

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **March 4, 2020 7:00pm**
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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 called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

9 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke,
10 William Benson and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works Director Dave
11 Thompson were also in attendance.
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13 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion**
14 **was carried.**
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16 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 02/19/2020 regular meeting. Mr. Laude**
17 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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19 Greg Farnworth, Property Owner

20 Mr. Farnworth gave Council a copy of the survey he had done at his property, which includes a vacant lot off
21 Ruby Street, the mobile home park and the area west of the mobile home. He explained that he is planning
22 some development in the areas and will continue to be in contact with any additional information. The mayor
23 thanked him for coming to the meeting.
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25 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 26 - The Census Outreach Chili/Chowder Dinner will be 03/26/2020 from 5:30-8pm.
- 27 - The Freeman FFA will be hosting a trap shoot at Spangle Gun Club 03/07/2020
- 28 - Freeman Band is still looking to sell their old band uniforms for \$100 but will also accept donations
29 for any amount to replace the uniforms.
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31 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

32 Ms. Harnois attend a training on how to take the Census. She said she will train staff to help anyone that
33 needs help filling out the census info.
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35 Ms. Harnois attended an Innovia Leadership meeting at the Davenport Hotel in Spokane. During this
36 meeting, she learned about grant funds available to whom, and from what entity.
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38 Fire Chief Gary Hill spoke about Coronavirus prevention and informed Council about what he has learned as
39 EMS personnel. He stated that the media is playing a huge part in creating a frenzy, but the best precaution
40 to take is keeping hands clean, be cautious of sick people around you and take your vitamins.
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42 Chief Hill also reported that Rockford and District 11 will soon begin more mutual aid with the Worley Fire
43 Department.
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45 **COMMISSION REPORTS - None**
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47 **COMMITTEE REPORTS - None**
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49 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

50 Lorrie Engle said she an Oregon marching band uniform if the town wants it.

51 **ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS - None**
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53 OLD BUSINESS

54 Electronic Reader board

55 Ms. Harnois said that she sat with Avista’s Ian Eccles at one of the conferences she attended. Mr. Eccles
56 will oversee installing the town’s new reader board that was donated by Avista, which should be soon.

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58 NEW BUSINESS

59 Ms. Harnois reported that the Hayden Foundation is looking for partners to start senior housing
60 communities. Hayden Homes makes prefab cottage-type houses. Paul Kimmel from Avista is involved with
61 the group and would like to see if Rockford has any options for this opportunity.

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63 Ms. Harnois reminded Council that the Spokane County Treasurer’s office offers loans through the LOCAL
64 program, whose interest rate is between 1 and 1.5%.She asked Council if they were interested in having a
65 the Deputy Treasurer come speak at a meeting in April to talk about options for procuring a loan for a new
66 grader. Council agreed.

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68 STAFF REPORTS

69 Public Works

- 70 - Mr. Thompson reported that WSDOT will be working on Highway 27 between Rockford and
- 71 Freeman. There is not timeline yet.
- 72 - Mr. Laude asked if the property at Lake and Sprague has been cleaned up. Mr. Thompson said
- 73 yes, the trailer at 128 E Lake was removed on Monday. Mr. Thompson then told Council that the
- 74 new owner has asked that sewer charge be removed, per the sewer ordinance, since there is no
- 75 dwelling. The sewer regulation ordinance states that a vacant lot could request to suspend
- 76 sewer service on a case-by-case basis.
- 77 Council agreed.

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79 Clerk/Treasurer

- 80 - February’s past due report was submitted.
- 81 - There were not February Utility Bill adjustments to report.
- 82 - Mrs. Johnson told Council that it will be Deputy Clerk Jennie Hagen’s one-year anniversary on
- 83 Friday.

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85 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 86 - Deputy Clerk Jennie Hagen asked if Council should have a motion to stop suspend the sewer
- 87 billing at 128 E Lake.
- 88 Mr. Benson made a motion to wave the sewer charge @ 128 E Lake Street because “it aint
- 89 hooked up to nuthin’.” Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.
- 90 - Resident Vicki Bergstrom said that she would ask the Historical Society if they wanted one of the
- 91 old band uniforms.

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93 APPROVE CHECKS

94 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to reapprove checks 16462-16482, and three EFTs, for a total of**
95 **\$21,245.77. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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97 **Mr. Stevenson a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:41pm. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion**
98 **was carried.**

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor