

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **September 2, 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 7:00pm. Because of the COVID19, and the
9 social distancing guidelines, the meeting was conducted via Zoom conference.
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12 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke,
13 William Benson and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave Thompson
14 were also in attendance.
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16 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion**
17 **was carried.**
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19 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 08/19/2020 regular meeting. Mr. Laude**
20 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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22 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 23 - Rockford's Arbor Day will be 09/26/2020 at 10am. A larger, sturdier town Christmas Tree will be
24 planted, which will fulfill the Tree City, USA requirements. The fair royalty will be in attendance.
25 Anyone from the community is encouraged to attend.
- 26 - There will be a silent auction to benefit the Mike Crewse family on 09/19/2020 at the Golden Gem
27 Mercantile. The auction will be outside to satisfy social distancing requirements.
- 28 - The McIntosh Grange and Lion's Club are starting to plan for a Halloween celebration in the park on
29 10/31/2020 starting at 3pm. There will, hopefully, be a parade of costumes and face mask
30 decorating contest for the kids. More details to come soon.
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32 COUNCIL REPORTS

33 Ms. Harnois said that she attended an Innovia Foundation meeting and was told that there would likely be
34 another round of grant money coming from the state, possibly for \$35k this time. Ms. Harnois said that one
35 of the Innovia board members has some ideas on how the small towns can utilize the potential grant money.
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37 COMMISSION REPORTS – None
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39 COMMITTEE REPORTS

40 CARES Act Grant

41 Town Hall is waiting on the deadline to pass for the small business/service club grant applications.
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43 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 44 - Jennie Hagen asked if anyone knew anything about the tower located outside town limits on the
45 McCathern property. Mr. Benson said that the tower is owned by Ecliptixnet and was installed with
46 the intent of providing better internet connection to the rural areas. Ms. Hagen asked if Ecliptixnet
47 could qualify for CARES Act money or an education grant to get their product available. Mr. Fricke
48 knows the owner and will try to get a meeting with him.
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50 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

51 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve Resolution 20-07, determining the use of CARES Act funding.**
52 **Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

53 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-03, amending the 2020 budget for the Town of**
54 **Rockford. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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56 OLD BUSINESS – None
57 NEW BUSINESS - None

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59 STAFF REPORTS

60 Public Works

- 61 - Mr. Thompson said that the county will be starting to chip seal Stringham, Sprague and Third Streets
- 62 tomorrow (09/03/2020).
- 63 - Mr. Thompson said that the following building permits have been approved.
- 64 174 NE Stringham – Rosslow to install a manufactured home.
- 65 206 W Emma – Bradley/Kay to install an addition to the existing home.
- 66 - Mr. Thompson said that Public Works is currently working on extending the sewer main line at Lake
- 67 and A Streets. One of the manholes has already been replaced and they will work their way East,
- 68 installing two more manholes. There will be at least three new sewer connections at this new line.

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70 Clerk/Treasurer

- 71 - Mrs. Johnson said that Ms. Hagen has been doing some research on what it will take to codify the
- 72 town's ordinances. It looks as if it will cost roughly \$10,000 and some additional fees to complete this
- 73 project. Mrs. Johnson will try to include this amount in the 2021 budget.

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75 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 76 - Mrs. Johnson asked Council's permission to offer the use of the fairgrounds and rodeo arena if there
- 77 are any fires/evacuations in the area. Council agreed to this.

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79 APPROVE CHECKS

80 **Ms. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 16688 - 16704, and one EFT, for a total of**
81 **\$15,548.04. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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83 **Mr. Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38pm. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion.**
84 **Motion was carried.**

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor