

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **March 15, 2017 7:00pm**
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6 ATTEMPT HAS BEEN MADE TO DOCUMENT PERTINENT POINTS, THESE MINUTES CONTAIN ONLY A
7 SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION AND VOTING.
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10 Mayor Carrie Roecks called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

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12 Roll call took place. Those present were Mayor Carrie Roecks, Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki
13 Harnois, Tim Fricke, William Benson and Brian Laude. Public Works' Dave Thompson and Patrick
14 Marcalus, Clerk Treasurer Kristy Cochrane and several residents were also in attendance.
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16 The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
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18 **Mr. Benson made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Stevenson seconded the**
19 **motion.**
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21 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 1st, 2017 regular**
22 **meeting. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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25 PUBLIC COMMENT

26 Mr. Benson made a comment about Mrs. Dashiell's passing away.
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28 ANNOUNCEMENTS

29 Ms. Roecks announced that the council will be having a retreat on March 28th to discuss several town
30 related projects. Mr. Benson won't be able to attend. Mrs. Harnois will be hosting the retreat. The
31 council retreat will be a public meeting, however there will be no public comment taken during that time.
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33 COMMISSION REPORTS

34 Planning and Zoning
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36 Mrs. Harnois gave a PowerPoint presentation on the comprehensive plan, Mrs. Harnois explained what
37 each part of the comprehensive plan was, what needed changed or updated, and what the council
38 should think about updating.
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40 April 5th 2017 will be the next Public Hearing 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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42 COMMITTEE REPORTS

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45 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

46 Draft was given to council for the water rules and regulations to review and edit. Mr. Fricke would like
47 clarification on Section 14, wording is confusing, as well as D 10, F10, K10. Ms. Roecks would like a
48 cross connection section added.
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51 STAFF REPORTS

52 Public Works

53 Mr. Thompson gave council an update on the sewer that was backing up on Stringham, he expressed
54 his concern for the lack of mapping for this area. Mr. Thompson said that it was very difficult to
55 diagnosis and repair the problem without knowing where the man holes are located and the layout of
56 the sewer piping. Mr. Thompson also expressed that residents are using the easement for dumping
57 yard waste. The easement is so full of yard waste that the town couldn't use the easement to locate, or
58 access the sewer lines and fix the problem. Residents need to know that the town's easements are not
59 for dumping.

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61 Mr. Thompson discussed the option of the town buying a mini excavator instead of buying a new
62 backhoe. A mini excavator would allow the town to do all the ditching and other small jobs that are on
63 the agenda for summer 2017. Eventually the town could use the mini excavator as trade in on a
64 backhoe when the time is right.

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66 Well #4 looks like it will be ready for use by the end of March 2017

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68 Clerk/Deputy Clerk

69 February's Treasurer's Report was given in the amount of \$816,731.28

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71 Ms. Roecks discussed taking certified payments for the town's utility payments, town hall will start
72 accepting payments online now.

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74 OLD BUSINESS

75 Emma/Sprague street tax parcel purchase needs appraised at a fair market value for it to be sold.
76 Council needs to decide how they wish to sell it. The parcel was appraised by an independent real
77 estate professional. He valued the parcel at \$5880.00.

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79 NEW BUSINESS

80 CDBG Urban Consortium Requalification Letter

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82 **Mrs. Harnois made a motion to remain a member of the County Consortium. Mr. Laude**
83 **seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**

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85 Ms. Roecks announced that the McCormick's dogs were shot from highway 27, the family is looking for
86 information leading to who could have done this and why.

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88 PUBLIC COMMENT

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91 COUNCIL REPORTS

92 Mrs. Harnois wanted to make Mr. Laude aware of AWC's training for newly elected officials

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94 Mrs. Harnois will be presenting information on the reuse of gray water at the Spokane Council meeting
95 next week.

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97 Council was made aware of a few residents whose water service was terminated for non-payments last
98 week. The residents had issues with the fees that have since been added to their utility bills. If
99 requested to remove the late fees, staff requests that council support the decision to charge these fees,
100 as this is an ongoing problem.

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APPROVE CHECKS

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 13819-13831 and two EFT's for a total of \$208,471.68. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Benson seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned 9:10 pm.

Kristy Cochrane, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor