# Rockford Town Council Regular Meeting October 16, 2024, 7pm

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Mayor Roecks opened the Public Hearing stating that the purpose of the hearing was to take input on increasing the EMS property tax levy. Resident Gregg Tenner asked if the levy was just a replacement. Mrs. Johnson said yes, the total amount of the increase would be \$859.57. There was no other comment, and the hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Ms. Roecks opened a second Public Hearing, stating that the purpose of the hearing was to take input on increasing the regular property tax levy. There was no public comment. The hearing was closed at 7:03pm.

15 Ms. Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:03pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

#### 21 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion carried.** 22

# Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes from the 10/02/2024 meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.

## 26 ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- McIntosh Grange will be hosting a Halloween party and Trunk or Treat 10/31 6-8pm. A portion of Lake Street will be closed for the event. Residents have been notified.
- RUMC's Harvest Dinner will be 10/17 from 5:30-7pm and is a full Thanksgiving dinner.

111 W Emma Street owners would like to use the existing building as a residence and business, similar to
what it has been used for in the past. Since the property is zoned commercially, they wanted to get Councils
blessing for this type of use. Council agreed that, due to the history of the building's usage, the current
structure can be used as both a residence and a business.

### 36 COUNCIL REPORTS

Ms. Harnois and Mr. Thompson will be attending the IACC conference in Wenatchee next week.

### 39 COMMISSION

- 40 Gregg Tenner, Planning Commission President, said that the commission received additional information on
- 41 the intended "RV Park" project at 320 S River Street. Council expressed concern about the 60 RV spots
- 42 requested, street/traffic impacts, having sewer connections in a flood plain, and developing in a
- 43 floodplain/shoreline in general. Mr. Tenner will meet with Mr. Thompson to review the project details and
- then the Planning Commission will invite the owner, Lee Bauder, to the next Planning Commission meetingto discuss.
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- 47 COMMITTEE REPORTS None
- 48 PUBLIC COMMENT None 49
- 50 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS
- 51 Mr. Fricke made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-09, increasing the EMS levy for 2025. Mr. Whitman
- 52 seconded the motion. Motion carried.

53 Mr. Fricke made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-10, increasing the regular property tax levy. Ms. 54 Harnois seconded the motion. Motion carried. 55 56 OLD BUSINESS 57 2024 Sewer Improvements - Weaver Street Mr. Whitman made a motion to accept Change Orders 2, 3, and 4. Mr. Stevenson seconded the 58 59 motion. Motion carried. 60 61 Mr. Whitman made a motion to accept JUB's Recommendation of Payment for the project. Mr. Fricke 62 seconded the motion. Motion carried. 63 64 Mr. Fricke made a motion to accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion of the Weaver Street Sewer Project. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried. 65 66 67 Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the amendment to the agreement with JUB Engineers for the 68 Weaver Street Sewer Project. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Motion carried. 69 70 NEW BUSINESS 71 Ms. Roecks asked Mr. Thompson if the sprinklers in the ballpark have been fixed and billed to the fair board. 72 Mr. Thompson said yes. 73 74 STAFF REPORTS 75 Public Works 76 Mr. Thompson said that the older snowplow was reskinned and will be installed on the second 77 service truck. 78 Park sprinklers have been blown out and buildings have been winterized. The meter and service line at 423 W Pacific have been replaced, which has been an ongoing 79 -80 project. 81 Mr. Thompson did some grading today after the rainstorm. 82 The fair board is currently working on completing upgrades to all of the outside electrical in the main -83 park and installing a pedestal at the horse arena/ballpark. This is all through a grant received by the Department of Agriculture. 84 85 Town staff is working with Avista to get inside lights upgraded at the town shop, the fire station and the Ag Building through an incentive program. 86 87 88 Clerk/Treasurer 89 Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the total amount in all funds at the end of 90 September was \$833,852.45. 91 92 **PUBLIC COMMENT - None** 93 APPROVE CHECKS 94 95 Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 18713-18734, with 18713 -18716 and 18724 being 96 voided, for a total of \$82,338.48. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried. 97 98 Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried. 99 100 Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm. 101 102 103 104 105 Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer Carrie Roecks, Mayor