

Rockville Town Council  
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting  
December 12, 2018  
Rockville Town Hall

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL** – Mayor Pam Leach called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members of the Rockville Town Council were present: Terry Bell, Barry Sochat, M. Honer-Orton, and Jeff Ballard. Town Clerk, Vicki S. Bell, recorded the meeting.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Pam Leach led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the agenda. Barry Sochat **SECONDED** the motion.

**VOTE on motion:**

Terry Bell – Aye  
Barry Sochat – Aye  
M. Honer-Orton – Aye  
Pam Leach – Aye  
Jeff Ballard – Aye

**The motion passed unanimously.**

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH AN AGENDA ITEM** – There were no conflicts declared.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Town Clerk Vicki Bell read into the record a letter from Dan McGuire regarding the animal situation at the Parkinson's property. The letter will be attached to the minutes. Mayor Leach and Town Clerk Bell looked at the Land Use Code that the only ordinance that could possibly be applied is nuisance and abatement. Mayor Leach asked Town Clerk Bell to contact the Springdale Police Chief for direction. Deputy Hansen being aware of the situation stated that they could cite the violators on the nuisance code. Since we do not have an animal ordinance restricting the number of animals, we would either need to adopt Washington County's or create an ordinance for Rockville. He recommended using language that states no property would be grandfathered; and to give everyone a specific amount of time to come into compliance. A new animal control ordinance, taking into consideration both Washington County and the Town of Springdale's Animal Control Code is currently in process with the intent of placing it before the Town Council for approval at the first of the year. Megan asked if the Washington County Health Department would take action because of the unsanitary condition. Concern was expressed for the welfare of the animals.

**Discussion/Information/Non-Action Items**

1. **REPORT FROM THE ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT / HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT BY CHIEF GILDEA** – Kevin Gildea with Hurricane Valley Fire District reported the new fire engine has arrived and they are continuing to mount equipment and tools on it. There are a few deficiencies they continue to work with the dealer on but they hope the engine will be in service in Springdale in January. Justin Mabey has installed a water supply which is 95% in and the water is in the tanks. They are waiting for some parts to finish the connections. He is getting calls about the double vacation rental, asking him about fire clearance. He just

inspected one of the hotels in Springdale and was told they were averaging 10% occupancy this time of year. From October 10 through November 14 there were a total of 20 calls in the district. In Rockville, there was one refusal, one transport and one fire call. In Springdale, 8 refusals, 3 transports, 4 fire calls and 3 cancelled prior to arrival calls. The Park did not request any assistance during that period. Megan asked about the response time to Cable Mountain Lodge when their sprinklers went off. Mr. Gildea will look into the situation and report back with what he finds.

2. **REPORT ON POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF ASPHALT TAILINGS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE** – Mayor Leach reported that Clerk Bell called after the last meeting to let Brown Brothers know we wanted to purchase the 6,000 tons. He did not return the call, so she called the next day and was informed someone else had offered to purchase the millings and they have decided to go with that person instead of us. There were over 10,000 tons and they were not willing to sell us the original 6,000. Megan asked and Mayor Leach responded we were told by Brown Brothers it was Tydon Oler. We have since heard about a possible glamping development on Dalton Wash Road and their website says they have obtained 6,000 tons of road millings they will use to improve their road.

#### Action items

1. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE 2018-19 FISCAL BUDGET –**

Barry Sochat **MOVED** to open the public hearing for public comment. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

#### VOTE on motion:

Terry Bell – Aye  
Barry Sochat – Aye  
M. Honer-Orton – Aye  
Pam Leach – Aye  
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

2. Hearing no public comment, Barry Sochat **MOVED** to close the public hearing. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED**.

#### VOTE on motion:

Terry Bell – Aye  
Barry Sochat – Aye  
M. Honer-Orton – Aye  
Pam Leach – Aye  
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION, NO. 18-1212-01, TO AMEND THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2019** – Clerk Bell reported that there was a sizable change, and felt it needed to be dealt with in a timely manner. One change is we did not receive a grant to move the culinary water line, so that was a deficit of \$60,000. Mayor Leach reported that SITLA would not recognize the Council of Governments as a legal entity, so COG had to wire the funds to the Town of Rockville

and then Rockville had to wire the funds for closing of the parcel in the new corridor. Clerk Bell reported that the amount was \$118,000 that went into our budget. Clerk Bell reported our real estate tax revenue is up slightly and we have received some delinquent tax revenue that was amended. The transient room tax income is higher than expected. We had not anticipated renting the mobile home on Bridge Road, so that income was added to the budget. Overall, the revenues increased by \$74,764. To balance, expenditures were increased such as attorney's fees and money was put aside for a new computer in the Town Office with the balance carrying over to next year.

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to accept Resolution No. 18-1212-01; Barry Sochat **SECONDED**.

**VOTE on motion:**

Terry Bell – Aye  
Barry Sochat – Aye  
M. Honer-Orton – Aye  
Pam Leach – Aye  
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 18-1212-02, TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A ROCKVILLE TOWN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD FOR THE REMAINDER OF A TERM** – Mayor Leach reported Dave Firmage has submitted an impressive letter indicating his willingness to serve on the RSFPD board. Dave stated that he served as a collateral duty wildland fire fighter for Zion National Park. He serves on their structural fire brigade. His educational background is fire ecology. Serving on the Park's structural fire brigade, he stated they do have a mutual assist agreement with the Town. In case anyone feels that would be a conflict of interest, Dave wanted it to be clear he does not make any decisions for the park. Megan asked if he had been on a fire district board before and he reported he had not. Mayor Leach suggested Bob Ford and Dan McGuire would be good resources to bring him up to speed.

Barry Sochat **MOVED** to accept a Resolution to appoint Dave Firmage to be our representative on the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection District; Jeff Ballard **SECONDED**.

**VOTE on motion:**

Terry Bell – Aye  
Barry Sochat – Aye  
M. Honer-Orton – Aye  
Pam Leach – Aye  
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

Barry Sochat asked Dave's opinion about the acquisition of a Brush Truck. Dave responded it would be very valuable, assuming you have a knowledgeable operator, otherwise you can kill a pump quickly. It would be handy to have it available for pile burns and leaf burns; you can also clean gutters with it. Cody Cole is also a structural firefighter.

5. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON UPDATING THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS LIST FOR FIVE COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS** – In reviewing the list for 2018 the following suggestions were made:

- Remove the relocation of the culinary water pipe because the CIB will not fund projects that the municipality does not own.
- Repair of the sidewalks will be moved from the five year to the one year plan.
- Remove the cemetery improvements from the five year list. Clerk Bell will look into a state grant for cemetery repairs and mapping.
- Clerk Bell suggested the Town Council consider adding to the five year plan the paving of Grafton Road from where the asphalt ends to the cattle guard. Jeff reported that it cost us \$75,000 to pave Grafton Road from the Vesco's to where pavement ends now, and that was a long time ago, so it would probably cost double today.
- It was agreed to move the river access improvement to the one year plan.
- It was agreed to move Storm Water Improvements to the one year plan.
- The Council discussed the shuttle bus, park and ride, and a solar array on the town buildings. Jeff warned they are a lot of maintenance and the batteries are very expensive for an off-grid system.
- Council then discussed the irrigation ditch improvement on the south side of SR9, on the west side of town. We paid \$92,000 to do the degraded areas of the ditch on the north side of SR9. Jeff will ask Chance what it may cost per square foot.
- Barry suggested removing the lighted speed sign on Grafton Road from the list. Council discussed getting some additional signage and replacing some signs.
- Council again took up the topic of the solar arrays. Barry suggested putting the solar array over our parking area, making it covered parking behind the community center. Mayor Leach does not want to block the view of the park. Jeff inquired how much the owner wanted for the lot behind the Town Park. Terry responded last he heard they wanted about \$175,000. Megan objected that the property is not buildable. It doesn't have water. Mayor Leach suggested the panels could be placed on poles and located at the back of the park, along the fence line. Council decided to postpone investigating solar panels for another year.
- Jeff Ballard suggested we find a place to shelter the town's equipment. He talked to Dave Brooks about going in with the Pipeline Company and making it big enough for their equipment too. We have a truck, an excavator, and may be getting a Brush Truck. Council decided to put a garage structure on the one year plan.
- The concrete bridges at intersections is something we should consider putting on the five year plan. The Council discussed changing the sidewalk request to include the concrete bridges. They decided to change it to \$8,000 from \$3,000, added to our \$5,000 would be \$13,000 for concrete repairs.
- Robin Smith is applying for a \$4,000 grant to prune trees.

6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON POSSIBLE ACQUISITION OF BRUSH TRUCK FROM THE ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** – Barry Sochat reported that at the November 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the RSFPD it was mentioned they could possibly donate a brush truck to Rockville. Barry inspected the trucks felt they were in

great shape, with good tires. Mayor Leach asked about insurance. Jeff Ballard warned they have to be kept indoors and they require a lot of maintenance. Mayor Leach suggested this is not a good time for us to take on this expense. Jeff said the small one would be good to have. No decision or action was taken.

7. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 14, 2018 TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING** – M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the meeting minutes; Jeff Ballard **SECONDED**.

**VOTE on motion:**

Terry Bell – Aye  
Barry Sochat – Aye  
M. Honer-Orton – Aye  
Pam Leach – Aye  
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

8. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2018** - M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the expenditures; Jeff Ballard **SECONDED**.

**VOTE on motion:**

Terry Bell – Aye  
Barry Sochat – Aye  
M. Honer-Orton – Aye  
Pam Leach – Aye  
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

**Administrative Non-Action Items**

1. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS REPORTS** – Terry Bell reported Republic, who does the garbage, is buying out Dixie Waste, who does the BluCans. This should happen within the next 10 days. There is a green company that wants to come in at no cost to the County and operate the landfill. Mayor Leach reported Commissioner Iverson recently suggested the Washington County Solid Waste board is too large and smaller communities should lose their voting representation. Mayor Pike agreed that the board is too large; because of their size, St. George has six representatives on the board. Terry Bell reported most of the meetings only last a half an hour, so he did not see the problem.

Barry Sochat reported from the mosquito board that they ordered a 55 gallon drum for \$10,000 of a very toxic chemical. They only used 9 gallons last year and reported better coverage. There was no West Nile Virus found last year.

M. Honer-Orton reported that due to the change to Hurricane Valley Fire District, we will need to review Rockville addresses. Megan gave a brief history of the 911 project that was not implemented several years ago. The purpose was to assign GPS coordinates to all addresses to enable fire and ambulance services a way to locate residents. This project was never completed. Megan suggested that the project be completed now but to make it voluntary so residents could do it on their own time schedule. Mayor Leach stated that everything can already be located using a GPS device and asked if this was being requested by the Hurricane Valley Fire District; Megan responded no. Mayor Leach suggested that we contact Hurricane Valley to find out what system they are

using and if they are, in fact, having problems in finding people. It is important that everyone have their house number visible where it can be seen. **Megan** stated that if it is not necessary to change residents' addresses it will make it much simpler. **Jeff Ballard** suggested that it might be helpful if the Hurricane Valley Fire District actually got out and familiarize themselves with the addresses particularly those on the south side of the river.

**Megan** addressed the idea of creating a "welcome committee" that would greet new residents and extend invitations to join the community events. This may help to get more participation in our community events.

**Jeff Ballard** reported that Todd Abbott of UDOT has been replaced by Josh. Jeff did talk with Josh about the possible water leak on SR-9 and Dennett Lane and the slump in the road.

**Mayor Leach** reported on the December meeting of the Mayors Association luncheon that was held at Intermountain Hospital and that the hospital facilities and services have improved dramatically.

**Mayor Leach** reported that the work on the bridge is coming along. The south side of the bridge has now been painted with the correct color paint. If you look closely, you can see a definite line in the middle of the bridge where the paint color changes. They will be repainting the north side of the bridge. They have four or five sections of the bridges decking removed. **Terry Bell** stated that it is Wadsworth's goal to get two sections of decking and stringers removed per day. **Mayor Leach** reported that there will be an onsite meeting with UDOT, Gateway, Lochner and Wadsworth Bros. on Thursday. They have begun digging on the north end of the bridge in preparation for lifting the bridge to put in the new bearings. They have "lost" some time due to the paint application taking longer than expected. Extra days were authorized for completion, but will not add to the cost. The paint supply company gave Gateway the wrong color and they will take care of it at no additional charge. They were very good about it and they had no hesitation in correcting the error. **Barry Sochat** suggested that the weight-bearing beams be painted in advance on the rental property; then touch them up after they have been installed. **Mayor Leach** will ask at tomorrow's meeting if that would be a possibility.

**Mayor Leach** reported on Rockville's Light Parade entry. The float was fully packed and helped to keep everyone warm. **Clerk Bell** reported that Lisa and Lizette won the \$400 first place award. Plans are underway for next year. **Mayor Leach** thanked all of those that participated and helped with decorating the float.

**Mayor Leach** reported that the Christmas Party was very well attended. The musical performance by the Desert Strings was terrific. We did miss having Bob Cox there to help lead the Christmas carols. **Mayor Leach**, again, thanked everyone who attended and helped with the decorations. She also thanked Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus for attending.

**Mayor Leach** stated that she had sent each of the council members a copy of Springdale's letter regarding the RSFPD that was sent to Springdale property owners. We were all taken by surprise by the County Commissioners wanting to move up changing the boundaries of the fire district when everyone was under the impression we had until the end of next year before any changes would be made. The Commissioners stated the reason for this is that everyone in the district would be paying the same rate for fire service. Springdale will not be continuing their TRT contract contribution to Hurricane Valley after next year as no other municipality pays a portion of their TRT revenues to fund the fire district. We have been told that the snow ski industry will be

fighting any State measures to have TRT funds earmarked to help fund fire districts. **Jeff Ballard** remarked that would be a good way to provide funding as it is all the visitors that impact the fire district. **Mayor Leach** stated that if Springdale does pull the TRT funding then the tax rate for all of us will likely go up. It is clear from Springdale's letter that they do not want to take over the fire district; Rockville obviously cannot. Efforts must now be made to go to the State to get some help with funding for fire services to ensure proper coverage. **Barry Sochat** reported that at the last RSFPD meeting it was mentioned that they might increase the fleet to two ambulances and 4 emergency staff during the high visitation season. **Jeff Ballard** remarked that once we are placed under Hurricane Valley Fire District, we are under their control no matter what happens and we will be subject to their whims. **Megan Honer-Orton** commented that we should have some representation on that board. **Jeff Ballard** responded that there may be one person. **Mayor Leach** reported that Mayor Peterson of Leeds has offered to come up and talk with us. He serves as the Chairman of the Hurricane Valley Fire District and is willing to share the struggles that Leeds went through when they lost their fire district and having to come in under Hurricane Valley. **Terry Bell** commented that he would be interested in hearing how it affected the people, as far as their taxes and if they are happy with the coverage they are receiving. **Mayor Leach** asked if we should be putting out an information letter to our residents about what is going on.

2. **STAFF REPORT AS NEEDED** – Clerk Bell reported that an email was received from Robert Dowell, of UDOT regarding two questions – a crosswalk for the school bus stop and painting “no parking” stripes on SR-9. Mr. Dowell responded that the crosswalk for the bus stop does not meet the criteria for a crosswalk. He recommended that students remain on their respective side of the highway until the bus stops and turns its lights on. After the traffic stops, the children can then cross to the bus. His response to the second question was that we could either place signs or paint striping at corners to identify no parking areas.

Clerk Bell asked for direction in determining how many intersections should be included before we take this to bid. There are approximately 14 intersections. After discussion, it was determined to only have Bridge Road as it is the major thoroughfare striped at this time.

**Mayor Leach** asked about having asked for a crosswalk; but what about marking “no parking” on either side of the bus stop bench. **Clerk Bell** asked if the school bus bench was marked as such. **Mayor Leach** remarked that a sign could be installed. **Clerk Bell** will follow up with UDOT to see if they would approve “no parking” stripes at the bus stop.

**Clerk Bell** reported that the handicapped swing should possibly be replaced with the old swing as neighborhood children are abusing the handicapped swing. **Jeff Ballard** remarked that the family still does visit the park with their handicapped child. **Mayor Leach** reported about having to reprimand a child for having thrown rocks into the parking area. Mayor Leach suggested writing a letter to the parents to say that the children are welcome to play in the Park, but they have to respect the Town equipment, etc.

## ADJOURNMENT

Barry Sochat **MOVED** to adjourn. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

**VOTE on motion:**

**Terry Bell – Aye**

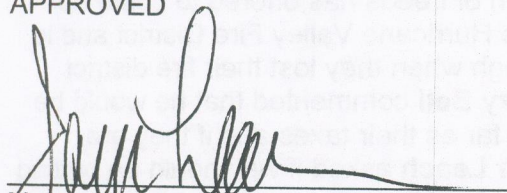
**Barry Sochat – Aye**  
**M. Honer-Orton – Aye**  
**Pam Leach – Aye**  
**Jeff Ballard – Aye**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:  
Joyce Hartless  
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED

  
Mayor Pam Leach

The foregoing minutes were posted in the cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by

Wick S. Beel at approximately 12:30 AM ~~PM~~ on 10 January 2019  
And on the Rockville website.

Wick S Beel

