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# Rockford Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting December 21, 2022, 7pm

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Mayor Roecks opened the Public Hearing, stating that the purpose of the hearing was to take input on the 2022 budget amendments. There was no public comment. Ms. Roecks closed the public hearing and called the regular meeting to order at 7:02pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks and Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Tim Fricke, Micki Harnois, Kevin Willms and Walt Whitman. Council Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave Thompson were also in attendance.

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

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/07/2022 regular meeting. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- The Planning Commission is still accepting applications. Their next meeting will me 01/03/2023
- Town Hall will be closed 12/23 and 12/26/2022 for the holiday.

Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

- Meal on Wheels will provide a turkey dinner for the senior community members this week during their regular Friday lunches at St Joseph's Parish Hall. Lunch at noon, \$5 donation gladly accepted.

### **COUNCIL REPORTS - None**

### COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Harnois said that her current position on the Board of Directors with the Spokane Regional Transportation Board is expiring this year. She is still interested in keeping the position and would like the mayors of the small towns she represents to approve her re-appointment if they agree.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

### ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

 Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adopt the 2022 amended budget. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

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**OLD BUSINESS - None** 

## NEW BUSINESS - Ms. Harnois made a motion to appoint Tim Fricke as mayor pro-tem for another six-month term.

- Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the lease with the fire station for 2023. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. There was discussion about raising the rent for 2024. Motion was carried.

### STAFF REPORTS

#### Public Works

- Public Works has been busy working on equipment and plowing snow. Mr. Thompson said that they are getting very frustrated with people leaving out their garbage cans for days, parking in the street when they don't need to and pushing their driveway snow back into the street. He would like to find a solution to these problems and is open to suggestions.

### Clerk/Treasurer

- Mrs. Johnson said that the County accepted our grant request of almost \$600k to replace the sewer lines on Pacific, Pine and Church Streets. This grant is funded with ARPA funds.
  - Mr. Stevenson made a motion to accept the ARPA grant through the County for the Pacific, Pine and Church Streets sewer line replacement. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.
- Mrs. Johnson said that, because it has been a number of years since the last one, it is in the town's best interest to do Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services. She will get the paperwork together after doing more research.
- The Past Due list was re-submitted at this meeting because Mrs. Johnson and Deputy Clerk Jennie Hagen wanted to show Council who was past due as of the date of the meeting. There were only two residents on the list.
- Ms. Roecks stated how impressed she is with staff and that she rarely ever gets a complaint from any residents. She also stated what a great job Ms. Hagen did with a proposal to change an outdated RCW.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

 Resident Ivan Willmschen wanted to tell Public Works what a wonderful job they were doing with the snow removal and that he is proud of our town.

### APPROVE CHECKS

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 17812-17836 for a total of \$18,895.10. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Fricke made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.	
Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer	Carrie Roecks, Mayor