

**Rockville Town Council
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Rockville Town Hall
June 14, 2023 – 6:00 pm**

1. **CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL:** Mayor Leach called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., Dan McGuire, M. Honer-Orton, Mayor Pam Leach, and Jeff Ballard were present. Michael Evenson was excused. Clerk Bell recorded the meeting.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Leach led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Clerk Bell pointed out a change to the agenda in item 3, that Garth Tyler would replace Tim Arnold. Dan **MOVED** to approve the amended agenda. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH AN AGENDA ITEM:** No conflicts were disclosed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Laney DeLange, of 47 Bridge Road, Rockville expressed her gratitude to those who worked to make sure residents received their irrigation water.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. **PRESENTATION BY SOUTHERN UTAH AIR QUALITY TASK FORCE – KATHY TOLLESON, AG & BILL BAUM, SIRQ:** Kathy Tolleson, District Manager for Associated General Contractors of Utah (AGC), explained the AGC's 101-year history and purpose, then outlined the wishes of the Utah Air Quality Task Force (UAQTF). Integrity being important to both the 640-member AGC and the UAQTF, the Task Force encourages developers and contractors to have a dust control program. The UAQTF creates memoranda of understanding with contractors and meets monthly with its 10-12 members. Next, Bill Baum of SIRQ Construction and Chair of UAQTF spoke. He is hoping that Rockville will assist UAQTF in its goal to maintain good air quality in Washington County. He explained the Task Force's organization, its networking, scope, purpose and goals. Bill spoke of the problem of "fugitive dust," or airborne soil displaced by construction frequently seen along the corridor as being a major concern. The Task Force seeks to bring awareness, communication, and correction for the construction contractors involved. Toxic gases, vehicle emissions, and fires add to the problem, so the UAQTF encourages air monitoring as part of their approach for understanding air quality and how it is affecting our quality of life.

Bill wants to encourage the Town of Rockville to participate in their air monitoring agenda. He introduced the Task Force's "'Purple Air' Air Quality Monitoring Program," explaining the sensors used and how they work by measuring particulate density in the air. Bill and Kathy showed a map of where their sensors are located throughout Washington County, and explained how the data is collected and studied by the University of Utah and other organizations. The findings are available to the public at PurpleAir.com. Springdale, LaVerkin and Hurricane all have Purple Air monitoring stations, along with many communities in the St. George vicinity.

Should the Town of Rockville agree to participate in the Purple Air program we would have to purchase one of these air monitoring sensor units (between \$229.00 to \$269.00) and a power supply unit. The \$269.00 model includes the power supply. Bill explained the system requires a 110-volt connection to an outlet (a 10-foot cable would be needed) and a connection to a Wi-Fi signal. The typical life expectancy of this equipment is two years. Updating the sensor costs \$50.00. The equipment can be ordered through PurpleAir.com. One such unit would be sufficient for a community our size, and the UAQTF would assist us in choosing an appropriate site and installing the unit should we choose to get one.

2. **REPORT ON HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT – PAM LEACH:** Rockville had a total of 11 calls: 5 medical transports, 2 medical refusals, and 4 fire calls in May. Springdale had a total of 35 calls: 10 medical transports, 17 medical refusals, 4 cancelled prior to arrival, and 4 fire calls. Zion National Park had 3 calls: 1 medical transport, 1 cancelled prior to arrival, and 1 fire call.
3. **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Garth Tyler:** Garth reported on two items for consideration and action from the Planning Commission meeting on June 7th, 2023. The first was the grading/excavation permit for Andrew Green on his property located at 35 Bridge Road which was

approved by the Planning Commission. The second was another grading/excavation permit for Zeff von Kurnatowski on his property located at 98 Bridge Road. Zeff's permit was also approved by the Commission pending approval of his Flood Zone permits. Dan asked the purpose of both grading/excavation projects and was informed by Garth they were meant to bring in fill to increase the ground level near the river for flood control. Mayor Leach commended Clerk Bell for having gone over both applications with officials from the Utah State Flood Control to make sure they were in compliance.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE 2022-23 FISCAL BUDGET:** Mayor Leach read the Administrative Action Item and asked for a motion to go into public hearing. Megan **MOVED** to go into public hearing. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

2. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no public comments. Dan **MOVED** to go out of public hearing. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

3. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 23-0614-01, A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023:** Dan **MOVED** to approve Resolution 23-0614-01 amending the FY 2022-23 budget. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

4. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED TOWN OF ROCKVILLE 2023-24 TENTATIVE BUDGET:** Megan **MOVED** to open public hearing for public comments on the proposed Town of Rockville 2023-24 Tentative Budget. Dan **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

5. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:** There were no public comments. Jeff **MOVED** to go out of public hearing. Megan **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye

M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 23-0614-02, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE 2023-24 TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE:** In light of there being no questions or concerns regarding the tentative budget, Mayor Leach proposed that the Council move ahead and make the tentative budget our final approved budget for 2023-24. Dan **MOVED** to approve Resolution no. 23-0614-02, a Resolution to Adopt the 2023-24 Final Budget for the Town of Rockville. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 23-0614-03, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2023 CERTIFIED TAX RATE FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE:** Megan **MOVED** to approve Resolution no. 23-0614-03, a Resolution to Approve the 2023 Certified Tax Rate for the Town of Rockville. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON UTAH STATE AUDITORS 2023 FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT:** Clerk Bell and Mayor Leach answered questions regarding the State Auditor's Fraud Risk Assessment. Once all concerns were addressed, Jeff **MOVED** to accept the Utah State Auditor's 2023 Fraud Risk Assessment. Megan **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

9. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 10, 2023, REGULAR MEETING:** Dan **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2023, Regular Meeting. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

10. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2023:** Megan **MOVED** to approve the expenditures for the month of May 2023. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

11. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2023 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Megan **MOVED** to approve the May 2023 financial Statements. Dan **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Mayor Pam Leach: Mayor Leach stated we had received the new UDOT Bridge report. Mayor Leach went on to report that the Town had its final bid meeting on our maintenance building. There were three bids submitted, the lowest being from Grass Creek for \$445,552.73. We have funding from CIB in the amount of \$276,000 which is obviously not enough. She cited \$70,000 available to us thanks to savings put away by Clerk Bell, and the mayor said Clerk Bell contacted CIB to find out what the process would be to request supplemental funding. The application for that is in progress, and help is being sought from Gary Zabriskie. Mayor Leach said there are a number of items on the bid which could be removed or adjusted, perhaps things we could do ourselves in order to further reduce the cost.

Dan McGuire: Dan began with the UDOT Bridge Report which was sent to us. He said the report contains little usable data, and suggested more information can be requested online. Dan went on to say that the Town responded appropriately to the Amy Thompson letter received regarding the south mesa property. Dan praised the Town's professional wording. Mayor Leach, Clerk Bell, and our Town attorney were all credited for contributing to the letter.

Dan continued with a report on his meeting with the Washington County Solid Waste company (WCSW). He described the current status of their construction project along with some of their future plans. He then cited a letter of interest by a company called Vespene that will look into harnessing landfill methane gas which can be rendered into a fuel for use in internal combustion engines or on a grid. Vespene is working with the federal Department of Energy which may provide funding for this.

Washington County Solid Waste is trying to help Rockville and other neighboring communities recover monies due from citizens with overdue garbage bills. Dan said he learned at the meeting WCSW has a lien on a Rockville property, then asked if Clerk Bell knew more. Clerk Bell stated that every September she creates a list of residents owing significant payment on their garbage bills and gives it to WCSW who then adds the amount to their property tax. Clerk Bell then receives overdue payments from that source.

Dan ended by saying that Michael Behling's report on noise pollution has some valid concerns. Dan further stated Michael wants a response, and Dan feels such a response should come from the owners of the properties cited in the report as causing noise-related problems. He doesn't believe the Town should be responsible for responding. Mayor Leach said our legal counsel has been asked to research and advise us regarding the most appropriate way to handle this. She suggested we might write a simple note to Mr. Behling informing him of the steps we're taking to address this.

The next Fire Board meeting is on the 26th of June. Joe Decker is currently the Interim Chief and the position for Chief will be posted through Washington County Human Resources.

Megan Honer-Orton: Megan spoke to the police about the CERT program, and they suggested both Rockville and Springdale put another article about it in their next newsletters. She said we need people to be trained and qualified to help with CERT and that young retirees would be perfect choices to target through informative advertisements.

Megan additionally reported that the Visitors' Bureau is wondering whether the Town of Rockville is planning to be in the Fourth of July parade. Mayor Leach recommended we get the details to Clerk Bell and that she put out an email. Jeff added the Lion's Club pancake breakfast event will be held just prior to the parade.

Jeff Ballard: Jeff reported on the roadwork going on up at Eagle's Crag. He said he had gone up there to check on their progress recently and saw them spreading gravel out from above the cattle guard on up towards the trailhead and that it looked really good. The purple clay area had been dug up and compacted as well. The County cindered the Smithsonian Butte Road from Horse Valley Wash all the way out to SR59. He reported there's a lot more traffic on the road now than there used to be, and that the road is much smoother today as a result. Mayor Leach added she had contacted the County asking for someone to get back to her about the work they're doing now and other work they may be planning. She said the County was supposed to communicate their intentions but have not done so yet.

Jeff also shared that the Town has got materials now to repair the Rockville Town ditch pipe up behind Terry West's. He stated that at some point we will need to remove the water and make that repair. Jeff said he would let Clerk Bell know when they decide to do that.

2. **STAFF REPORT AS NEEDED:** Nothing to report other than enormous gratitude for the irrigation water.

ADJOURNMENT: Jeff **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Dan **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dan McGuire: Aye

M. Honer-Orton: Aye

Mayor Leach: Aye

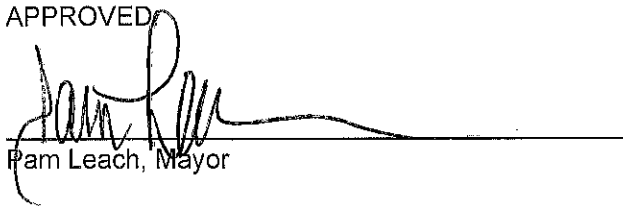
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

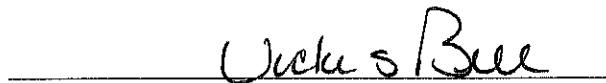
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APPROVED



Pam Leach, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were posted in the foyer cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by Vicki S Bell at approximately 11:00 AM PM on 13 July 2023, on Rockville's Website and the Utah Public Notice Website.





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