

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**  
2 **December 16, 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 Roecks called the meeting to order. Because of COVID19 pandemic and social distancing guidelines,  
9 the meeting was conducted via Zoom conference.

10 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke,  
11 William Benson and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works' Dave Thompson  
12 were also in attendance.  
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14 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was**  
15 **carried.**  
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17 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/02/2020 regular meeting. Mr.**  
18 **Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**  
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20 Mr. Benson asked if Mayor Roecks needed to be excused from the last meeting. Ms. Roecks said it was not  
21 necessary.  
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23 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 24 - Town Hall will be closed 12/24 - 12/25/2020 and 01/01/2021.  
25 - There are several boxes of PPE at Town Hall to distribute to the residents who need them.  
26 - There is a drive-in Christmas Eve service at 6pm in the Town Park. People will be able to stay in  
27 their vehicles and listen to the broadcast on a radio station.  
28 - Everyone is encouraged to go outside at 6pm on Christmas Eve to ring a bell for two minutes.  
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30 COUNCIL REPORTS - None

31 COMMISSION REPORTS - None

32 COMMITTEE REPORTS - None  
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34 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 35 - Mr. Benson mentioned that one of the local teenagers knocked on his mother's door and asked for  
36 money. He wanted to be sure that everyone is watching out for their community, especially more  
37 vulnerable neighbors.  
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39 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

40 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve Resolution 20-12, amending the fee schedule. Mr. Fricke**  
41 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**  
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43 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-05, amending the 2020 budget. Ms. Harnois**  
44 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**  
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46 OLD BUSINESS - None  
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48 NEW BUSINESS

49 **Ms. Harnois made a motion to increase Town Hall staff wages by \$1.00/hour for 2021. Mr. Fricke**  
50 **seconded the motion. Mr. Stevenson abstained. Motion was carried.**  
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52 **Mr. Benson made a motion increase the Fire Chief's salary to \$300/month and the Divisional Chief's**  
53 **salary to \$200/month.**

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55 **Mr. Benson made a motion to accept the Spokane County Interlocal Agreement for Emergency**  
56 **Management Services. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion. Ms. Harnois said that she has witnessed**  
57 **what the County's agreement can do while helping in Malden and was very impressed with the**  
58 **response. Motion was carried.**

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60 **Ms. Harnois made a motion to appoint Tim Fricke as Mayor pro-tem for the next six-months. Mr.**  
61 **Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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63 STAFF REPORTS

64 Public Works

- 65 - Mr. Thompson stated that Public Works has closed Willow Street again, due to destruction of the
- 66 road for people racing/tearing up the area.
- 67 - Mr. Benson said he loves the Christmas decorations in the park, and good job to Mr. Stevenson and
- 68 Mr. Marcalus.
- 69 - Mr. Thompson mentioned that our Zoning and Development Regulations have a contradiction
- 70 regarding Administrative Exceptions. There is one area of the regs that state Town Staff can perform
- 71 these exceptions, but another area states that they need Council approval. It was the consensus of
- 72 the Town Council to allow the staff to complete Administrative Exceptions.

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74 Clerk/Treasurer

- 75 - Ms. Johnson has no additional items to report.

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77 PUBLIC COMMENT –

- 78 - Mr. Benson said, "Merry Christmas".

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80 APPROVE CHECKS

81 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 16831 – 16844, with no EFTs or voided checks, for**  
82 **a total of \$36,329.42. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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84 **Mr. Benson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30pm. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.**  
85 **Motion was carried.**

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

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Carrie Roecks, Mayor