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Rockford Town Council Regular Meeting July 3, 2024, 7pm

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Mayor pro-tem called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Whitman made a motion to excuse Mayor Roecks and Councilmember Kevin Willms from the meeting. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor pro-tem Tim Fricke, Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, and Walt Whitman. Public Works' Dave Thompson was also in attendance.

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

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 06/20/2024 meeting. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Garth Davis, Spokane County Conservation District

Mr. Davis said he was at the meeting to advertise the Natural Resource Youth Apprenticeship Program for 18-25 year olds to work for the Conservation District and go to Spokane Community College in Agriculture or Natural Resources. He also said that he has several trees available to plant in town, both on public and private property. He would like to start a project in Rockford to have some of the apprentices come and plant some trees. He suggested visiting the Spokane Conservation District's website to fill out the designated form and the district's office will reach out to discuss how they can support the tree planting goals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Town Hall will be closed July 4th and July 5th in observance of Independence Day.
- Ms. Harnois asked how the fair did on the rummage sale. Resident Lorrie Engle did not know.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Harnois said that the Spokesman Review has talked about the various places where fireworks display will be held. They also wrote which towns in Spokane County still allowed safe and sane fireworks in town limits. Airway Heights, Deer Park and Rockford are the only three. She is hoping that there are not a ton of extra people coming to town to light off fireworks due to this.

She said that she was at the AWC Annual Conference in Vancouver. This will be the last year of her position. She will be interviewed for a publication, which will be out in the fall. She also said she will not be at the next meeting.

COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Commission

No new planning reports but President Gregg Tenner told council that the commission intends to help with the Comprehensive Plan Updates. There was conversation between Mr. Tenner and Ms. Harnois about who is responsible for what areas. Mr. Thompson added that Layne Merritt, JUB, will be attending the next meeting to discuss a proposal from them.

Asset Committee

No report

53 PUBLIC COMMENT – None
54 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS - None
55 OLD BUSINESS - None

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57 NEW BUSINESS

- 58 - Lion's Club would like to meet with Council at 6:30pm on July 17 to discuss the lease of the Ag
- 59 Building. A special meeting will be held for this. Mr. Stevenson reminded Council that no decisions
- 60 can be made during a special meeting.
- 61 - A public hearing will be held at 7pm on 07/17 to take input on the fire levy.
- 62 - JUB will likely require an agreement for the Comprehensive Plan updates.

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64 STAFF REPORTS

65 Public Works

- 66 - Mr. Whitman is close to finishing the dugouts at the ballfield. There are some sprinklers that still
- 67 need to be adjusted.
- 68 - Mr. Thompson has been cleaning and organizing the shop. They have been busy with day-to-day
- 69 responsibilities

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71 Clerk/Treasurer

- 72 - The Past Dues list was reviewed. There is still one resident that has no water due to non-payment.
- 73 - **Ms. Harnois made a motion to approve the May Utility Billing Adjustment Report. Mr.**
- 74 **Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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76 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 77 - Ivan Willmschen asked Mr. Thompson where the paving on River Street starts and stops. Mr.
- 78 Thompson said that it will start at Emma Street and go all the way south to the county line. This will
- 79 happen toward the end of August.

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81 APPROVE CHECKS

82 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 18557-18581 and 7 EFTs for a total of \$42,617.07**

83 **Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

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85 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion**

86 **carried.**

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88 Meeting was adjourned at 7:26pm.

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor