

**Rockville Town Council
Public Hearing
&
Regular Meeting
Rockville Town Hall
June 11, 2025 – 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: Robin Smith, Megan Honer-Orton, Jeff Ballard, Mayor Pam Leach and Michael Evenson. Town Clerk Shelley Cox recorded the meeting.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Leach led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve tonight's agenda. Robin Smith **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Michael Evenson: Aye
Robin Smith: 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 declared.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS.

1. **REPORT ON THE HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT CHIEF TYLER AMES.** Chief Ames presented a chart to the Council showing the last statistics for the month of May. Showing in black is 2025, so 34 calls for Springdale, 12 for Rockville and then 13 assists for Zion National Park. The chart also shows May 2024 in red. You can see calls are trending upward. He said historically we see in May, June, July, and August about 550-570 calls per month. This May there were over 600 calls for service, which is actually the most that we've ever done in a month for the life of our Fire District. We are anticipating this summer to be busy, potentially maybe getting up in the range of 700 calls, which obviously in our line of work is never good. He said our second most frequent call for the month of May were vehicle accidents. He said there were several fatal accidents last month, with a couple on I-15. There was also had a vehicle accident here in Rockville. With an increase in travel and an increase of population it adds to lots going on.

Chief Ames reported one of the Wildland Crews just got back from California and another was sent to California. These type of crews are constantly on the move. That does not affect our on-duty crews. They are always here as we never send those guys out thus ensuring we are always staffed.

Mayor Leach thanked Chief Ames for keeping the Town up to date and ensuring great service to our community.

2. **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION – CHAIR RYBKIEWICZ:** Chair Rybkiewicz reported on last night's Planning Commission meeting. He said a pool permit was issued for 128 W Grafton Road for Nancy and John Lowe's parcel. Chance Wright is the contractor, which was approved after we clarified some code. Chair Rybkiewicz stated a public hearing was also held to review the language drafted in the Ordinance

to recommend to the Town Council formally adopting the Septic Density Study and to create Chapter 13 titled Environmental Sustainability. He said there were a few word clarifications that had been recommended in previous months which were input into the draft to be considered at tonight's meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

3. REVIEW OF OMBUDSMEN ADVISORY OPINION ON ISSUES CONNECTED WITH BUILDING PERMIT FOR SOUTH MESA- (ZION MESA)-JACOB ANDERSON:

Mayor Leach invited Jacob Anderson to the microphone. Jacob Anderson said this is a continuation of the approved building permit in 2024 approved by the Planning Commission to build on the Rockville South Mesa. He said a condition on the permit was part 2 that it needs to go before the Town Council for a review if the road in front of his property is private or public. Mayor Leach said we have reviewed the Ombudsman's Advisory Opinion which it did approve your parcel as a sub-standard parcel in the OS20 zone and that it is lawful and evidence confirms that the Rockville Land Use Code deems the parcel substandard for development and a building permit could be issued if it meets all other requirements. One of the requirements is to have frontage on a public road accessing the site plan with driveway access or location. Other conditions included are the determined rate of flow for your well and if it's adequate for residents and water is potable for culinary use. Building setbacks per the Land Use Code meet requirements. Approval of the Hurricane Valley Fire District per letter dated June 6th, 2024 from John Poster, the Fire Marshall, which may not be a complete list as he indicated they had not received a complete site plan to review to make any final decisions. Mayor Leach asked if Jacob Anderson had received the Fire Marshalls letter. Mr. Anderson said he did not. Mayor Leach said the letter is from John Postert back in June of last year, about the same time as your permit request. At that time the Fire Marshall did not approve the building permit, or they vacated any approval for the roadway to access your home per their requirements. Mayor Leach said a copy of the Fire Marshall's letter will be given to Jacob Anderson. Mayor Leach stated that some of the items on the fire marshals list questioned water availability, fire road access not to exceed a 10% grade with asphalt, concrete or other approved driving surface meeting the needs of fire apparatus weighing up to 75,000 lbs. unless approved by the Fire Code Official. Any road found to be over a 15% grade would not be permitted. The road needs to be 20 to 26 feet in width and conditions may require a fire sprinkler system in a building since there is not a fire hydrant up there. The Ombudsman's advisory opinion stated there was substantial evidence that Eagles Crag Road is a public road for your parcel R-13-0-8-D to satisfy development requirements for frontage. She stated the surveyed easements for Eagle Crag Road presented to the Town by yourself, Tydon Oler and Miss Renstrom for Zion Holdings ends at the northern entrance into these parcels. However, the concern continues that your parcel is not adjacent to the physical footprint of the road when we reviewed at the county's maps. The dirt track shown for the roadway actually sits to the East side in front of your parcel, across the road. It doesn't really run right adjacent to your road, and since this isn't a subdivision that created those spaces, there is still a question about that, providing the needed frontage. We do acknowledge it as a public road but that's not the question now. She stated she has called in the County Recorder to see if any clarification could be given on this area or if they would because that track is in there, or if they would consider all of that area as possible frontage. She said right now we don't have that answer. That will be one more thing that we'll be addressing and considering in the final answer. Jacob Anderson said that's interesting, but that's not related to me, right? From what I understand, the Planning Commission has approved everything with the caveat of determining whether the road itself is public or private, right? Mayor Leach said and that road also provides you the needed frontage. Jacob Anderson said he didn't believe that was a condition in the approval given by the Planning Commission. He said he could provide the minutes that specifically said what was addressed when approved. But it did address frontage. Mayor Leach said that's why they sent it or part of the reason they sent it to the Town Council for a decision. Jacob Anderson said let me just read what I had and let me know if this is different from what you have,

whereas the following has been addressed and accepted by the Planning Commissioners, understanding it's a substandard lot, frontage road has been defined as public or private to be determined by the Town Council. So whether the road is public or private, it seems to be the only condition on the approval. Mayor Leach stated they referred to it as frontage. Jacob Anderson said yes the frontage road has been defined as public or private road. It does not say whether there's frontage, not whether the frontage meets a lot, but as far as I understand it, the only question left was whether the road was public or private. Mayor Leach said there is still a question as to whether or not that roadway abuts the front boundary of your property. If it doesn't, then it may not be frontage for you, but that's what we're trying to get a final determination on.

Jacob Anderson said so is it my understanding and I just want to make sure this is clear because I've gone through a lot on this right, the first question is do you have water? Yes I have water. The second question is, is it a substandard lot? And when the expert for the Town asked to come to the Planning and Zoning Commission came he said well, it looks like I must be mistaken and I now agree with the Town's attorney, who counseled them, this is an approvable lot. Mayor Leach said that's not the question. We agree with the advisory opinion on the lot. Jacob Anderson said and so the next question is simply, is it a public road or private road, is the frontage to your lot public or private. That's the only thing left to decide. Yet instead of determining that even though the evidence is overwhelming that it existed and has been traveled by the public for over 10 years, I mean overwhelming. He said any normal lot, nobody would question this, but the fact that people don't want this lot to exist seems like any conceivable obstruction that could be is thrown forward trying to make it so it's not available lot. So if the only condition left to determine whether the frontage is public or private, and the Ombudsman comes back and says the lot is legal and the road is public. To have the position be, but now we need to determine if the road goes to your lot was never appealed on. This permit was never called up over that it is never a stipulation. The only stipulation is the frontage road public or private and has been deemed by Ombudsman to be public. He said his understanding and concern is to throw another stipulation on here saying does the road abut property. Is that what I'm understanding? Mayor Leach said that's right, because we agree with the finding that it is a public road but because this was not a subdivision that defined the roadways in there, it's open space. It's never been determined who owns that land. It's just a space between the parcels. So what we've been told is that, yes, there is a single-track dirt road that runs in that area. If you look at the County website they actually show Eagles Crags road drawn on the parcels to the East of you. And the Town would like to see where it actually is, as it actually shows over there, and doesn't show it following where the dirt track shows. Jacob Anderson said I understand that, but I guess what I'm saying is that should have been brought up during a call up of the Town Council as another condition that the Town Council has or something to say we disagree with the Planning and Zoning with this additional caveat, but that wasn't done. The only caveat that remains is whether the road is public or private. Clerk Cox reviewed the minutes and the building code stating the property must abut a public roadway with a specific amount of footage. Jacob Anderson said the minutes may say that but the motion made does not. He agreed the building code does. I don't disagree with that. What the ordinance says, though, is it's approved, whereas in other words, the only stipulation we have left to determine is whether your frontage is private or public. That's the only thing and so the decision was, let's ask the Ombudsman. And you're saying you'd like to add a new stipulation which exists in the building code that you wish the Planning and Zoning would have put in their ordinance, but they didn't. Michael Evenson said this has come to our attention too, and it's not an additional stipulation, it's just something that's come up that does not meet the Land Use Code. At this point, we're trying to figure out what we can do to help to make it so it's frontage. But in the meantime, we just have to do some more looking. Jacob Anderson said "I understand that. I guess even so all I'm saying is I don't know that now's the time to say we understand that from our building code, we don't think these items were addressed right because that would be during Planning and Zoning, and if they missed, it should be caught during a call up review. Not after that time has passed, with the only condition being whether the frontage is public or private. If that makes sense there may be 100

concerns, but the time to bring those up would be Planning and Zoning or during a call up review. Mayor Leach said the word frontage has been part of the language right from the beginning. Jacob Anderson said but it was not in the ordinance. Mayor Leach said this was not an ordinance, it was a discussion in a Planning Commission meeting and she is unsure what ordinance Mr. Anderson is referring to. If it's the approval in the motion at the Planning Commission meeting. And it was approved pending the Town Council, as the Road Authority, addressing and acknowledging that your frontage was on a public or private road. Again looking at this is where are the boundaries, the actual legal boundaries of the road? Yes, we agree it's a public road, but if the boundaries are the edges of the road and then does it abut your parcel. We are trying to clarify that, and I hope to have an answer on that next week. I just don't have that answer for tonight.

Jacob Anderson said it just seems like you're searching. There is a whole group of people here that feel like a building permit has been issued and there is only one stipulation left. And now we're just going to add new stipulations which are completely contrary to what should be able to happen in a post call up review. But if it's my understanding the Town would like to consider an additional stipulations beyond what the Planning Commission said then, that's fine. I'd be interested to hear it. My hope is, I understand the Council has concerns with building up there and there's a whole bunch of people here that would love to address those concerns, make it safer, make it more accessible, provide water. All they want is a Council that, at least in an honest way, is willing to listen to them and let them make it safer. And to me it is as one of the people there, it feels like even though I've done literally everything right. I've got the water. I've got a lot that the parcel says I should be able to build on. I've got a road that's been traveled more than 10 years and off that road onto the parcel which has been accessed for more than 10 years. Any other lot nobody would have a question about this. Mayor Leach stated we're not trying to create a new issue. This is a question because there was never a legal subdivision that created the roadways. Yes, the parcels have legal boundaries. The parcels have boundaries that have been identified. But the space between the parcels in a typical subdivision, would have been identified with dimensions and, and that's not there. So we're just trying to clarify because we know there are other people up there that want to possibly develop their properties. This will all be issues that they're going to have to face too. The Eagles Crags is a publicly used road. There's a lot of other little roads in there that area that are not really identified as public roads, so that's all.

Jacob Anderson asked OK, just for clarity, because I think this is important as you consider it. One of the main reasons it's considered public road by the Ombudsman is because it's been traveled by the public for X number of years. Whatever years are required by the State to consider it a public road. During that same time, those lots have been accessed by the owners off of that road to the lots, which would say the space between the road to the parcel has been driven on by the public access a lot during the same time. I don't know how you differentiate. We'll consider the Ombudsman's ruling for the roadway that we see is public, but where you've publicly been traversing it for 10 years or beyond to access a lot. I don't know. That same logic applies to that. To me, that seems like a stretch.

Mayor Leach said it is something that we're looking at because the question has come up. Yes, it is a public road, but where the public road is, is this boundary? It's not this boundary and yes, you know people drive off of that road onto their parcels. But that's a driveway that's not the required frontage on their parcel boundary. So we just need to find out if the County looks at this as taking up that whole space.

Michael Evenson stated the other issue is also that according to this map, Eagle Crags Road actually goes through people's parcels and that's not going to work for those people. Hopefully we can get this clarified. Jacob Anderson stated the Ombudsman had mentioned, as what was traveled. You know the roadway would be considered public, right? Michael Evenson asked but then again, there's a question of the road that was traveled, was that where the road was actually marked,

designated, or plotted. I'm not sure about that. And then there's been some grading up there that probably was not on Eagle Crag Road. Jacob Anderson said he couldn't answer that because that wasn't related to this, but what I can say is the County does not claim that whatever's on the GIS for the County should be treated as the location of whether their parcels or roads, right? That's for information purposes only. But what we have here in this permit is what has been recorded against any of those parcels, with the exact GPS locations and markers. Mayor Leach said these are the markers of your parcels but may not include the space between parcels. The road shows here yes, and is a public road. However it's my understanding that the public road is the area that is being driven on. And as a roadway, not as a turn off into a parcel. And if we're told that that is not the case, then the subject goes away, and you have your frontage. But it is a question that has come up because it's not clear and the Ombudsman did not address the exact location and whether that fills that space and abuts your parcel. We're trying to get that information because that's going to affect more than you. So we need to have that clarified and that's what we're trying to do. We're not trying to throw another wrinkle into this, it's to clarify it. She said I know you feel like that. Jacob Anderson said he had been waiting for an approval for that lot for over a year, literally over a year for the question is about public or private roadway. He said look at all these owners here that are wondering literally, if the Council wanted to work with these owners we could have that resolved by Tuesday. If the Council was worried about the question of how do we make sure these roads are adjacent to the property? Can we meet with our attorney and you and everybody at the same time on Tuesday and figure that out that could be figured out quickly?

Mayor Leach said the property owners have been told for years that the way to resolve some of these issues is to get a proper subdivision. There is no proper subdivision on that. Jacob Anderson said but that's not fair. And you know that a proper subdivision would never be approved and not in today's codes, this was divided the same way your house was divided, and you built on that. It's the same as most homes in Rockville were built, and no one has told everyone down here you'll get a proper subdivision. It's treating everybody up there completely different than we treat everybody here. All I would ask is instead of another year of waiting on whether the permit is valid or another concern a year from now is let's just meet with us as owners and see what we can work toward together. That shouldn't be that hard. We've got a lot of people, I mean as many as more that come to most meetings that want to work through this. But it's met with deaf ears from the Council. At least, that's what it feels like. Mayor Leach said a copy of the letter from the Fire District will be provided to Mr. Anderson. She said the Fire District obviously has requirements that you need to address with them, and that's not post permit being issued. Jacob Anderson said and that's post permit right? Mayor Leach said post approval back at that time, but prior to a permit being issued, all of those conditions may have to be met. There are a few things that have to be done. And as I said, I am hoping to have this question answered by next week and I'll be making every effort to get that resolved. She said if somebody gives us an answer that says this is the roadway. Jacob Anderson replied not to beat that horse, but you say there's a few things assuming the only thing before the Town Council to consider at this point is one thing, is the frontage public or private. That's it. After that, the next step is Fire Marshall. Of course it is. Right, just like any other permit. What I would like to hear from the Town Council is this public or private. Move forward, you're just like any other lot in Town and of course your error stage. Just make sure you get those done and then it's on to the Fire Marshall now. Mayor Leach said we will be referring this back to the Planning Commission because the only issue that we have to resolve is the frontage and that's the one last thing that we have, but everything else that needs to be done, I'm going to suggest that we move to send this back now to the Planning Commission so you can be working with them on completing any additional items and as I said, if we can get this answered about what would be viewed as your frontage then that will be resolved too and we'll give that to the Planning Commission and that will be done. So even though the Ombudsman had before him was whether the building permit is that legit? Is it buildable and is a road public? And the Ombudsman says yes.

Jacob Anderson said your response is that we went and looked at it and I don't know if the road touches the parcel. He said he wondered if and when it goes back to the Planning Commission if there would have other caveats. It seems there are no other stipulations that should be required. I mean it's beyond that right now. Mayor Leach said that's not true with your building permit there are issues like the Fire Department approval. Jacob Anderson said yeah, but fire approval is after this, right, but as far as building code and all of that.

Mayor Leach said I'm not saying we're deciding on that now. That's not us. This was your frontage, that one, that it was a lot that qualified as a non-conforming substandard lot. We are agreeing with the Property Rights Ombudsman that it's a public access road. But it's still a definition of the road we'd like to see who defines what the width of that road is, because it was not part of a subdivision that would have defined how wide the road is. I know there are easements that come up right to the mouth of that those properties that specifically state how wide that road easement is. I believe it's 66 feet. It's mapped, it comes up, but it stops right at the entrance to these parcels. So we don't even have that as anything that ties with that to specify how wide that is other than where the parcels boundaries were determined.

Jacob Anderson said I know it seems I'm frustrated but just understand. I've been working for a year and a half on something that my legal counsel says is obvious. This is not whether this is sub-standard lot. It's right there in the code. Whether this is public, there's no discussion, it is public and just to get to this point on something that's obvious it's taken a year and a half and so I worry that when we say we have to research something, how much longer and if it's not in accordance with what the Ombudsman saying is, it's public in essence to your lot. Then it's a challenge. It will take another year. I mean, it's to claim that we're working with us and doing our best seems disingenuous. So, like, I'll leave it.

Mayor Leach asked there were any other questions or comments from the Council? None were made. Mayor Leach **MOVED** to return Mr. Anderson's building permit application to the Planning Commission to follow through and make sure that all of the items required for a complete building permit are met. That we see if next week we can get an answer that will answer the question about who establishes the boundaries of that public right away. Jacob Anderson asked for clarification. When you say to send it back to the Planning Commission to see if all the requirements are met. Mayor Leach stated yes for your building permit. This needs to be signed off by the Planning Commission, not us. This only came to us because of the substandard lot and whether your frontage was on a public road. Those were the only two things that came to us, so there are still things that need to be completed and if you can go to the Planning Commission, sit down with Ken Rybkiewicz or whoever and review this. Jacob Anderson said but we're beyond that. The Planning Commission has approved it, based on that caveat to send it on to the Town Council. And you're saying send it back to the Planning Commission to see what else it can find. Mayor Leach said no, but you haven't met the Fire District requirements. Yes, that's part of their checklist of what goes in front of them. They have to see that you have your septic system, that your water is approved, that you meet the Fire Districts requirements. Jacob Anderson said but that's not Planning Commission. Mayor Leach said that is all on your building permit application, right? Jacob Anderson said right. And they approved that though, right? But they've already approved all that. Mayor Leach said no, they have not. The Fire District vacated any approval at that point they had given before it even came to us. And so that has not been approved you. They're still waiting for you to give them a site map/site plan. Jacob Anderson said when you say they who's they. Mayor Leach replied John Postert, the Fire Marshall at Hurricane Valley. Jacob Anderson stated he has the full application with the site map. Clerk Cox said she had called yesterday and John Postert stated he did not have any plans to review. Jacob Anderson said he can send that to him again and ask him if he can find his old e-mail. Mayor Leach said that's fine. And then he can review that and make their final decision. He will notify the Planning Commission and they can check that off the list of requirements that you have to meet in order for them to give the final approval and issue your building permit. Jacob Anderson said so let me clarify, the only thing left,

then the only thing left is the Fire Marshall requirements of the Planning and Zoning has to mark off. Michael Evenson said no. Mayor Leach stated the road is still questioned. There are a number of items with the Fire Marshall. Whether you need fire sprinklers, whether your water is potable. We did not see anything that showed these approvals of the things to finish the list. These are things that would have been required for any building permit. Yes, you have a well. Jacob Anderson said with the building permit, you get Planning and Zoning, you go to Town Council, and you don't go back to Planning and Zoning. Then you go to the Fire Marshall for approval. Mayor Leach said no, a typical building permit would never have come to the Town Council if the Planning Commission had not referred it to us because of the question on the lot being questioned for frontage on the road. Jacob Anderson said yes it was referred to the Council because of the one question, that's correct. Mayor Leach said we are recognizing it as a substandard and the road being recognized as a public road. Otherwise we would never have seen this. So those were the two reasons that came to Council. We have the Advisory Ombudsman advisory opinion which you have read, which we are here acknowledging. We agree it's a substandard lot that qualifies is all of that, the only thing is whether it's a public roadway, but whether it is actually providing frontage for you is the only remaining question and the Ombudsman did not address that, he referred to it as frontage that you had frontage on a public roadway, but it wasn't defined clearly as to what or where the boundaries of that frontage road. So we're trying to clear up that issue. Jacob Anderson said interesting. It seems like you're working really hard to try to find anything. You look disappointed, but literally a year and a half answering something that should be answered quickly. That's obvious. Michael Evenson said it has taken quite a while to get the Ombudsman on board and have him do all of his work and I understand your frustration, but trust me, we are working hard on this. It just takes time. But even then, yeah, I just don't know what goes on with the Ombudsman. Jacob Anderson said it is, and I'm not saying that's wrong. I'm not saying because if any lot that was created before subdivision ordinance in the County. There has never been a question about that because it's up there in an area where some people don't want built; it becomes a burning question that we just have to know. Mayor Leach said so we need to back up here a little bit. She said when the Town incorporated, the County told Rockville that it was an unapproved subdivision and as such could not be developed and could only be used a certain way as it had been before. That was what we were told. And for years after that when people would come wanting to do something, they were told if you all wanted to get together and apply for a subdivision plat. If you get a plat done that you know that might alleviate a lot of the questions. Jacob Anderson said let me ask you a question then, and this is in all reality, would the Town be interested in a development agreement with stipulations on how to make it safe. How to make the roads wide? And other stuff and something where we all work together, not on a new subdivision plot, because we all know it doesn't qualify into the current zoning and would never get approved. That's why no one's interested in that because it's an underhanded way of saying we want to make sure you are on the path that you could never solve, right? But if the Town were willing to do a development agreement and we all work together on how to make the lots just how you'd like them to be and safe and all the questions you seem to have. I think most people here would be interested in that? Michael Evenson questioned if the Council would be interested in that. The only problem is it's zoned OS20 and the Septic Density Study doesn't allow for or only allows about half a dozen maybe, septic tanks for all those lots. Jacob Anderson said yes, but we could do an alternative system. So I mean, there's things that we could do to solve this. Mayor Leach said with the alternative septic systems, if it's approved by the Health Department, then yes, there could be more and that was made very clear in this Ordinance that we're going to pass that creates Chapter 13. That is something that can be used once you've gone through that process. Jacob Anderson said with the development agreement, though, all of a sudden zoning isn't as important because we could work together on what we want up there and I think we'd all be very interested in working together up there. Mayor Leach said we can find out if that is something the Town would consider. I can't answer that question right now because I think we can't answer that question about a development agreement because it would depend on what it consisted of.

Jacob Anderson said obviously the Town can at least have a discussion, right? I think we all want the same thing as safe, like quarterly building, limited septic with to manage the nitrates to adhere to the density, we could do all of that paving the road up there, making sure we have sufficient water so it doesn't impact others. All of that is solvable with the Town working with us. Michael Evenson thanked Jacob Anderson for his presentation. Mayor Leach **MOVED** to send this back to the Planning Commission to address the remaining issues on the building permit application and the Town Council will attempt to get this resolved quickly next week. She said she was waiting for a call from somebody that should give me this answer on the frontage. And when we get that answer, we will advise the Planning Commission the issue has been met and can move forward. Michael Evenson **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

4. DISCUSSION TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AREA FOR IMPROVEMENTS ON SOUTH MESA-JULIA MARY:

Mayor Leach said although this agenda item will be discussed there can be no decision. Julia Mary said one issue she wanted to mention is this request for agenda time was for discussion, but they did call in and request the wording to be changed to include a decision as they want to know if you would be willing to work with us on this today. She then turned the floor over to Nathan Trotter to speak first. Nathan Trotter said he just wanted to second what Tydon (Oler) is saying that you have a lot of people here that want to build on their lot. These lots predate the town. They predate your subdivision law that you refer to over and over to today. He said not only does a Special Assessment Area (SAA) solve these issues, but I've already done it with a town successfully for the first time. So if you guys want to get in the way of this, you can try, but this is something that's very possible and something that Utah set up for you guys to work with us landowners to develop our lot. Tydon Oler said just to reiterate, I think everyone's willing to work with the Town and an SAA is a perfect way to or could be a perfect avenue in order to be able to do that. We have discussed with different entities about how to bring water to that location and paving contractors as well, as various different contractors. The power currently sits within that easement on the way up there. So all of those things can service these lots. Mayor Leach said one thing an SAA states on the information that you provided with this request, it is required for connection to extend from existing similar town owned and approved facilities. Well one the Town does not have any municipal water that it owns and operates. We don't have sewer that we own and operate, that's Springdale. The roads have been maintained by the County. The power we don't own, but I know power is available. Tydon Oler said they don't all have to be owned by the municipality but the utilities and or infrastructure just have to be available. And then there is of course some criteria according to the State Code about how much it increases the value of each individual lot to see if it justifies doing those improvements. I think with any reasonable appraisal of those properties compared to what they're appraised now, I think you, and I may be slightly off, but double the value on the properties with power, water and other different avenues and paving. The value of those lots alone with just paving the road up there, let alone any one of those into individual items and so and again if the Town's willing to work with this maybe we don't have to pave the road. If the Town doesn't want the road paved and it will still satisfy the Fire Marshall, there are ways to accomplish that through the urban wildland interface. But if the town is constantly putting roadblocks, there's 66 of us property owners. Some owners may have multiple lots, but there's 45 plus of us that will continue to knock down or move through all of those obstacles. And we're very committed to continue to do that. Mayor Leach said and

so for the information provided, you say that you have an access or source of water? Tydon Oler said no, we don't have a source for water. He said what's being asked right now, is the Town just willing to work with the SAA? At the beginning nobody may know exactly where all those different utilities and or improvements are going to come from, but that's part of the process of the SAA is figuring out where they're going to come from. How much are they going to cost, and then what those (improvements) will add in value to the property? It's not necessary that we know that we have exactly every single one of those improvements. That will be determined stepping through the process as to where those will come from. We have ideas and we've worked with different contractors. We talked with Washington County Conservancy District, and we talked with a lot of different entities that can provide services. Nothing definite you know, those are all just thoughts, avenues and ideas at this point. But we're pretty confident that we are able to work through those items, and we're just asking the Town to work with us.

Mayor Leach said I don't think we have enough information to be able to make a decision of supporting this because we have no idea that tells us that you have a source of water, that you have a way, how you're planning to connect to sewer if you don't do all septic systems up there or some kind of a septic sewer treatment plant up there for all those lots. There's so much information that we don't know and we're a very small town, as you're well aware, with limited budgets. And one in this, you asked that the Town be responsible for 50% of the roadway up there. Tydon Oler said that is the State Code. Mayor Leach said I understand that may be, but again, it's you've put it in there and that's a consideration for us. Where does our part come from? How do we do that? It's not coming all from the other property owners. So how does the Town finance those? Tydon Oler said so I guess what we would like to do is just be able to sit down with the Town, hopefully after this, know that the Town is willing to work with us and we can sit down and we can say this is how we get from A to B. Megan Honer-Orton said getting what you want. There's a majority of people in this town that don't want what you want. Tydon Oler said but is it the majority? They can vote any way they want. That has nothing to do with my rights as a landowner up there and so this is not a voting issue. Megan Honer-Orton said what you want is us to sit down and cooperate with you, but you're not willing to scale back what you're doing to what we want. Tydon Oler asked then what do you want? What does the town want? Megan Honer-Orton said what I want is you to sit down, go to your homes, enjoy our rural agricultural town, and quit bothering us with development. Tydon Oler but this isn't a. He was interrupted by the audience. Tydon Oler said he is glad that statement is now on public record.

Jeff Ballard asked if any kind of a dollar figure or approximate amount of this request would be. Tydon Oler said he has not. He said they had individual ideas that wouldn't be cheap. He said paving the roadway is going to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000. The water improvements that have been mentioned, which there are several different thoughts about this, but those won't be cheap and they're not any numbers yet for that. He said although the numbers may be high we tentatively have, as a group, at this point are not insurmountable. Jeff Ballard said he was just curious if you had any idea an amount. Mayor Leach asked if there were any comments or questions. Michael Evenson asked in this special assessment petition, you have this property listed as Zion Canyon Ranchos. Is that documented with the county? Tydon Oler said what that is we have a copy of a submitted map. There is a plat map that was provided to the County at some point. Whether that map the corner of it is missing. So I have talked with the County Recorder extensively and he doesn't know where the map is currently. He doesn't know when the corner became missing, so he can't definitively say that it never was stamped. Mayor Leach said they don't have a record of it being recorded is the answer that came back from the County. Tydon Oler said with that being said it doesn't have to be recorded as just the Office of Ombudsman has weighed in. These lots were recorded the same way as many of our lots were all recorded here in this town. He said going back to even a point that Jacob Anderson made earlier based on the decision you just made with Jacob Anderson, I would assume then that there would be no more approvals for homes on Grafton Road or any other road that is traveled on, such as Grafton Road, which have never been defined and you know this. He said one of your Planning Commission Chairman's house is built on it and then he sold the Conservation Easement, which came back to the Town. He said there's no dedication there. He said your lot is not to whether you have

frontage or not is in question as well as many of the roads here because Grafton Road has never been dedicated. He said you'll never find a road dedication for Grafton Road. He said there is no documentation that tells me the width and so that's the way the lots are and that's the way they were created. He said to make that stance on Jacob Anderson's property is wholly I feel, of course personally inappropriate, given the fact that's the way most of these lot, if you're not on SR9 and there are a few DeMille Road or Cox Road. He said there are a few actual subdivisions in Town that have been approved, but on every other road is the same thing and so any question is there a plat map? He said that's where the name mentioned here came from. He said is it an official plat map? I believe that was its intention but we don't know at this point for sure. I believe that was probably the intention they sent it in so the county would have it for reference. He said the question is asked, did the county accept it as an official plat map? Nobody can say for sure. It wasn't required at the time these lots were created. Mayor Leach said she does have an issue with that as at that time the State did have subdivision rules back even before the County was created, some created them and so that was still required. Tydon Oler said he even looked into the majority of the lots here (in Town) and I know of only one or two lots that would sit outside prior to the State being created. He said he is familiar with what you're referring to, which the Ombudsmen had that information that you had provided him. It's not how he ruled, it's just not applicable. And I think you know, it's not based on rules or records. Mayor Leach reminded Tydon Oler that the Ombudsmen is an advisory opinion and can't be used in court and we're trying to work with that. No, it cannot be used elsewhere. Tydon Oler said he understood it can be used in court. Actually yes you can. Mayor Leach said it even states on the back of that advisory opinion that it can't be used. Tydon Oler said so it's not a court binding decision, but the State just recently actually adopted a new ordinance that, if taken to court, municipalities can lose attorney's fees. If the court finds in the same instance and makes the same determination the Ombudsman did. Mayor Leach said that's not even what the Ombudsman told us. So if it's changed, I'll talk to Jordan and ask him, because that's not what we understood nor what he said. Tydon Oler said that's been a recent change that actually took place last year actually, prior to this decision, we were anticipating hopefully that that decision would come out after. We were hopeful it would become an ordinance, and luckily the Ombudsman did put out his decision after that ordinance became effective. Mayor Leach said she would be happy to find out if that's the case, because that's not what we were told nor what we understood. Tydon Oler said no, it's so the decision itself, I'm not saying it's binding, if it's taken to court after the fact. And an Ombudsmen rendered a decision then a municipality can be charged double the legal fees at that point and damages also. Mayor Leach said we'll check into that. Tydon Oler said you can look that up but again, what we're trying to do is just say we would like to work with the Town in order to be able to develop our properties. They are legal lots, and we should be able to build on them. We should be able to seek out avenues of trying to improve them and we wish to work with the Town on that. Mayor Leach said she doesn't believe that change went into effect and that we don't have adequate information to make a decision, but I think we can certainly discuss this further with you, we just can't say we will definitely approve it for a special assessment area. Julia Mary said respectfully, I still feel like there's more that needs to be said and I would like to open this time up to any property owners who would like to say something as well. Mayor Leach replied unfortunately, that's not how it works. If they would personally like they can certainly send us a letter or contact us to discuss this or set up a meeting to discuss it more. Julia Mary said it was my understanding that this was a meeting to discuss this and felt like I've come here with an understanding that representing our neighborhood and we could talk about this and come to some understanding and see if you're willing to go forward and actually get engineering on this. I'm not expecting you to be the engineer and I'm not the engineer. I thought this was just us talking to see if you're willing to work with us to find some solutions to these problems, because this is a safety concern for a lot of people. She said there was a medical emergency on this Mesa. She said I don't know what you guys were doing that day as it probably did not affect your life. But to him, that was a big deal, and medical services could not reach him. They had to stop part way up the Mesa. And to me, that is a big deal. All we are asking is to increase accessibility and safety so that people can enjoy their rides on public roads and not trespass on people's property and so that people can apply for these permits, like you're encouraging

us to do. Except you're not encouraging us because you've blocked us for over a year. Here now this is something that I feel very personally about, because we are here and we represent you. We took time out of our lives to come and talk to you today and for you to say that we need to set up another discussion to see if you may be willing to consider this, I feel like that is not fair to me or the people.

who are here. We do have signatures representing the required amount of support for this assessment area. Tydon Oler said so that's a misunderstanding of the SAA process, it doesn't cost the town. Mayor Leach said the Town would not pay the expense to hire an engineer. She asked how do those initial expenses and processes get handled? Nathan Trotter said he had done it before and could answer to that. So what a SAA is, and this is straight out of State Code is ready to help us upgrade including the roads, as much as we want. This fund will come straight from the government from Utah, so you guys will apply for a loan that will go against our properties. We have a certain amount days to pay it off in full or we are asking for a 30-year payout. That is something that the SAA does. And something like this where we're asking for more than one thing. So this will not cost the town. This is costing the neighborhood and we are willing to pay for it. This is going on our taxes. If we don't keep up with that, it will be auctioned off. This will bump up the Town's payments on those properties from day one. We need an SAA. It guarantees to bring up the value three times and I'm not asking you to be an engineer and you trying to talk like you're an engineer doesn't make sense because I'm not an engineer. You're not an engineer. I can install the water line, but as far as how much that's going to cost, that all needs to be done by an engineer. So what we are asking for as a voting percentage of our neighborhood is for the Town to be responsible, to make sure that we are not being overcharged. OK, your guy's job here is to hold public meetings and if you'll talk to your attorney, this is the way I got through this. The first time I worked hand in with the town's attorney, and you step me through this process. It's really quite simple. It's way easier than doing an HOA that's going to last forever. This has a deadline. Once I pay it off and now I'm connected to water. Now I have a paved road. He said I'm not asking you guys to pay for this. We are paying for it. This is something we want you to make sure because it's such a big project that we're not getting overcharged by a contractor. Michael Evenson said so in your statement, though, you have petitioned the town to pay 50% of the costs of bringing the street, alley or sidewalk to the established grade, as per Utah code 11-42-4071, when you're saying we're not paying for anything. Nathan Trotter said the Town is not going to pay any. So with that being the exception and as you know you guys called and sent the cop up to talk to me, and the cop told me that you guys are responsible for that road and for the maintenance of it and that I should come in here and tell you guys to maintain my road. That I pay taxes for it and that it is taxation without representation. Mayor Leach said we are not responsible for the roadway passed Eagle Crags Road. Where on our road maps for our B&C Road, it funds Eagle Crags Road to where it turns to go to the trail head and funds do not go onto BLM lands. We've have been responsible for efforts to maintain that road to that point, but not beyond that. Nathan Trotter said well, I'll take it upon myself to maintain it for the neighborhood." And I've stepped in and done that a couple times now, but this is not what we're yeah, this is not the issue. We're asking for an SAA that is going to bring those up to Town standards. And then you guys take it over. And that is a State Code that if the road has not been maintained and the lots exist that the town pitch's in to help improve the road. I don't know how you guys don't think that is fair. You're really upset right now that the Town has to pitch in half of changing the grade. It's not paving. It's very clear. It's only changing the grade. So that is State Code and we are asking for it and we want the Town to throw in half of that and we have no idea how much this is going to cost and there's no point in speculating on where anything or is any utilities until an engineer looks at, there's no point in this SAA unless the engineers say that it's worth it. Michael Evenson said we cannot agree to pay something when we don't know the cost. That's plain and simple. Nathan Trotter said that's what we're asking for and that's why I have signatures from everybody in my neighborhood that we need to find out the cost, which is what we're asking today. We want to find out the cost of all of these. If we don't have sewer on that side of the road, the engineers may say zero chance. We can't do that. If it comes back, it's going to be \$20 million to pay for the road. Maybe we're not paving the road because on here it clearly states that it has to raise the value of the property more than what

it's going to cost. So we need numbers on this and we have signed property signatures, and we are asking the Town to work for us and find these numbers and we do not want to overpay for them. That's why we've come as a public group in our town, who support Council, who's supposed to work with us in developing a lot. So if you read 10 code, you're supposed to help develop our a lot. So if that's not part of your agenda, then I'm sorry. You shouldn't be here. But you can't tell us we can't just grow. Mayor Leach said can I ask you as this is new to us, we've never been involved with an SAA before. You said you have, right so let me ask you some questions. If I'm understanding correctly who's responsible? Is it the Town that's responsible to go out and speak to engineers? Nathan Trotter said yes. And if you speak and I gave this to you with enough time that I'm, I'm kind of shocked that you guys don't talk to your lawyer about this because if you talk to your lawyer about it, he'll be a lot better at pointing out every single step of this process. This is not a new process I'm creating. This is this is a State Code. So there will be step by step. There will be public hearings, you have to hold. There will be costs. There will be a lot of different things to make sure this is a big undertaking. Now, nothing that we can't do.

Mayor Leach asked when you did this, with whatever community that you worked with to do this before, so through this process there are costs that are going to be incurred. Who's paying for those costs? Because that's something we need to consider. We have a budget, so I'm sure you can understand that. Julia Mary said so I have read through like all of the State Code and it is very they have a lot of sections in there so I would just encourage you and I'm again, also, I thought you would have talked to you earlier about this because it actually like talks about what a town is supposed to do when they receive one of these so. Nathan Trotter said yeah, I mean I know you guys haven't done one yet, but technically when you receive these there's a time limit started and that's why you guys should be talking to your lawyer about this, and we will be paying for it. You guys will be getting the loan through a federal loan and if you even read would have read the paper that I submitted, that's just showing negligence. You haven't even read the SAA it talks about it, OK. Mayor Leach said that's why I was asking some questions. So this does not answer what our immediate concerns are, because this would appear that you're asking the Town to become responsible for the process of getting you, your utilities, the roads and so on. Nathan Trotter said so you will be around. Mayor Leach said this doesn't tell us how that happens and how or where the funding comes from, or any of that, and that's a concern for us and that's a reason would be a concern for you if somebody came to you and asked you to do. Nathan Trotter asked so did I clarify that? Did I clarify that when you said who was paying for it? Or would you like me to walk over that again? You understand where the money is coming from. Mayor Leach said how do we get to the point where we ask for money and where that comes in? Nathan Trotter said you have to follow the steps of the SAA before you ever get to the point to ask for money. You have to make sure that the project is worth throwing down that kind of money so that it will come through engineering first. As far as signing up for the loan, your lawyer will help you with that. And not us directly through that is a State fund that's set up and it's a very large fund. These SAA's are going in all over Utah and it's a way for people to request their local municipality to work for them. The upgrade now you guys aren't paying for it except the change of the road. But as far as the actual cost of it is split. We are in an area of 65 different lots that are involved in this. So it will be split among all of the neighbors equally if they prefer to sell their lot, they can sell their lot, they can pay it off. And we've asked for a 30-year option because we are asking for a lot and the other thing in an SAA will if you guys need us but a property sold for \$800,000. OK, last year, so but with this, I'm not the engineer, OK? I'm not the engineer because he's going to have to, you know, decide what the values are and see how much it would go up. Michael Evenson said so let me read this to you because I think what you're asking is a little premature. Importantly, it says before any resolution or ordinance designated or can be adopted, the Town Council must 1. give proper notice of the proposed request 2. receive and consider all protests about the SAA. 3. Hold a public hearing regarding the SAA. The notice for the proposed SAA must abide by Utah Code 11-42-202. Written protests submitted to or by property owners and received by the Town Council

must abide by another Utah code, etcetera, etcetera. So I think it's a little premature to make any sort of determination at this point. Nathan Trotter said it's not. If I may correct you there. I've have done this quite a few times and only once with my lot, but I've helped a lot of people in the town. So once you accept it, then yes, you need to hold all those. And if you talk to your lawyer, he would have explained that yes, there is a set amount of time because let's say that the cost comes out ok and the neighborhood decides it's too expensive. They have a certain amount of time to redo signatures and change that around. So no, I don't think that I'm premature and totally missing. I feel that if everything you guys are premature and accepting it and starting to move forward and actually treating it like a State Code and a State Statute. Tydon Oler said I think I'd just like to add a clarification, I don't think anyone's asking you to approve the SAA today. That's not what we're doing. We're not telling you to approve what we don't know what that SAA will look like today. What we're asking today is if you would just commit to working with us Z towards exploring a SAA. There's not a defined SAA in front of any of us, right? Nor is it defined.

Mayor Leach said I can't say that I would or wouldn't vote to commit. She said I certainly would like to consider what is involved with this and we don't know all of that yet. Tydon Oler said I think that's all we are actually asking at this point because there is not a defined SAA in front of you right. We do not have costs. We do not have engineering. We do not have everything that they will go out and start. What we have right now is just our request. We're asking would you please be willing to look at that Code with us that the State provides and this opportunity for an SAA and see how we might be able to work together as owners and as a Town to try to apply those in the best way forward. Robin Smith said it's a concept that you want us to take and look at right. There's not an official SAA to even vote on right. And then I think that's, we would consider it. Tydon Oler said he thought we were getting a little off track here. That's not. We don't have a defining area, we're not at that point. We're not at the public hearing points even, because we don't have what an engineer has said and what they advise and where the utilities are coming from. We just are saying as a Town can we look at that Code together? Can we creatively, see what we need to do? Like I said, now we're talking paving, and I know a lot of people dislike paved roads. Maybe we don't even want paved under the urban wildland interface. There're ways to make that road meet the Fire Marshals requirements and not have to pave them if that's what the Town wants. And I don't think any of us want to pave that road if the entire town doesn't want, it's just an extra expense. So if there's a way forward without doing it that benefits everyone. If that's not what everyone wants, or if that's not what the Fire Marshall wants because he's ok with under the urban wildland. There are some parameters that the SAA provides and come up with a plan that might meet that. Megan Honer-Orton asked what about the rest of the people in Town now? Nathan Trotter asked "what do you mean? What do you what about them? Megan Honer-Orton said the Town people that aren't here tonight. They don't have a say. Mayor Leach said the Town residents would have the chance to speak at a public hearing. Megan Honer-Orton asked when would that be. Mayor Leach said at a public hearing scheduled later in the process. Tydon Oler said so that it is not SAA to vote on today. Michael Evenson said so what action, you're just asking for us to consider the possibility of working with you towards an SAA. Nathan Trotter said yeah. And we have talked to the entire neighborhood about it. And most of the neighborhood just wants to go to Washington County because of comments like earlier, there's been not very many building permits issued in this town, and it's very hard to go for one. So this, this is something that we've gotten together, and we've signed. It has over a voting percentage that this is something that we want. This is something that we took our time to consider, to understand as a neighborhood and bring before the Council. Michael Evenson agreed there's absolutely no question that you have the support from the lot owners. Mayor Leach said we will consider it and speak to our legal counsel and look into what the process is. I think that's fairly all we can say right at the moment. So thank you for presenting this to us, answering some questions and we will, we will look at this. OK.

5. OPEN PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 Mayor Leach asked for a motion

to open this public hearing. Michael Evenson **MOVED** to open the public hearing to consider the upcoming budget for 2025-2026 fiscal year. Robin Smith **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Mayor Leach reported we are now in public hearing for our upcoming budget for the next fiscal year. We presented the information last month to review as the preliminary budget. There were no suggestions submitted for change. It is as presented last month. Mayor Leach said I don't see any public that wants to comment on our budget." (Everyone had left in audience.) No comments were made. Clerk Cox asked the Council for permission should there ever be a surplus amount that it be designated for capital improvements and separated into a line item on the budget. Five County Association of Governments is asking for a capital improvement list for the next four to five years. This fund would go toward those projects. The Council agreed with this.

6. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:** Michael Evenson **MOVED** to adjourn the public hearing. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. #25-0611-01, TO ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026.** Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to adopt ordinance #25-0611-01 approve the budget for fiscal year 2025-2025. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ADOPTING ORDINANCE #25-0611-02 TO PROHIBIT OPEN FIRES AND THE USE OF FIREWORKS WITHIN THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE DURING THE**

REMAINDER OF 2025 UNLESS ALLOWED BY A BURN PERMIT FROM THE HURRICANE

VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT: Mayor Leach said BLM has now closed open fires on all their land to help prevent fires with the extra dry conditions. She said the Town usually follows BLM's rules and the Hurricane Valley Fire District does also. This will prohibit open fires and the use of fireworks within the Town of Rockville during the remainder of 2025 unless allowed a burn permit from Hurricane Valley District later in the year. Mayor Leach **MOVED** to adopt ordinance #25-0611-02 to prohibiting open fires and fireworks for the remainder of 2025. Michael Evenson **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE #25-0611-03 ON A RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION TO CREATE A NEW CHAPTER 13 IN THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE LAND USE CODE TO ESTABLISH A SEPTIC TANK DENSITY LIMITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY FOR ZONING DECISIONS:

Mayor Leach stated hopefully you all had an opportunity to look at that draft and the Planning Commission has reviewed this and revised after holding a Public Hearing it and is now ready for the Council to adopt. She said there were a few wording changes from the original study concern the listing in areas. She said the definitions listed in the new ordinance will also be included in Chapter 2 of the Land Use Code titled "Definitions". This will add the Density Study to the new Chapter 13. Any other Codes dealing with environmental sustainability can then be added to the new Chapter along with moving current codes involving environmental codes into this new Chapter. Michael Evenson **MOVED** to approve ordinance #25-0611-03 which was recommended by the Planning Commission to create a new Chapter 13 in the Town of Rockville Land Use Code to establish a Septic Tank Density limits and Environmental Sustainability for zoning decisions. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

- 10. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 25-0611-01, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2025 CERTIFIED TAX RATE FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE:** Mayor Leach said this tax rate is set by the County and allows it to be modified should the Town vote an increase. This is not the case so it is the set amount from the County. It does need to be approved by resolution each year. Clerk Cox said this is the same amount as last year. Mayor Leach **MOVED** to adopt and certify the tax rate as provided by the County for 2025. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

11. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE MAY 14, 2025, PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING.** Michael Evenson **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the May 14, 2025 meeting. Robin Smith **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

12. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025.** Mayor Leach asked if there were any questions. None were asked. Megan Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the expenditures for the month of May 2025. Robin Smith **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

13. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2025 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.** Mayor Leach asked there were any questions. None were asked. Mayor Leach **MOVED** to approve the financial statements for May 2025. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Administrative Non-Action Items

Reports of Mayor and Council Members

Mayor Pam Leach reported the Town had received a request to allow three (3) cremains within one burial plot. At the present time two (2) are allowed. If a plot has a burial with a casket it allows one (1) cremains to be included within that plot. The Council discussed this. Jeff Ballard asked if the amount allowed is increased please limit it to three (3) cremains as the plot is laid out in such a way to accommodate those. A list of adjacent communities had been provided. Most only allow two (2). Jeff Ballard stated some cremains have a small box with the urn in it. Megan Honer-Orton stated this would be cost saving for families. Michael Evenson stated this would also decrease the number of plots used in the current Cemetery. Mayor Leach questioned how headstones would be set. Does each cremains have a separate headstone or share one. Jeff Ballard stated that could be stipulated that a double headstone be used for more than one cremains in the plot. This allows people to locate their dead. Robin Smith said she supported the idea unless there was an environmental concern, but this would protect space. Jeff Ballard said he would like to consider this issue more. Megan Honer-Orton said she would like to make sure people that live here can be buried here. And non-residents are charged a different price. Mayor Leach stated new fees were adopted recently. Fees were reviewed and adopted by the Council there is a difference in residents versus non-resident. Robin Smith said when more burials are done there needs to be care taken to ensure not digging into a previous burial. Mayor Leach suggested more information be gathered and this considered at a later date. Any revisions should address headstones or monuments also. She also felt a different fee be included should more cremains be adopted. The Council agreed to leave this as is and gather more information before considering it.

Mayor Leach stated Peach Days is coming up in August and they are planning on having a display to represent Rockville.

Mayor Leach reported last December that when placing wreaths on veteran's graves there were 42 in the Town cemetery. Since then more veterans have been buried and so the wreaths will be increased to cover the additional veterans.

Mayor Leach reminded the Council the fourth of July was coming and she will be in the parade.

Mayor Leach informed the Council for the upcoming elections there were two(2) candidates filed for the Mayor seat Kim Arnold and herself. Four (4) candidates filed for two (2) Council seats. Jeff Ballard refilled. Skyler Davis filed, Andy Efstratis filed as did Jan Fasselin. There will not be a primary election as the right number of candidates have filed for upcoming open seats.

Michael Evenson nothing to report.

Robin Smith nothing to report as Chief Ames had covered the Fire District

Megan Honer-Orton reported the Southern Utah Air Quality Task Force Committee met, and they're going to try to get the Washington County School Board to put purple sensors in the schools and make it a kind of school project. She said a question was asked if the purple air monitoring the chemicals in the air that are being used to seed the clouds. There was not an answer for that question.

Megan Honer-Orton reported the contractors appear to be covering more loads while hauling and wetting the loads down. Mayor Leach said construction sites need to be monitored also for the dust being put into the air. She said it has proved to be a problem even near her home, with the construction next door.

Jeff Ballard stated he was helping with the cost estimates for the Capital Improvement project.

Jeff Ballard stated there has been a problem with non-approved people dumping into the dumpster designated for South Mesa and the unpaved western portion of Grafton Road users, who do not have trash pickup. The lids need to be repaired and then locks put on the dumpsters. There used to be locks

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on the dumpster, but they have been removed. No parking signs are also needed there. Clerk Cox will contact Solid Waste to see if the lids can be repaired and then locks used.

Staff Report as needed. Nothing to report.

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Minutes were prepared by.

Shelley D. Cox-Town Clerk


Pam Leach, Mayor

The foregoing notice was posted in the cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by Shelley D Cox at approximately 11:00 (AM) on 7-16-25, on the Rockville website and the Utah Public Notice website. Emailed to The Spectrum 7-16-25.

