Benson and Deputy Clerk Heidi Johnson. Several residents were also in attendance. Councilmembers Jim Oshanick and Micki Harnois were absent.

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**Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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**Mr. Benson made a motion to excuse the absent councilmembers. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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**Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18th, 2016 regular meeting. Mr. Benson seconded the motion.**

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#### GUEST SPEAKER – SHERIFF OZZIE KNEZOVICH

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Sheriff Knezovich presented the crime report for Rockford for 2010 – current. The report showed that the average number of property crimes is 35 for the years listed. Sheriff Knezovich stated that if any crimes that are not reported to Crime Check will not be on the report, therefore, will not be on the Sheriff's Department's radar. Mr. Thompson showed pictures to the sheriff of graffiti inside the women's restroom at the City Park. The sheriff said he would report the graffiti to Officer Nye, who spends time at the local schools, to see if he can find out if it was one of the students.

Resident Ken Plager asked if the crime report that was submitted to council would be available online. It was confirmed that the information can be found online through the Sheriff's Department.

Resident Vivian Plank announced that the two individuals who stole the ATM from Banner Bank were caught. She mentioned that one of the men had just been released from a six-year prison stint in March and the other had 72 priors. She asked the sheriff why the second individual had not been in jail already. Sheriff Knezovich said that the "system" is broken and there is no place to put a person convicted of "only" property crimes in an otherwise crowded jail. He also spoke about how property crime offenders are unsupervised once they leave the jail.

Sheriff Knezovich told council that he needed help from Council, and all elected officials, to call and write to the state level that property crimes and mental health crimes are serious and need to be addressed. He mentioned that his department doesn't have the means or force to handle all of the crime in their jurisdiction.

Ms. Roecks said that the "fix" to all of this is money. Sheriff Knezovich agreed and reiterated that anybody who falls victim to any crime, no matter how small, needs to call Crime Check and report it. He said that the system needs to change and criminals needs to be held accountable.

There was discussion on where any funding for the Sheriff's Department would come from.

Sheriff Knezovich discussed the new marijuana laws and its effects on the town.

51 PUBLIC COMMENT

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54 ANNOUNCEMENTS

55 Ms. Roecks announced that the bid opening for the First Street Sidewalk Project will be June 17, 2016.

56 On June 22<sup>nd</sup>, there will be a special meeting to award the bid and discuss other projects around town.

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58 COMMISSION REPORTS

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61 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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64 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

65 Six-year Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) - Ms. Roecks stated that last year's STIP will work for  
66 2016 and asked Mrs. Johnson to get the resolution ready to sign at the June 15 regular meeting.

67 Fireworks Ordinance - Ms. Roecks brought a draft of the new ordinance restricting fireworks to council.

68 They will look it over and adopt a new ordinance at the June 15 regular meeting.

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70 STAFF REPORTS

71 Public Works

72 • Mr. Thompson submitted the water log for May to Council.

73 • Mr. Thompson reported that, because of the recent vandalism, the town was forced to shut  
74 down the park restrooms.

75 • Mr. Thompson reported the new location for Well #4 will be wached tomorrow, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

76 • Mr. Stevenson talked about getting a motor from the old aerators at the lagoon in working  
77 condition so that it can be used in addition to the new aerators. This could help evaporate some  
78 of the water and cut down on discharging into the creek. Mr. Thompson added that the more the  
79 town discharges lagoon water into the creek, the more testing has to be done, which can be  
80 quite expensive. There was discussion on how another aerator can help.

81 • Mr. Stevenson said that Ken Clausen offered the use of his bucket truck to the town so Mr.  
82 Stevenson could prune some trees.

83 • Ms. Roecks said that Council will be approving another consent decree with the River Keepers.

84 • Mrs. Harnois sent an email to the clerks and mayor stating that the Transportation Improvement  
85 Board (TIB) discussed with the county the issue of closing down Missile Base Road. The county  
86 estimated it would cost about \$300,000 for the road to be fixed between Emma Street and  
87 Highway 27, with TIB paying for it. More information will be available at the June 15 regular  
88 meeting.

89 • Mrs. Harnois' email also stated that Tammie Williams at WSDOT Environmental Division said  
90 that the issue with silt building up in the overgrowth in the Rock Creek sounds like a  
91 maintenance issue and her department should be taking care of it. There was discussion on  
92 what would happen if WSDOT decided they aren't going to dredge the creek.

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94 CLERK/DEPUTY CLERK

95 • The utility bill adjustment report for May was presented to Council, showing two adjustments for  
96 the month of May

97 **Mr. Thompson made a motion to approve the May Adjustment Report. Mr. Stevenson**  
98 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

99 • The utility bill Past Due Report was submitted to Council.

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101 OLD BUSINESS

- 102 • Mrs. Johnson submitted the latest bid for the HVAC unit at the fire station.

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104 NEW BUSINESS

- 105 • Layne Merritt from JUB Engineers asked the Ms. Roecks to submit an application for payment  
106 for Wm Winkler to Council.

107 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to accept application for payment #1 for Wm Winkler for the**  
108 **work done on Pond #3 for \$194,575.48. Mr. Benson seconded. Motion was carried.**

- 109 • Mr. Thompson explained that he had asked Wm Winkler to place bid on fixing the plugged  
110 sewer line on Stringham Road. The bid came back at \$104,356.75. There was discussion on  
111 what was causing the clog and to get other bids.

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113 PUBLIC COMMENT

114 Resident Vivian Plank announced that the community-wide yard sale will be June 3-5, 2016.

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116 COUNCIL REPORTS

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119 APPROVE CHECKS

120 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 13403 through 13425 and one EFT for**  
121 **\$17,670.22. Mr. Thompson seconded. Motion was carried.**

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123 **Mr. Thompson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Mr. Benson seconded the motion.**  
124 **Motion was carried.**

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126 Meeting was adjourned 8:40pm.

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Heidi Johnson, Deputy Clerk

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Carrie Roecks, Mayor