

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **February 5, 2020 7:00pm**

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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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9 Mayor Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
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' Patrick Marcalus
12 were also in attendance.
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14 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.**
15 **Motion was carried.**
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17 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 01/15/2020 regular meeting. Mr.**
18 **Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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20 Michael Warnecke, Rockford-area resident, explained to Council that it was his son Spencer that installed
21 the Town Hall reader board, as an Eagle Scout project. Mr. Warnecke said that Ms. Johnson had explained
22 to his wife that the town had considered moving it once a digital read board is installed near the park. He
23 explained that the Warnecke family was a bit offended that the town would remove it, since it was a gift for
24 the whole community. Mayor Roecks said that there has been no decision made about what to do with the
25 existing reader board, once the digital one is installed. There was discussion about it possibly be moved to
26 the McIntosh Grange Hall, if they wanted it, but nothing has been decided upon. Mr. Warnecke said that he
27 would like his family to be the first to know when/if it was moved so that he could help move it. He is familiar
28 with the installment process and would be able to offer some insight. Mr. Benson said that he would
29 recommend keeping the Warnecke family in the loop, as it was an important project from an Eagle Scout.
30 Ms. Roecks said she would be sure that the town stays in contact with the Warnecke family when a decision
31 about the reader board was made.

32 Mr. Ivan Willmschen stated that he doesn't think the location at the park is a good idea for the new reader
33 board because a large group of people won't see it when driving into town.
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35 **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 36 - Small City Connectors meeting is in Newport on 05/13/2020
 - 37 - The Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt will be 04/11/2020
 - 38 - FredNecks/Lion's Club Frog Regatta will be 04/18/2020
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40 **COUNCIL REPORTS**

41 Ms. Harnois spoke about attending AWC's "City Action Days" in January. She said there are Senators and
42 Representatives up for re-election this year and they are interested in a doing a Town Hall meeting in
43 Rockford.

44 Ms. Harnois mentioned that Representative Joe Schmick is proposing House Bill 2450. This Bill is set to
45 make serving as an EMT in rural areas more attractive by offering free hunting and fishing license to EMTs
46 with five years of experience.
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48 **COMMISSION REPORTS**

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53 COMMITTEE REPORTS

54 Finance Committee

55 All members of staff and the finance committee have completed the Fraud and Abuse Prevention training.

56 PUBLIC COMMENT

57 Resident Jennie Hagen said she would like to see the new reader board installed at Town Hall.

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59 PUBLIC COMMENT

60 None

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62 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

63 **Ms. Harnois made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-01, amending the Financial Policy. Mr. Fricke**
64 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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66 OLD BUSINESS

67 Ms. Harnois said that she completed the grant application for a new laptop, to help residence complete their
68 census info, through the Innovia Foundation. At the mayor's request, the application included requesting
69 funds for an event dinner for the residents, in addition to the laptop. The foundation had exhausted their
70 funding and passed her application on to the Washington Non-profits Association. The application was
71 accepted, and the town will be awarded \$3500 for a dinner/laptop combination. The event dinner will be
72 planned by a committee and set for mid-March.

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74 NEW BUSINESS

75 Spokane County CDBG Urban Consortium

76 **Mr. Benson made a motion to participate in the CDBG Consortium. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion.**
77 **Motion was carried.**

78 This consortium is for a three-year period and will allow the town to apply for grant funds through the
79 Spokane County Community Development Block Grant.

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81 JUB Engineers Agreement

82 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to accept the agreement with JUB Engineers for additional services on the**
83 **Spring Creek Sewer Study. Mr. Laude seconded the motion, Motion was carried.**

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85 STAFF REPORTS

86 Public Works

- 87 - Mr. Marcalus explained that Mr. Stevenson fixed the grader and had used it Tuesday. Mr.
- 88 Stevenson said it was running, but everyone needs to keep their eyes out for a newer one. Mr.
- 89 Benson asked if another piece of machinery could replace the grader. Mr. Stevenson said not
- 90 that he's aware of. Mr. Laude said, "nothing beats a grader."
- 91 - Mr. Marcalus explained that they are planning some drainage ditching in areas along First Street,
- 92 north and south.
- 93 - Public Works believes that one of the radar speed signs has a bad battery. Mr. Marcalus is
- 94 waiting on the manufacturer to schedule a diagnosis by remoting in.
- 95 - Ms. Harnois said she is attending an eight-week grant writing course and has chosen upgrading
- 96 the ballpark as her assignment.

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98 Clerk/Treasurer

- 99 - January Past Dues were reviewed.
- 100 - **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the January Utility Billing Adjustments. Mr.**
- 101 **Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
- 102 - Ms. Roecks and Ms. Hagen asked Council if the town could subscribe to the Spokane County
- 103 Assessor's Office to access copies of legal property documents. After some discussion, Ms.
- 104 Roecks said to get the agreement going and Council can review it.

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106 PUBLIC COMMENT

- 107 - Mr. Willmschen asked what Resolution 20-01, approved at the last meeting, was for. Mrs.
- 108 Johnson said it was to amend the personnel policy for town staff.
- 109 - Ms. Hagen asked if we could split the grant money up and have a couple events, offering food
- 110 and use of the town's new laptop to do their census.

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112 APPROVE CHECKS

113 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to reapprove checks 16412-16445, and four EFTs, for a total of**

114 **\$74,796.01. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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116 **Mr. Stevenson a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion**

117 **was carried.**

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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor