

**Rockville Planning Commission
Work Meeting
Rockville Community Center, Town Hall
March 12, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL:** Chair Tyler called the Work Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ken Rybkiewicz, Layney DeLange, Linda Brinkley, Jane Brennan and Garth Tyler were present. Tim Arnold was excused. Vicki Bell, town clerk, was recording the meeting.
2. **DISCUSSION OF ROCKVILLE TOWN CODE REGARDING HUNTING:** Chair Tyler explained the only item of discussion we have for this meeting is discussion of a hunting ordinance. He said the Town of Rockville is definitely a rural agricultural area and there are hunting areas around us, we need to make sure that we outline more than anything of what can and can't be done within the boundaries of Rockville.

Ken Rybkiewicz asked why this issue is important now. Jane Brennan asked if someone had gotten into trouble for hunting in Town.

Clerk Bell reported a gentleman came into the office who had a bow hunting license. He said on his bow hunting license it stated something about he could hunt on the south side of the river. In reviewing this issue, we went through the whole land Use Code trying to find out if we had anything addressing hunting in the Land Use Code. The only thing we could find was nuisances, listing noise from gunshots. There really isn't anything directly addressing hunting or, in particular, bow hunting within the current Town codes.

Other points discussed:

- Hunting on personal property or someone else's with permission.
- Utah laws: Currently a hunter must have written permission to hunt on private property.
- There are some BLM lands within the Town limits that would allow hunting.
- This would include all hunting as there are no ordinances on the books about shooting in Town limits.
- Currently Springdale does not allow shooting at all, even to butcher one's own animals or to put down an injured animal, even to benefit the animal. A reminder that Rockville is an agricultural area and topics like this need to be considered.
- Doing what's best for the entire community.
- Discussion of turkey hunting.
- Problems with beavers eating everything and the ability to shoot beaver rather than trapping.
- Discussion of high-powered rifles maybe shouldn't be shot anywhere within town.
- Discussion of issues with raccoons.
- Definitions of what is considered a weapon should be included as many citizens have air guns, pellet guns or spray paint guns also etc.
- Reviewing other municipalities ordinances to use as a template.
- The attorney will then review the new ordinance it to ensure it's legal.
- A public hearing would also be required.
- Discussion of the shooting range in town needs addressing.

Chair Tyler said he would like to commit himself to have some form of draft for next month's meeting. Chair Tyler said he would entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ken Rybkiewicz made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. Linda Brinkley **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE ON MOTION:

**Ken Rybkiewicz – AYE
Layney DeLange – AYE
Linda Brinkley – AYE
Jane Brennan - AYE
Garth Tyler – AYE**

The MOTION passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Town Clerk
Shelley Cox



Planning Commission Chair Signature

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