Town of Rockford



November 2017

Upcoming Public Hearings at Rockford Town Hall

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:00pm at Rockford Town Hall. The purpose for this hearing will be to take public comment on Rockford's request for a 1% increase in property tax levy.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 7:15pm at Rockford Town Hall. The purpose for this hearing will be to take public comment on Rockford's request for a 1% increase in the EMS property tax levy. All citizens are encouraged to attend. The regular Town Council meeting will begin immediately after.

Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00pm at Rockford Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing will be to take public comment on the proposed 2018 budget. The regular Town Council meeting will begin immediately after.

Wednesday, November 29, 2017 at 7:00pm at Rockford Town Hall. The purpose of this hearing will be to take public comment on the proposed 2018 budget.

Town Hall will be closed on November 13th in observance of Veteran's Day and the 23rd & 24th in observance of Thanksgiving.

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If you haven't already, please be sure to pack your outside water meters. If you need assistance, Public Works can pack your meter for a \$25.00 charge

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Online payments are now being accepted through the town's website at www.rockfordwa.com. There is a 2.5% fee for using this service.

Mayor Carrie Roecks

Councilmembers

Clint Stevenson Micki Harnois Bill Benson Tim Fricke Brian Laude

KEEPING YOUR SPENDING MONEY CLOSE TO HOME

For many people, the ease of e-commerce and the convenience of "carry-everything-under-the-sun" supercenters mean local, independent businesses often struggle to compete.

If you want to help support the local economy, consider embracing the 3/50 approach – a movement that started a few years back.

Here's how it works:

- Ask yourself, what 3 independently, locally owned businesses would you miss if they disappeared?
- Vow to spend at least \$50, collectively, each month at these 3 businesses, whether they are the Harvest Moon, Fredneck's, Farmhouse Pizza, Rockford Auto, Hurd Mercantile, Rockford Mini Mart, and Primeland (for gas).
- On average, for every \$100 spent at a locally owned business, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures. By comparison, with a national chain, \$43 stays in the community. With online retailers, likely none of the \$100 remains in the local economy.

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Per the Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency, please remember that the only open burning in town limits allowed are *recreational* fires in approved fire pits, chimeneas, fire bowls and similar free-standing devices, commonly sold at home improvement stores. Recreational fires may be no larger than three feet in diameter and two feet in height, and may not be used as disposal fires. You can pick up a copy of the official rules and guidelines at Town Hall.