

**Rockville Town Council
Regular Meeting
Rockville Town Hall
August 14, 2024 – 6:00 pm**

1. **CALL TO ORDER-ROLL CALL:** Mayor Leach called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following Town Council members were present: Michael Evenson, Megan Honer-Orton, Mayor Pam Leach, and Jeff Ballard. Robin Smith was excused. Town Clerk Shelley Cox recorded the meeting.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Leach led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Michael Evenson **MOVED** to approve tonight's agenda. Jeff Ballard **ECODED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Michael Evenson: Aye
Megan 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 COMMENT: No comments were made.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. **REPORT ON HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT:** Mayor Leach invited Battalion Chief Tyler Ames from the District to report on last month's activities. Chief Ames was accompanied by two of his staff, Warren Garter and Luke Christian from Station 49. The third member of that station was unable to attend tonight, and he is Captain Kendrick Johnson. Chief Ames explained the packet he presented the Council with. The first page is the totals and then the second page for each one of those entities gives a breakdown and the nature of the incident. In Rockville last month we had five calls. Springdale there were 24 and then they were also dispatched to Zion 11 times. He said they also had the ambulance crew go to Mount Carmel at one point for a medical incident as they needed more help on the other side of the park. Total calls for the District were about 3700 calls. We're still on that upward projection of call volume increase of about 24%-25%. Which is the same for Zion Park area visitation as well.

One other thing to note, the District just finalized the purchases of six ambulances and the reason for a large number of ambulances is it takes two years for us to get them once they are ordered. We are planning ahead, and we will also do that with the fire engine, as fire engines are about four to five years out from order time.

Mayor Leach asked are these like the big paramedic type trucks. Chief Ames answered yes, they'll be like the Ford F450. He said there are currently 12 ambulances in the fleet. An assessment was done on the lifespan of those over the next couple of years to decide the amount to purchase. Michael Evenson asked what the lifespan on average of an ambulance is and is it based on mileage. Chief Ames said there are some medium duty ambulances, and then bigger ones. The District usually likes to get about 150,000 to 250,000 miles on them. And then the smaller ones do the same, usually around 70,000 to 80,000 and then they are also rotated between stations. Using them between busier stations rotating up to the less busy stations.

Mayor Leach said she noticed today there were some fire crew members in the recently burned area, doing some cleanup here in Rockville. Michael Evenson said they were some of the fire crews cutting up some of the trees they had downed during the fire and using the chipper.

Chief Ames said one of the fire crews has been deployed to the Arizona Strip on a new fire. Mayor Leach thanked Chief Ames and his crews for their service and willingness to serve.

RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING CITIZENS-GAGE OLER & RYKER ANDERSEN: Mayor Leach said in keeping with our fire department report during our fire incident on June 7th, we were fortunate enough to have a couple of our young members of our Community that were instrumental in calling 911 and letting emergency services know that a fire had broken out and when the fire jumped the river made a second call to 911 to keep them aware of the location and situation. We very much appreciate the fact that not only adults take responsibility, but our youngsters are also watching out for our Community's safety. So in recognition of that, I'd like to ask Gage Oler and Riker Anderson to come up for a moment to be recognized and presented with a Certificate of Appreciation along with a pizza gift card. The young men expressed their thanks to the Mayor and Council.

3. **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION:** Chair Tyler was out of town and so Vice Chair Arnold informed the Council that at last week's special meeting an event permit was issued for a three hour event on September 1st for the vineyard that is on the other side of the river where they're going to have wine tasting along with food. It is part of the wine festival that takes place in locations around the State. The only reason it's here is because another place is being rehabbed and redesigned so they hope that the other location will be done for next year and will be moved back to the other location. Mayor Leach said one application had a different date than what was listed on the internet. Vice Chair Arnold said it will be Sunday, September 1, 2024 from 11am-2 pm. And the applicant was off on his days when he submitted the application.
4. **DISCUSSION OF NEW PROPOSED HUNTING ORDINANCE:** Mayor Leach reported this is an ordinance the Planning Commission has been working on. She asked the Council to review it and give their input before sending it back to the Planning Commission to finish and a public hearing would then be held. Nothing will be passed tonight as it is just a review. Megan Honer-Orton said she would like squirrels added to Section 13.4. Jeff Ballard said he feels the State of Utah has these type of rules already which address what is being addressed in this proposal. He said if we followed State Law and then address the issue if it ever became a problem, he would feel more comfortable. He said State Code 76-10-508 covers most if not all of this stuff, including shooting from a vehicle, across a road, shooting within 200 yards of buildings and addressing all kinds of shooting. He said this ordinance goes against everything allowed here in Rockville while he was growing up. There are so many demographics here with BLM land, and Grafton, where many people hunt turkeys and feels it is government overreach. Mayor Leach asked if the rules and boundaries that are permitted are shown on the license. Jeff Ballard said all the information and boundaries are listed on the State site and can be viewed on various apps. Mayor Leach said maybe then we need to review the State code and reference that. Jeff Ballard said many varmints are exterminated within 200 yards of a building without problems.

Michael Evenson asked for help to understand a little bit more about where in the Town boundaries do you feel like this is too restrictive? Jeff Ballard said down around Grafton, there's a lot of open space that goes into BLM and Wire Valley in those areas and although the Town doesn't actually go up on the top to Wire Valley or shoot guns up there all the time, many people used to shoot over there along with the old gravel pit, until it became privately owned. He asked if there had been a hunting problem that caused this ordinance to be considered. Mayor Leach replied no, the reason this came up is that we had someone ask about bow hunting turkey right along Grafton Road and on property near homes. In reviewing hunting in the Town Code there wasn't much of anything. And nothing in our Code stating we follow State Law on hunting. Mayor Leach said maybe the Town should state we adopt the State Hunting laws. Jeff Ballard said I think that's fine to have something just as long as we

don't get so restrictive that is unless there's a huge problem and I certainly haven't seen any. Michael Evenson suggested reviewing the state laws compared to this draft and maybe go with the less restrictive initially and see if problems arise. Mayor Leach said the State addresses trapping and is controlled by the Utah Department of Wildlife with their own regulations. She recommended checking with BLM to find their rules for hunting on BLM land within municipal boundaries. Jeff Ballard said Hunter Safety is required now to license and all these things are addressed in that course. Tydon Oler asked to comment. Mayor Leach said comments should be done during the public hearing but allowed him to comment. He said Oral Hirschi told him that DNR funded in part the materials for his big fence on his properties and gave him a depredation permit for 1 per year, as the deer were just decimating his orchard. He said Jacob Anderson and himself have spoken with DNR about this issue as their property is being affected at this time. Jeff Ballard indicated he also had to place a tall fence around his garden.

Mayor Leach said she felt that we need to look into a few more things on this before we return it to the Planning Commission. Does everybody agree on that? Everyone agreed. She said it has been in the works for a few months and we need to get it right. She asked if anyone found information regarding hunting laws to provide that to the Town for input and then address this in a couple of months.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON UTAH STATE AUDITORS 2024 FRAUD RISK ASSESSMENT:

Mayor Leach said we have been working with the auditors for this year's audit and we needed to conduct a 2024 Fraud Risk Assessment to see how we score. These are issues that need to be addressed or are done to keep from having one person perform all the duties, covering all your finances, writing checks, handling incoming monies, all of the accounting so that you have separate people that check things, and we do very well for a very small community. There are some things that they want you to do or would recommend that you do that we just don't have the staff to do that and that's OK. So we were fine. Our audit started this week, and the auditor will finalize it in September. This will be part of the audit documentation he needs. Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the 2024 Fraud Risk Assessment as presented. Michael Evenson **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Michael Evenson: **Aye**
Megan Honer-Orton: **Aye**
Mayor Leach: **Aye**
Jeff Ballard: **Aye**

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2024, JOINT MEETING WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION:

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** the minutes from the meeting be approved as presented. Michael Evenson **SECONDED** the motion. Megan Honer-Orton stated she did not receive the minutes to review for the meeting.

VOTE on Motion:

Michael Evenson: **Aye**
Megan Honer-Orton: **Abstained**
Mayor Leach: **Aye**
Jeff Ballard: **Aye**

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 10, 2024, REGULAR MEETING: Michael Evenson **MOVED** to approve the minutes as presented. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Michael Evenson: Aye
Megan Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

- 4. APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF JULY 2024:** Megan Honer-Orton questioned the check to Utah Geological Survey for \$4800.00. Mayor Leach explained this expense is still dealing with the Septic Density Study which is billed monthly and should be wrapping up soon. Megan Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the expenditures as presented. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Michael Evenson: Aye
Megan Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

- 5. APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Megan Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the financial statements as presented. Michael Evenson **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Michael Evenson: Aye
Megan 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 reported that Joe Motter had presented a proposal for a plaque to be mounted to the Historical Bridge indicating the 100 Years. She had told him it could be done but not mounted to the Bridge due to the historical nature of the Bridge. He no longer supported the plaque, but Mayor Leach felt it would be nice for the Town to do and mount it near the start of the Bridge. Michael Evenson will review the proposed wording on the plaque. Mayor Leach reminded everyone that the Bridge celebration will be Saturday, October 19, 2024.

Mayor Leach said she had spoken with law enforcement to patrol more on Grafton road due to the dump trucks and so much traffic.

Mayor Leach said today is the last day of the required 21-day notice for the Disconnect request made by property owners on the South Mesa. Now a public hearing is needed to be scheduled and posted for 10 days. Due to the possible length of the hearing the Attorney has recommended a special meeting date. Mayor Leach will work with the Attorney on dates and wording.

Rockville Daze is Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 11:00 am- 1:30 pm.
The Butch Cassidy Race will be Saturday, November 2, 2024.

Michael Evenson reported the Mosquito District has adopted a new revised pesticide discharge management plan. He said there is a fish that can be placed in water that will eat all the mosquitoes, however it also eats all the other insects in and around the water that are needed. Due to this issue Australia had banned this fish species.

Megan Honer-Orton reported she attended an air quality meeting today and it was discussed about semis carrying uncovered loads thus causing air pollution. The Board will try to encourage more law enforcement on this issue, but law enforcement doesn't have the funds to send out a patrol car to monitor construction sites. She said information is being put out making residents aware there is an Air Quality Task Force in this County.

Megan Honer-Orton is encouraging residents to update their CERT information, as so many are outdated on the files.

Jeff Ballard said Joe Motter tightens screws on the Rockville Bridge every Thursday. He has had problems with the type of screws he used, however is working on that but with all the travel it may always cause problems. Tydon Oler asked if heavier steel plates could be used instead. Jeff Ballard said the Bridge is on rollers and so it moves and eventually those pieces come out or loosen. He said the next time they are replaced they should be tacked to the wood panels.

2. STAFF REPORT AS NEEDED.

Newsletter will be out tomorrow.

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Evenson **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

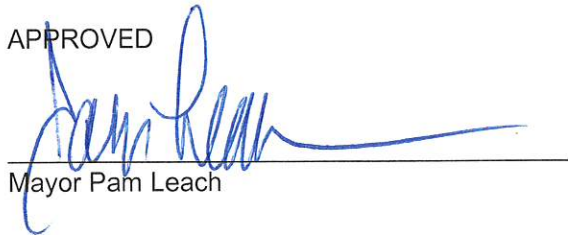
Michael Evenson: Aye
Megan Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

The motion PASSED unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by
Shelley D. Cox, Town Clerk
Town of Rockville

APPROVED



Mayor Pam Leach

The foregoing notice was posted in the cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by Shelley D Cox at approximately 9:00 AM/PM on Sept. 13, 2024 on the Rockville website and the Utah Public Notice website. Emailed to The Spectrum Sept. 13, 2024



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