

1 **Rockford Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting**
2 **January 4, 2023, 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 Roecks opened the called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
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10 Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks and Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Tim
11 Fricke, Micki Harnois, Kevin Willms and Walt Whitman. Council Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public
12 Works' Dave Thompson were also in attendance.
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14 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion.**
15 **Motion was carried.**
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17 **Ms. Harnois made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/21/2022 regular meeting. Mr.**
18 **Whitman seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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20 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 21 - The Planning Commission is still accepting applications. Their next meeting will be 01/31/2023
- 22 - Town Hall will be closed 01/16/2023 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day.
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24 COUNCIL REPORTS - None

25 COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS

26 Planning Commission

27 President, Gregg Tenner, reported that that he attended a Webinar through MRSC discussing Accessory
28 Dwelling Units. He said he learned quite a bit about what different towns are doing and suggested that the
29 town add a few things to the Rockford Municipal Code.
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31 Ballfield Committee

32 Ms. Roecks said that she wanted a committee formed to lead the project of updating the ballfield. Mr.
33 Whitman and Mr. Fricke said they would be on the committee with Ms. Roecks. She said that she would ask
34 others, outside of Council to be part of the committee, as well.
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36 PUBLIC COMMENT – None

37 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS - None

38 OLD BUSINESS - None
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40 NEW BUSINESS

- 41 - **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the budgeted raises, except for himself. He then**
42 **rescinded the motion.**
43 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to increase all staff wages by 4%. Mr. Whitman seconded the motion.**
44 **Motion was carried. There was discussion about why the raises didn't happen automatically**
45 **when the 2023 budget was approved. Motion was carried. Mr. Stevenson abstained.**
- 46 - Ms. Harnois asked about the Statement of Qualifications/Call for Engineering Services that was added
47 to the council packets. Mrs. Johnson said she would like to get council approval before publishing it. It
48 was decided to publish the SOQ in the Spokesman Review and the Spokane Valley News Herald on
49 01/13/23 and 01/20/23, with bids being due 02/03/2023. A new committee was formed to make
50 recommendations to the council. The committee members will be Mr. Thompson, Mrs. Johnson, Mr.
51 Fricke and Mr. Whitman. The committee will meet and make a decision on 02/08/2023.
- 52 - Ms. Roecks talked about how impressed she was with the Amicus Brief that the WSAMA wrote up for
53 the Messersmith lawsuit. Mrs. Johnson said we should hear some news any day, regarding the case.

54 STAFF REPORTS

55 Public Works

- 56 - Mr. Thompson said that the County will be crushing rock soon and hopefully the town can get some, as
- 57 previously agreed upon.
- 58 - Mr. Marcalus and Mr. Stevenson suggested helping or hosting an Easter Egg hunt in the town park this
- 59 year. Ms. Roecks asked Mr. Willmschen to ask the Lion's Club if they were intending to do a hunt, or if
- 60 the town can help do it.
- 61 - Mr. Whitman asked Mr. Thompson if the refrigeration units have been installed at the lagoons. Mr.
- 62 Thompson confirmed that Mr. Marcalus has gotten them installed. He also said that he is currently in
- 63 discharge mode.

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65 Clerk/Treasurer

- 66 - Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the total amounts in all funds at the end of
- 67 December was \$869,037.11.
- 68 - **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the December Utility Bill Adjustment Report. Mr. Fricke**
- 69 **seconded the motion. Mr. Willms asked about the negative water consumption amounts shown**
- 70 **on the report. Mrs. Johnson said that the town charges 25,000 gallons to residents who have**
- 71 **inside meters and don't provide an actual meter read. When they do submit a real meter reading,**
- 72 **it will likely cause a credit since people rarely use that much water. Motion was carried.**
- 73 - The past due list was reviewed.

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75 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 76 - Resident Ivan Willmschen asked if there was any update on the Messersmith lawsuit. Ms. Roecks said
- 77 we should hear something soon.

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79 APPROVE CHECKS

80 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 17837-17849 and check 17856 and 4 EFTs, in the**

81 **13th month, for a total of \$25,439.44. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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83 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 17850-17855 and 1 EFT for a total of \$13,170.68. Mr.**

84 **Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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86 **Mr. Willms made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion. Motion was**

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89 The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor