

**Rockville Town Council
Regular Meeting
Rockville Town Hall
July 15, 2026 – 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: Andy Efstratis, Robin Smith, Megan Honer-Orton, Jeff Ballard and Mayor Pam Leach. Clerk Cox recorded the meeting.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Leach led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the agenda. Robin Smith **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Andy Efstratis: Aye
Robin Smith: Aye
Megan Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

Motion PASSED unanimously.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: Mayor Leach asked if there were any public comments. No comments were made.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS

5. **REPORT ON HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT:** Chief Tyler Ames presented the Fire District information. He said the call numbers for June, Rockville had six (6) Springdale 32, and Zion National Park had six (6). Chief Ames said Station #49 in Springdale is now staffed with 4 personnel to respond to the calls. Chief Ames said today there was a fire caused by a lightning strike on Kolob Terrace which is now controlled and being monitored. The same goes for a fire caused by a lightning strike in Silver Reef which is now controlled and being monitored. He said currently District Wildland team #473 has been dispatched to the Vernon fire near Tooele. The crew has been there for 2 weeks, which will now be extended. Another crew was dispatched to the Wild Goose Fire near Scipio. Chief Ames said the REMS team is a specialized team that provides ropes and other highly trained tactical support which is comprised of paramedics that can extract firefighters if anything happens to them. Fire Districts specifically hold on to those crews depending on the location of the fire, if it's up in canyons and terrains where they made need ropes they like to have those types of teams on site.

Megan Honer-Orton asked Chief Ames how much the Fire District relies on AI to disseminate emergency information faster. Chief Ames said the Watch Duty app is what many people use. The County just implemented a program called Genesis for residents to use. Once a resident signs up they are listed in a specific zone. He said this program can then address each zone on what may be needed in that area. He said evacuation orders include stages ready-set-go. The First stage is Ready, which allows those people that may possibly be impacted to prepare in case of evacuations. The next stage is Set, where those residents are notified, the emergency is getting closer and the final stage is Go, where evacuation is now. Mayor Leach and the Council thanked Chief Ames and his crew for the good work they provide the area with.

6. **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIRMAN REPORT-** Mayor Leach reported the Planning Commission meeting for last night had been canceled.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

7. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #26-0715-01; AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT THE ROCKVILLE BRIDGE AS OWNED BY THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE, ADDRESSING PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES ON THE ROCKVILLE BRIDGE:

Mayor Leach stated she was contacted by Jeffery Herrick regarding any regulations for climbing on the bridge. As a result, this proposed ordinance is on the agenda, and he had asked to address the Council about this matter. Jeffery Herrick approached the Council. He thanked the Council members for their willingness to serve and to be open to his comments regarding climbing on the Rockville Bridge. He said he wanted to explain why it shouldn't become criminal trespass to climb on top of the Rockville Bridge. He asked the Council what the intention behind this Ordinance is, and what is the purpose of this Ordinance. Mayor Leach explained the purpose would be climbing on the bridge is not what the bridge was meant for but was meant as a way across the river. She said it is a historic bridge and it's also a safety risk. She said not everyone climbing the bridge is as experienced as Jeffrey Herrick is. Mayor Leach said Jeffery Herrick himself had mentioned to her that the new paint job on the bridge made the metal slipperier and it's a concern. She said the Town doesn't want people to think climbing is allowed. She said from personal experience and in speaking of AI and information that goes out on the internet, when people have found out about trails or hikes in the area, or other activities, it suddenly it goes out there and everybody wants to do it. There's a concern that could happen. Jeffery Herrick asked if there was a liability concern? Mayor Leach said yes, liability is a concern. Megan Honer-Orton said because the Town owns the bridge there is a liability concern. Even if warning signs were posted there are people that would ignore them and are not safety conscious about their climbing gear and such. Then if something happens, it is potentially litigation for the Town to face. Jeffery Herrick asked if that is the actual purpose behind this proposed ordinance? Mayor Leach said no, the rule is for public safety because not everybody is smart about what they're doing. They take risks that they're not prepared for. She said one of the Council's duties is to watch out for the health, safety and welfare, and benefit of our community. Jeffery Herrick said public safety. Megan Honer-Orton said it's never been an issue before, but she understands that there's been a couple of young men that were climbing it a week or so ago. Mayor Leach said she witnessed a man climbing on the bridge and two bystanders on the deck. They didn't appear to be local people, as both cars had out-of-state license plates. Jeffery Herrick asked if those people were questioned about how they found out about the climb or what their intention was? Mayor Leach said they were not questioned. When she went across the bridge, two people were on the bridge and she rolled her window down and said hi, and asked what they were doing. They responded that they were hiking over the bridge. Mayor Leach told them it wasn't really a trail, and she would hate somebody to fall off there. She advised them she was the Mayor and asked that the climber come down. Mayor Leach said there had been someone fall off the bridge and it's not something we want to have happen again. As she was driving away, she saw the gentleman already coming down from the top of the bridge and getting off. It wasn't confrontational.

Jeffrey Herrick asked her to speak about the incident that was mentioned about the one person who leapt off the bridge? Mayor Leach said it has been a number of years ago and someone went off the bridge and died. Jeffrey Herrick asked if this was on purpose. Mayor Leach responded that it was believed so. Jeffrey Herrick said that wasn't someone recreating on top.

Mayor Leach said Jeffrey Herrick did tell her that previously some tourists coming by saw him on top of the bridge and called the police. They thought he might be a jumper. She said we don't want anybody to think that somebody's up there and might be ready to take their life. Jeffrey Herrick said he hoped nobody ever feels that way that would feel urged to do exactly that.

Jeffrey Herrick said as far as liability, he thinks there can be precedent such as the town of Twin Falls, Idaho, that allows base jumping off of the bridge into their town. He doesn't know how that's legal, but they made it legal for people to jump off while assuming no liability. He said he was not saying you should expressly say doing this is legal. That's not his suggestion here. His suggestion is to say that there's a way to eliminate town liability. He doesn't think because two people from out of state came in, that there's some skies falling rush to come climb the Rockville Bridge. This is not a TikTok fad. There's nobody out in the world that he knew of and after looking through his social media trying to find references for going over the Rockville Bridge there are none. So we're not

seeing some rush to come to Town and climb the Rockville Bridge. He thinks there can be found a precedent to state zero liability. He said if you're going to put up a sign stating it's going to be illegal to go over the Rockville Bridge, he thinks it would be just as easy to say the Town holds no liability, if you use this bridge inconsistent with its intended use. He asked if that kind of made sense. Megan Honer-Orton said it makes sense, but she doesn't agree with it. She said the Town put an awful lot of work, time, and money to get that bridge rehabbed. The Town did not intend people to climb on it.

Jeffrey Herrick said in his time here in the area there has been history of people going over the Rockville Bridge, people that he has directly spoken to. He said he first moved here in 1998 and has lived in Springdale, Rockville and now Virgin and has worked in the area in various businesses. He considers himself a local and not just someone protesting this ordinance. He thinks there's a way this issue can be addressed and not make it illegal for someone to go over the Rockville Bridge in a way that's inconsistent with driving across the flat surface of it. He said in 2001 he was asked if he wanted to go over the rainbow? Thus referring to climbing up and over the Rockville Bridge. They walked to the base of the bridge, and went over the top of the rainbow, where they sang a Willie Nelson song on the top. They watched the last of the dusk fade, and then came down, and carried on with the day. He said the people he called said they had been doing it since the middle 90s. Another person told Jeffrey Herrick they had been doing it since the late 80s. He said that there is at least 40 years of historical context of people going "over the Rainbow" on the Bridge. He asked how many of those people have had an accident? Megan Honer-Orton said she did not know of any. Jeffrey Herrick then spoke to someone else who graduated from Hurricane High School in the late 90s, and that person said that about half of their graduating class came to Rockville, had a picnic under the bridge, sitting in the river, and about half of the people that showed up climbed up the latticework to the top and sat on the Rockville bridge and continued their picnic and came back down, the vertical structures, is what she described, the ones that have a lot of the crisscross action on them. He said he really wants to emphasize that there's some historic precedence to this. And in 40 years, nobody knows of an accident that's happened. He said he really wanted to call out the risk of liability. He said when he was asked to get down by a police officer stating that it was a historic bridge and he shouldn't be up there. Jeffrey Herrick said if that's the case, then it's kind of funny that Allan Lee can drive a dump truck full of gravel across that thing. If it's a historic bridge and then how can everybody else use it for those other purposes? He said he goes back to his Twin Falls, Idaho, reference and stating the Council should not make climbing over the bridge legal per se but thinks that it should definitely not be illegal to go over the top of the bridge. He said his entire point is the Town can make it so that the Town has no liability, if you're using the Bridge inconsistent with its design feature, which is driving across the bridge. He said the Town did not install railings over the top of the Bridge. In fact, the railings that are there, may not pass OSHA standards, but he feels like there's a way to put up a sign, to release the Town of liability should someone going over the top, or using it in a way that's not consistent with its design principle.

Mayor Leach said the Bridge is designed for vehicular and foot traffic to cross the river, because they couldn't get across the river otherwise. Even if the Town were not liable, it would be very hurtful to all of us to have somebody get up there and fall and die or injure themselves. And we don't want to see that happen. If we could guarantee everybody was going to be as able as Jeffrey Herrick is, and safety conscious. Mayor Leach said she had watched him and Justin Bell while they worked at the back of her field, climbing those big old cottonwood trees and up there as high as the top of that bridge or higher. She said they showed safety all the way. She said she was still worried about them while they were up there because those things are brittle and she didn't want them falling down and it's a concern. Jeffery Herrick said he didn't think the Town would see a lot of people that are interested in doing that or don't have an adventurous mindset. He said just to reference this again, you see people like Alex Donald on Netflix and Dean Potter on Netflix and these people that were doing BASE jumping, and Alex Donald was paid by Netflix to free solo a building. He said he searched social media and there's not one example of anybody going over the top of the Rockville Bridge and advocating it. Mayor Leach said she also searched for this issue in other places around the canyon. She said she did not find any references for the Rockville Bridge either.

Mayor Leach asked if anybody else had any questions for Jeffrey Herrick? Jeff Ballard said he would hate to see anybody get hurt on the Bridge. He said he has lived here his entire life and didn't know of anyone that had accidentally fallen off the Bridge. But it only takes one to change everything. Jeff Ballard said he understands where Jeffrey Herrick was coming from and what he said makes sense. Jeffrey Herrick said he thinks making legislation making this illegal is excessive. The phrase he really wanted to emphasize is it's excessive to make it a criminal trespass. He said in a weird way, he just needed to say this to make sure you're hearing him. This activity is like meditation. He said when he is working with Justin in a tree, he is worried about working efficiently and safely, and when he gets off work, he is worried about his internet bill or his cell phone bill or whatever. He said when he is climbing the Rockville Bridge, he is in the moment. He is meditating on it, and really kind of reveling in the beauty of this area. He said it's a perspective you cannot get in very many places. He said the top of Rockville Bridge is a really special place, and he feels there are other people that would feel a tremendous loss in not being able to do this by making it criminally trespass. He said again, he would suggest that the Town just make it so that there's no liability and not make it illegal, that way when the police show up, he would not be getting a trespass ticket to climb over the Bridge, please. Jeff Ballard asked if Jeffrey Herrick was cited for trespassing when the police were called and he was on top of the Bridge previously? Jeffrey Herrick said he didn't and he didn't think there was any legal way for them to ticket him as this was not yet addressed. When the police were called, last time he was up on the Bridge, the words they used were, we're asking you to stay off the bridge. He said he asked the officer why. He said the officer replied because it's a historic bridge. He then asked the officer, does that make it against the rules? The officer then replied he was not going to get into that with him. Jeffrey Herrick said this is the police playing nice guy, trying to get me to do something. He said he thinks that is why this ordinance is being considered to make a rule to give the police the reason to make it a criminal trespass. He said he really feels like as long as people are doing this, and as long as this Town has existed, and as long as this Town has bucked the tourist trend of Springdale and maintained its agricultural roots of pioneering philosophy in this area, there's no reason to make it illegal to do such a thing. Megan Honer-Orton asked Mr. Herrick how many injuries it would take before he changed his mind and supported the proposed ordinance, making it illegal to climb the Bridge? Jeffrey Herrick said he didn't know if there was a number. He said he didn't think this activity was going to become popular. He said he didn't think there is a bunch of people coming to Rockville to climb the Bridge. If one person was doing it for a week or two people were doing it for a week or five. Megan Honer-Orton said just down the road Red Bull Rampage is held, where people are just clamoring to go do that stuff. Jeffrey Herrick said he lives in Virgin where the Red Bull event is held and has worked in Springdale for 27 years now. He does not see that happening when Red Bull is here. He said they may jump off the old sheep trail or go down Grafton Mesa 20 times a day, but not one of them going over the Rockville Bridge. He said Rockville Bridge is a really important place for him.

Mayor Leach thanked Jeffrey Herrick for his comments. She then read the proposed ordinance and asked the Council to discuss it. Robin Smith stated she appreciated Jeffrey's comments and knowing more about the history of how often it's been climbed over the years. She said it's also interesting about the Twin Falls Bridge in Idaho. She said she wondered if in terms of the penalties attached to saying it's prohibited, is that something else that can be done, or do we have to attach penalties to it? Mayor Leach said the Town would not have to attach penalties. The only thing, and as Jeffrey said, was when the police came, they didn't have a way to handle this except to ask people to please come down. Mayor Leach said that is the same as when she encountered a climber who was on the top of the Bridge there are no legal teeth for saying, come down now, or we will arrest you. This ordinance is the only thing that would give the police actual legal ability to take action. Mayor Leach said in speaking with the Police Chief the officer would still have the ability to make determination whether the action would require an actual citation or just a warning. Megan Honer-Orton said she still feels it's just not consistent with the purpose of the bridge or the history of the bridge and is not what she had in mind. Andy Efstratis asked what is meant when the Mayor spoke about throwing stuff off the bridge? Mayor Leach said she had seen people throw things off the bridge into the river. She said you never know who's down there. In the summertime, people are down under the bridge and along river picnicking, sitting in the water, cooling off. And that's why on any bridge or cliff, you don't want people throwing anything off a bridge that might hit somebody down below and that's why in reviewing the verbiage this is included.

Jeff Ballard said he understands where Jeffrey Herrick is coming from and although this does not have to be adopted tonight these other concerns could definitely happen. He said he worries about somebody doing the wrong thing. He said more and more people are coming through all the time already. He said the thing with history is that local kids from this area and Hurricane may be doing this, but our Town has changed quite a bit over the last 10 years in terms of the tourists, especially the amount crossing the bridge to go out to events, wedding venues and all the other many things going on. We have so many people that don't appreciate the history of the bridge or the area. Jeff Ballard said he understands the concern with the penalty portion and the criminal aspect of it, but it somehow needs addressed. Mayor Leach said there is the option of looking into this further if we think that there is a need. But we need to agree that it needs looking into something less onerous than what this is. Andy Efstratis asked if a permit would be possible to permit people out, or would that be too contradictory? He asked if it had to be all or nothing. The Council agreed that it would be hard to get the information of a required permit out to the public and the limited time the Office is open. They also discussed how a climber would be reviewed for the permit, if it was by experience to be permitted and could open up the liability issue, even by allowing somebody a permit to climb the Bridge. Mayor Leach said she did not feel that Jeffrey Herrick was looking to apply for a permit ahead of time. He would like to go after work or sometime when he needs to meditate and enjoy it. Jeffrey Herrick said he didn't feel a permit is what the Town wants either. Jeffrey Herrick said to reiterate the point he feels like there's a way for the Town to limit liability for the Bridge and address public safety. He said he has climbed the Bridge twice this year and noted two other people climbing it. So there have been four people climb the Bridge this year that we know of, right? That's less than once a month somebody does it. He said those two people that were here, that were not from the area, will not have any influence from them later on regarding the Rockville Bridge. He went on saying nobody's being influenced to go over the Rockville Bridge by him. The only people that he has ever met there, with the exception of the people in 2001, he feels like this is addressing the issue like this is a sudden fire sale feeling to protect the Town and the public safety that isn't necessary to make it criminal. He would like to post it without drawing attention to it and still limiting the Town liability. He said the Town will not see 100 people a year doing this. Mayor Leach said unfortunately the law shows if it's not posted and somebody does it, then the Town is open to liability. Jeffrey Herrick agreed that society is so litigious. He said people using the bridge in a manner inconsistent with its design, we can all agree the design of this bridge is to give people to cross the flat part of the bridge from one side of the river to the other. He continued people having an accident, the Town of Rockville is not liable for that. And again, he didn't think the Town would see 100 people doing this. He said this is not necessary and seems obsessive to make it illegal for the few people that might do it yearly. He said he is talking about himself. He said he may do it seven times a year which is less than every other month. Megan Honer-Orton asked if Jeffrey Herrick knew in the next two years, the St. George to Zion Trail will be completed right through Rockville. This trail will bring an awful lot of people there because there's nowhere else for them to go. She said you can't go over it, can't go under it, can't go south of it and can't go north of it. All the people will be coming right down the Rockville Road. And that's going to exponentially increase the number of people who find out about climbing the bridge and decide to do it.

(Heidi Gledhill made some comments but she was not at the microphone, and the comments could not be transcribed) The following are her comments once she came to the microphone.

Heidi Gledhill said this town is very important to her. She has worked in the canyon since she was 14, and she grew up in Virgin. She is not interested in seeing Rockville be inundated or overrun by development or activities that the Council doesn't feel they can support or feel a lot of liability. She continued just going out of Town Jeff and Maureen bought a beautiful home and were living in a rock fall zone and were killed at home. Leon and Warda were driving down the road and were killed. Neither accident was the fault of the Town. She said she agrees with Jeffrey Herrick that the Council is capable of finding a way of limiting the town's liability and still find a way, maybe even talking with the police department because she thinks they would be interested in and would have the information potentially to know how they could enforce someone climbing on the bridge that shouldn't be there or you didn't feel comfortable being up there without giving them a class B misdemeanor. She said she thinks that in the long run, it's going to be our community that is being penalized. She doesn't want to see the community suffer

for something that is used so seldom. She said if it's an increasing problem in a way that maybe a decision is not made tonight but decide on the language to prevent liability. She said if we haven't seen a death on that bridge that wasn't voluntary, she thinks since it was installed in 1924, it has been used for the last 102 years, maybe language could be found in the next few months to address the actual problem.

Scott Williams then approached the Council in support of Jeffery Herrick. He said although he has never gone over the rainbow, (the term used for climbing to the top of the bridge). Whenever there is use there is possible liability. The proposed ordinance does not specify things that could be viewed differently. If somebody rides their horse over there, he expects them to get a ticket because it wasn't written in the ordinance, it states bikes, cars, and automobiles. It's kind of that window like what's happening here. He said if the Council does go in that direction, and you do want to keep people off, he supports a monthly inspection by Jeffrey Herrick of the top of the bridge to make sure it is in due process of quality. He said he also supports what Heidi Gledhill said to maybe exploring the language a little bit more and bringing that back to the table.

Megan Honer-Orton asked if there is a citation different than a Class B misdemeanor that could be issued? Mayor Leach said the Police cannot cite currently as they have nothing adopted to cite against. She said this could all be reviewed but as she understands it, in order for them to do anything more than ask a climber to please come down there must be something adopted. Clerk Cox said the Springdale Police were the ones consulted that helped draft this proposed ordinance.

Robin Smith said she came tonight thinking in the direction of adopting the proposed ordinance, but honestly, she appreciated the people showing up and talking about their concerns. That's what a public forum is about. She said her thoughts at this point is it's not an urgent issue that needs to be decided right here and now and maybe we take into consideration their comments, their feedback, and see, maybe with discussions again with the police, maybe with the town attorney, looking at some of the other language that could be used. Mayor Leach said she felt those present have indicated that they didn't want to it be a Class B misdemeanor but somehow find a way to dissuade people from climbing it. Mayor Leach said this could be reviewed and revisited in the August meeting. She said to dissuade people from using the bridge it would mean putting up specific signs near the bridge.

Jeffrey Herrick said he did not have enough time to actually put together a real presentation regarding his concerns but had been in communication with an attorney for a major corporation that had a lot of oil moving structures across the State of Utah. He said he just received a call back today stating the attorney may have a little bit of the language to address the liability. Jeffrey Herrick said he would be happy to reach out to the attorney he had spoken with to get more detailed information on how, or maybe some suggestions on how the town could word this that would eliminate liability. He said he didn't have time since he just found out about this proposed ordinance last Wednesday and was limited on time. He said if it comes to pass that this is tabled tonight, he would be happy to reach out to that attorney and see if he can get any kind of basic language that might help the Town Attorney and the Town feel safe about things. Mayor Leach said she certainly thinks from listening to your comments and your concerns that it's worth taking the time to review possible language.

Megan Honer-Orton **MOVED** to continue this proposed ordinance until the August 12, 2026, Town Council meeting to allow further review. Robin Smith **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Andy Efstratis: Aye
Robin Smith-Aye
Megan Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

Motion PASSED unanimously.

8. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 10, 2026, PUBLIC HEARING & REGULAR MEETING.** Mayor Leach asked if there were any comments or corrections on the minutes. There were none. Megan Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the June 10th, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular Town Council Meeting. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Andy Efstratis: Aye
Robin Smith-Aye
Megan Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

Motion PASSED unanimously.

9. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2026.** Mayor Leach asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding the expenditures for the month of June 2026. There were none.

Megan Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the June 2026 Expenditures. Robin Smith **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Andy Efstratis: Aye
Robin Smith-Aye
Megan Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

Motion PASSED unanimously.

10. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.** Mayor Leach thanked Clerk Cox for providing the information on the June 2026 financial statements. Clerk Cox explained when the auditor reviewed the books, he asked that the B & C Road Funds, which are restricted accounts, be put into their own account at the State Treasurers Pool where the other restricted funds are. This has now been done and will now be a separate account at the State. Mayor Leach asked if there were any questions. None were asked.

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the June 2026 financial statement. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Andy Efstratis: Aye
Robin Smith-Aye
Megan Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

Motion PASSED unanimously.

Administrative Non-Action Items

Reports of Mayor and Council Members

Jeff Ballard reported with Clerk Cox's help the Town was able to pick up a nice little dump truck, which was delivered today. He invited the Council to look at the truck on their way home, which is in the back parking lot. He said it is a 2017 Ford F-350, Dump truck that was purchased from the ADOT in Arizona for \$11,600.00 and appears to be a really good deal. He said he has gone over it a little bit today, and there are a few things the truck needs, but it's pretty good shape. The body's in really good shape. It's got a really good hoist on it. And should be a good addition for the Town. It will be parked in the new Maintenance Building so we can keep it out of the weather when we're not using it.

Jeff Ballard reported that bids were received to place a drainpipe for the road near the cemetery pull off and it would drop off into the wash at the East end of Town. This would handle the runoff water to prevent it from running across the road and filling up the ditch and flooding into Tony Ballards property and other in that area. The bid for four-inch drain line was about \$38,000 and about \$40,000 for a six-inch line. The bid included boring underground from a drain collection box on the upper end taking it to the wash. The boring would be done without cutting the road. Clerk Cox said in a previous conversation UDOT stated they may be willing to help with the funding. Jeff Ballard said he is hoping this all comes together. He said hopefully the six-inch line would be big enough to handle the runoff water.

Andy Efstratis reported there were no updates regarding mosquitoes, as the meeting is tomorrow. Andy Efstratis reported that Solid Waste had four drivers quit last week. Although this contract is with Republic Services they could not service all the homes in Hurricane and Washington. They reported they are doing their best. Additional people were brought in from out of state to help with pick-ups but found the public is really impatient with Solid Waste pickup when things happen. They are working with Republic Service to solve that problem as it's not the first time, they haven't been able to pick up everybody's trash at the appointed time. Andy Efstratis reported another issue has been complaints regarding fires and smoke near the County dump location. The last fire was not from the dump but was next door. He said Solid Waste is having a problem with a lot of people throwing away lithium batteries which are causing fires at the dump. He said the lithium batteries need to be disposed of separately from household trash. Andy Efstratis will provide additional information to send to the residents in Rockville regarding this problem. He said there is a state waste disposal day in October at the landfill, and you can take those batteries there at that time. Robin Smith said there is a recycling place in Springdale at the Town Office for lithium batteries.

Robin Smith reported that the Hurricane Valley Fire Service District has held two public meetings. The last meeting, which was last Thursday night, the Board approved establishing a local building authority. She said they also approved a \$22 million bond for 26-years through Zions Bank. This funding will build five new fire stations in the District, which will include combination fire station administrative building by Sand Hollow and a small station on Kolob, which will be shared with the sheriff's office as well as Rocky Mountain Power. Which will all have use of the facility to try to provide someone up there seasonally. This funding will also include a fire station in Toquerville, in Leeds and another station in Virgin. Robin Smith said she had an email sent out yesterday offering to provide transportation for up to 10 cats to Best Friends on July 25th if anyone has cats that need to be spayed or neutered for free, they could contact her. Kittens have to be two pounds or bigger. She will provide all the transport leaving Rockville by 6 am and back by 6 pm. This time it is only for cats. Mayor Leach thanked Robin Smith for her service to the animals in the area.

Megan Honer-Orton reported that the Southern Utah Air Quality Task Force has not been communicating about meetings. The meeting this month was cancelled. They have changed the monthly meeting day and time and she will need to get in touch with them and follow up.

Mayor Pam Leach thanked Clerk Cox for looking for and finding a newer dump truck for the Town in a municipal sale. After talking with Jeff Ballard and discussing a price, she was responsible for making bids for us and securing it.

Mayor Leach said Robin Smith brought up the cats spay and neuter being offered by BAM (Because Animals Matter) and she put a word of support for BAM. She said there is a fundraising event on August 14th at the Bit

and Spur for this cause. It is \$50 to attend where there will be dinner, a silent auction, live auction, music, dancing, and it's a fun evening. She has attended for the last couple of years and it's a great event for a good purpose.

Mayor Leach said Rockville Daze is set for Saturday, October 10th, 2026, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. She said notices will be sent out and invited everyone to attend. She said she just found out today there will also be a Zion Canyon Art Festival in Springdale, on the same date. She is trying to find out whether the Art Festival is an all-day long event so that we can have two events going on and allow everybody to enjoy them.

STAFF REPORT AS NEEDED. Nothing to report.

Mayor Leach thanked everybody for coming and said we appreciate seeing faces and hearing the public commenting on issues.

Jeff Ballard **Moved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Robin Smith **Seconded** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

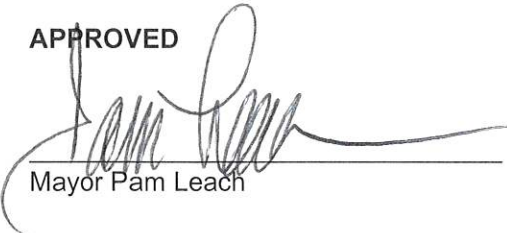
Andy Efstratis: Aye
Robin Smith-Aye
Megan Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye
Jeff Ballard: Aye

Motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Adjournment

Minutes prepared by
Shelley D. Cox
Town Clerk

APPROVED


Mayor Pam Leach

ATTEST:


Town Clerk Shelley D. Cox

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