

Rockford Town Council Public Hearings and Regular Meeting

January 7, 2026, 7pm

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

13 Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Ms. Harnois seconded the motion.
14 Ms. Roecks asked that "Mayor report" be added to Council Reports. Motion carried.

16 Mr. Whitman made a motion to approve the minutes of the 12/17/2025 regular meeting. Ms. Harnois
17 seconded the motion. Motion carried.

19 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Public Hearing – Wastewater Planning Update 01/21/2026 6:30pm
- Town Hall closed 01/19/2026 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

22 COUNCIL REPORTS

- Ms. Harnois stated that she will be absent for the 01/21 meeting, due to a scheduled surgery.
- Ms. Roecks told Council that Ivan Willmschen passed away. His service will be in May.
- Mrs. Johnson and Ms. Roecks will be meeting with the director of BROADLINC on 1/8 to discuss lack of fiber installation in Rockford.
- Ms. Roecks suggested everyone read SB5974 and write to their legislators.

30 PLANNING COMMISSION

31 Chair Gregg Tennen said that the commission met and reviewed the newest draft Climate Element for the
32 Comprehensive Plan update. Their recommendation is for Council to accept the draft. Mrs. Johnson will
33 provide the newest draft to Council before the 1/21 meeting.

35 COMMITTEE REPORTS

36 2026 Committee List – Council reviewed the committee lists and no changes were suggested.

38 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

39 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS - None

41 OLD BUSINESS

42 206 N First Street

43 Council discussed the next steps regarding the nuisance issues at 206 N First Street. Mrs. Johnson said that
44 the Voluntary Compliance Agreement is now being carried out since the delay due to a potential sale. Since
45 the sale fell through, the owner has been sent a certified letter stating that the town intends to move forward
46 with enforcement.

48 NEW BUSINESS

49 Ag Building Lease

50 Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the secondary lease agreement for the Ag Building with the
51 Lion's Club. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

54 STAFF REPORTS

55 Public Works

56 - Mr. Thompson said that there was a sewer backup at 24 E Emma Street. There is blockage at
57 the town's right-of-way from tree roots in the line. Inland Trenchless videoed the blockage and
58 removed most of the obstruction so the sewer line would run again. At Mr. Thompson request,
59 Inland Trenchless sent a quote to "sleeve" a portion of the existing line with cured-in-place pipe.
60 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to accept the Inland Trenchless quote at 24 E Emma Street.**
61 **Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
62 - Mr. Thompson said Public Works have been busy doing some cleanup around the office/shop.
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64 Clerk/Treasurer

65 - The past due list was reviewed.
66 - **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the December Utility Bill Adjustment Report. Mr.**
67 **Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**
68 - Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report, stating the total amount of all funds at the end of
69 December was \$1,024,709.18.

70 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

71 APPROVE CHECKS

72 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 19302-19318 and 4 EFTs, for the 13th month, for a**
73 **total of \$29,103.27. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

74 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 19319-19326 and 3 EFTs for a total of \$121,295.30.**
75 **Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion carried.**

76 **Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion**
77 **carried.**

78 Meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm.