

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **August 5, 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 Carrie Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:04pm. Because of the COVID19, and the
9 social distancing guidelines, the meeting was conducted via Zoom conference.
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11 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke,
12 William Benson and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Patrick Marcalus
13 were also in attendance.
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15 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Benson seconded the motion.**
16 **Motion was carried.**
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18 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 07/15/2020 regular meeting. Ms. Harnois**
19 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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22 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 23 - The 2020 Census employees will resume door-to-door census taking on 08/11/2020 and will
24 continue through September. Ms. Harnois mentioned that the town has reported 61.7%
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26 COUNCIL REPORTS – None
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28 COMMISSION REPORTS – None
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30 COMMITTEE REPORTS

31 Ms. Harnois said that Tree City USA will not require the town to hold an “Arbor Day” due to the pandemic.
32 The town still qualifies for a new tree to be placed and she will get with Public Works to decide when and
33 were the new tree will be located, potentially at the Ball Field
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35 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 36 - Resident Ivan Willmschen asked if two of the shops being built had permits to do so, and why the
37 permit was not stated in the minutes. He asked why the Treasurer's Reports were not in the minutes
38 and why the past due report was not part of the recent meetings. Ms. Roecks said that the two
39 shops in question were permitted last year but are just now being built. She also said that staff would
40 mail him the recent copies of the Treasurer's Report and Past Due report.
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42 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

43 After much discussion about the past due accounts,

44 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve Resolution 20-06, authorizing a temporary payment plan to**
45 **those accounts affected by COVID19, with article I being changed to indicate that a payoff time**
46 **would be to the end of the pandemic, plus six months. There was no second, the motion died.**
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47 After even more discussion,

48 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve Resolution 20-06, authorizing a temporary payment plan to**
49 **those accounts affected by COVID19, with article I being changed to indicate that a payoff time**
50 **would be for no more than 18 months. Mr. Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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52 OLD BUSINESS – None

53 NEW BUSINESS

54 Ms. Roecks explained to Council that the town still has to decide how to distribute the \$25K received from
55 the Department of Commerce through the CARES Act. She asked that a committee be formed. Ms. Harnois,
56 Mrs. Johnson and/or Ms. Hagen and Mayor Roecks volunteered. Mr. Fricke and Mr. Benson will be
57 alternates. Ms. Roecks would like to include a community member, if possible.

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59 STAFF REPORTS

60 Public Works

- 61 - It was explained that that the new digital reader board donated by Avista will be installed soon.
- 62 WSDOT told Ms. Johnson that it could not be installed due to Avista’s logo “advertising” on the top of
- 63 the reader board. Because Highway 278 is a scenic byway, no advertising is allowed off-site. Avista
- 64 made the decision to remove their logo and install it anyway.
- 65 - Ms. Roecks explained that she signed an addendum to the umbrellas contract with Spokane County
- 66 allowing them to do the chip seal project on Stringham/Sprague/Third Streets. The project is funded
- 67 by the Transportation Improvement Board. The work is scheduled to start this week.
- 68 - Mr. Stevenson explained that the Lake Street booster pump went out last Friday. The motor was
- 69 replaced and a whole new replacement unit was ordered.
- 70 - Mr. Marcalus said there were two cameras cut in the park last Wednesday. The Sheriff’s Department
- 71 has the video of the person who did it.

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73 Clerk/Treasurer

- 74 - **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the July Utility Bill Adjustment Report. Mr. Brian**
- 75 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
- 76 - The council came to a consensus that there will be late fees added to the August past due bills.
- 77 - Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer’s Report, stating that there was a total of \$621,183.71 available in
- 78 all funds at the end of July.

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80 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 81 - Mr. Willmschen said that he was sure glad to see the old trailers on Second Street gone.
- 82 - Mr. Benson said that at 8pm, he was hoping everyone could take a moment of silent of for the
- 83 Marines and corpsmen who were killed in a training accident off San Clemente Island.

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85 APPROVE CHECKS

86 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 16643-16673, and two EFTs, for a total of**
87 **\$26,275.37. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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89 **Mr. Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:49pm. Mr. Laude seconded the motion.**
90 **Motion was carried.**

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor