

1 **Rockford Town Regular Council Meeting**
2 **June 3, 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 Carrie Roecks called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm. Because of the COVID19, and the
9 social distancing guidelines, the meeting was conducted via telephone conference.
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11 Roll call took place. Those present were Councilmembers Clint Stevenson, Micki Harnois, Tim Fricke,
12 and Brian Laude. Clerk/Treasurer Heidi Johnson and Public Works Director Dave Thompson were also
13 in attendance. Councilmember William Benson was absent.
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15 **Mr. Fricke made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Stevenson seconded the motion.**
16 **Motion was carried.**
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18 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes from the 05/20/2020 regular meeting. Mr.**
19 **Laude seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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21 ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 22 - Ms. Harnois said that the graduating class from Freeman will be caravanning through Rockford,
23 Valleyford and Freeman after their "drive thru" graduation on June 6. If we can find out what time
24 they will be through, we will announce it on Facebook to get people out on the street to congratulate
25 them.
- 26 - Ms. Harnois mentioned that she spoke with a representative from the Partners for Rural Washington
27 Technical Assistance Program, regarding grant opportunities/assistance because of COVID19. Ms.
28 Roecks met with Commissioner Mary Kuney who suggested applying for \$25,000 through the
29 CARES Act. Broadband was brought up during both discussions.
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31 COUNCIL REPORTS - None

32 COMMISSION REPORTS – None

33 COMMITTEE REPORTS - None

34 PUBLIC COMMENT - None

35 ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS - None

36 OLD BUSINESS - None

37 NEW BUSINESS

- 38 - Plan for a public hearing and approval of the Six-Year Transportation Improvement Plan at the 06/17
39 regular meeting, if we are in Phase 3 of the Stay Home, Stay Safe order.
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41 STAFF REPORTS

42 Public Works

- 43 - Dave Thompson said that the group, Central WA Asphalt, that will be repairing Highway 27 between
44 Rockford and Freeman (on behalf of WSDOT) will need to access our bulk water. In return, they may
45 be able to do some patchwork around some of the manholes installed in town.
- 46 - Public Works has been busy installing new water lines to the animal barn in the park, in addition to
47 adding drainage and backfill in the area. They will continue to add drainage along Willow Street.
- 48 - Ms. Harnois asked Mr. Thompson if WSDOT will be repairing the bridge on the highway, and if so,
49 did they submit a SEPA review. Mr. Thompson said he hasn't seen one. Ms. Harnois will connect
50 with WSDOT to see if anything is needed.
- 51 - Ms. Roecks mentioned that the farm equipment that was stored in the Exhibit building in the park is
52 now out of the building and will not be returning.

53 - Ms. Roecks also added that the Mayor of Millwood, Kevin Freeman, sent a letter to Dr. Lutz
54 (Department of Health) on behalf of the small towns, asking that they lift the COVID19 restrictions on
55 the playground equipment in our parks.
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57 Clerk/Treasurer

58 Mrs. Johnson gave the Treasurer's Report, stating that the total amount in all funds were \$590,663.81 at the
59 end May.
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61 Deputy Clerk Jennie Hagen said that a longtime lien on a Second Street address has been paid and she has
62 been receiving phone calls from a potential new owner. The interested party is making plans to remove the
63 abandon mobile homes and place a new manufactured home on the parcel.
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65 APPROVE CHECKS

66 Ms. Harnois asked about the check register and why Ziplly Fiber was paid via EFT instead of check like the
67 rest of the vendors. Mrs. Johnson explained that the billing from Ziplly/Frontier has continuously been a mess
68 and payments not applied correctly. To keeps things simpler, Mrs. Johnson is now paying online to both
69 Ziplly accounts.
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71 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to approve checks 16573-16592, and three EFTs, for a total of**
72 **\$38,735.94. Mr. Fricke seconded the motion. Motion was carried.**
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74 **Mr. Stevenson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:26pm. Mr. Laude seconded the motion.**
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Heidi Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

Carrie Roecks, Mayor