

1 **Rockford Town Council Regular Meeting**
2 **February 16, 2022, 7pm**
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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 with the Pledge of Allegiance.
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10 Roll call took place. Those in attendance were Mayor Carrie Roecks, Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Tim
11 Fricke, Mark Lonam and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works Director Dave
12 Thompson were also in attendance.
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14 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to excuse Councilmember Micki Harnois from the meeting. Mr. Laude**
15 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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17 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion.**
18 **Motion was carried.**
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20 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 02/02/2022 regular meeting. Mr.**
21 **Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 24 - Commissioner Mary Kuney's office has invited elected officials of the south county small towns to a
25 discussion about the use of ARP Funds at the Fairfield Community Center on February 17th.
- 26 - Cathy McMorris Rogers will be holding a Town Hall meeting at the Fairfield Community Center on
27 February 18th at 10:30am.
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29 COUNCIL REPORTS - None
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31 COMMISSION REPORTS

32 There has been a second application submitted to join the Planning and Zoning Commission.
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34 COMMITTEE REPORTS

35 Mr. Stevenson mentioned that he doesn't think the connection fee for the sewer is enough, based on adding
36 new information to an older rate study. There was discussion about how the fee was established and what it
37 should be now. Mr. Lonam and Mr. Laude agreed that a fee that is too high could possibly be a deterrent for
38 new builders. Mr. Fricke asked if anybody knew what the other area towns are charging and Mrs. Johnson
39 reported six other towns as being substantially lower than Rockford's current fee. She then suggested that a
40 real rate study be conducted, possibly through Rural Community Assistance Corporation. Mr. Thompson
41 said Evergreen Rural may also be able to help conduct a rate study and that he will call them. Ms. Roecks
42 suggested that the Sewer/Water/Streets Committee get more information and report back at the next
43 Council meeting.
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45 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 46 - Resident Kathy Creed wanted Council to know that she is working hard on getting her property
47 cleaned up from moving. She asked if there are still plans for a ditch along Third Street to divert
48 water to B Street. Mr. Thompson said yes, they can work on that soon. Mrs. Creed then asked who
49 is responsible for graveling the sunken areas (from construction) on Third Street. Mr. Thompson said
50 her contractor is responsible and that he had discussed that with her contractor so he should be
51 aware of that when asked.
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53 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

54 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve Ordinance No 22-02, repealing obsolete ordinances**
55 **relating to business licenses. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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57 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve Ordinance No 22-03, adopting RCW 9A.20.021 related to**
58 **Criminal Sentencing. Mr. Lonam seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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60 OLD BUSINESS – none

61 NEW BUSINESS - none

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63 STAFF REPORTS

64 Public Works

- 65 - Mr. Thompson reported that he is still working to get the required software for the SCADA system
- 66 installed. He is working on coordinating with the installer and the town's internet company.
- 67 - Public Works has taken the dead Spruce tree down at the corner of Pacific and River Streets after
- 68 getting the ok from St Joseph's Catholic Church.
- 69 - There was discussion about streets and Mr. Thompson said that Public Works may need to learn
- 70 how to do asphalt patching since hiring it out is expensive and booked out. The Sewer/Water/Streets
- 71 committee may investigate funding opportunities other than the WA State Transportation
- 72 Improvement Board.

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74 Clerk/Treasurer

- 75 - Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the total amount in all funds at the end of
- 76 January was \$788,314.16.
- 77 - Ms. Roecks told Council that staff will likely start looking into upgrading the phone system at Town
- 78 Hall. The lines and handsets need replacement, possibly by a new phone company.

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80 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 81 - Resident Ivan Willmschen said that he was told by a county employee that a rock crusher will be put
- 82 in at the local pit this summer. He then asked what check 17427 for Columbia was for. Mrs. Johnson
- 83 answered that the check was for the SCADA software.

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85 APPROVE CHECKS

86 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 17415-17427 and 1 EFT for a total of \$21,625.29. Mr.**
87 **Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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89 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was**
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92 The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor