

**Rockville Town Council
Regular Meeting
September 11, 2019
Rockville Community Center, Town Hall**

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND 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 Leach led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the agenda for September 11, 2019. Barry Sochat **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – No public comments were given.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. **REPORT ON ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – Deputy Chief Kevin Gildea** – There have been a few meetings with our expanded fire board. Mr. McGuire has been attending those and giving some good input. We've talked about our initial budget, just a discussion, nothing was proposed yet, but that will be in the next meeting, and we'll do the final budget after that. We had two calls in Rockville in August. One medical that was transported and one fire call. We had 16 calls in Springdale, and 3 in the Park. Five transports from Springdale, 1 from the Rockville, none from the Park. We currently have one paramedic ambulance in Beaver County on a wildland fire. We had one-line paramedic at a fire in Iron County and we have a type 4 engine out, and they will be the full two weeks. They've been out a week and they'll be out one more week. We did score another chassis for our type 4. We found a 2015 chassis that only had 540 miles on it. It was used as a demonstrator unit. And we got that for about \$50,000 cheaper than new. It was available immediately. We hope to get the body on that over the winter and have it ready for next year. That seems to be the unit that gets the most calls from BLM or Forest Service to go out is that type 4 engine.

Dan McGuire reported the Hurricane Fire Department is a well-run organization. The Chief and the rest of the people are always professional. They always have their act together. They know what they're talking about. They respond to the communities, as you have heard, they respond in so many ways. At the last meeting we discussed the budget and the fire department is in good shape and will probably come in below budget. Dan asked about the vacation rental requirement from the district that was mailed to the Town and he asked what's happened with that. This is something that should be included with an application for a vacation rental. Dan asked how many vacation rentals have applied. Mayor Leach said Rockville only has two legal vacation rentals. Dan said the Town did not need to adopt an ordinance, but just attach the Fire District's requirements to the vacation rental application. Dan said homes built prior to the year 2000 may need extensive remodeling before they can become vacation rentals. If you house more than 10 people, you must have a sprinkler system.

Deputy Chief Kevin Gildea reported they received a \$335,000 grant to replace all breathing apparatus to meet current standards. Colorado City and Hildale received the same grant, so we will have matching equipment, so we can interchange equipment on major events. The grant will buy 52 units with a mask for every person and a spare bottle for every pack and some of them will have infrared cameras in the mask, so it will be quite the upgrade. The grant came from the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

Dan McGuire reported the Fire District will be applying to the County for Transient Room Tax (TRT Funds). Springdale used to contribute to the Rockville/Springdale Fire Department (RSFPD) from their TRT Funds. Springdale used to contribute \$150,000 annually, but that has stopped. The County's TRT Income was only be used for advertising, but a new State law allows them to route some to public safety, which is what they are intending to do.

2. **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION BY PLANNING CHAIR JOYCE HAMILTON** – Chair Hamilton reported there were three items on the agenda this month. The first was consideration and possible approval of an application for a temporary use/special event permit for the Grand Circle TrailFest sponsored by Vacation Races. This race will take place mostly on Wire Mesa. The racers will park in Apple Valley on private land. We do not believe there will be a big impact on Rockville. And Vacation Races has been here for four years. The Planning Commission approved their application and the event will take place on October 4th.

The next item on the agenda was consideration and possible approval of an application for a commercial film production permit for filming at Grafton by Kenny McCormick. Kenny wanted to do a music video filming out in Grafton. Jane

Whalen with Grafton Heritage Partnership wrote a letter of opposition, so we denied his application and refunded his daily filming rates.

The last thing was consideration and possible approval of a fence installed at the Jennings residence location at 210 East Main Street by Trish Jennings. She installed a fence in her front yard. Code says it's supposed to be 30' from the road and it's only 15' from the road. Code says it's supposed to be 3' tall and it's 6' tall. We had the police evaluate it. Several members of the Planning Commission went out and looked at it. We really felt the huge tree on that (northeast) corner was more of a visibility hazard than the fence, so we have agreed to speak with Mike Hansen about amending the Code to be a little more flexible, to make sure visibility is the key and not necessarily the distance and height.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION 19-09-141-01, A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE AGRICULTURAL EXEMPTION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT APPLICATION FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE** -- Mayor Leach said it has come to our attention that agriculture buildings are exempt from building permits by State Law. We did some research on this and found out that is correct. There is no building permit required so long as it does not have any plumbing, any electrical, or mechanical in it. And we found a great multitude of cities and counties throughout Utah who utilize an agricultural exemption acknowledgement form, where the person who is being exempted from having a building permit must complete this form and sign it. If, in the future, they want to change the use of the building, they must get a building permit. It can only be exempted as an agricultural building. Sherry Teresa will be our first candidate for this. She started a building which was reported to us. We went out and checked it and that is how all this came about. We discovered that this is a state law and so, have you all had a chance to look at this? Do you have questions about it? M. says it seems straight up. Terry said he was fine.

M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve this resolution and Terry Bell **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON HAVING ELECTRICAL SERVICE INSTALLED ON THE ROCKVILLE BRIDGE** – Mayor Leach reported we have received a bid from an electrician. He met with Rocky Mountain Power last week. His bid for putting electrical wire in conduit on the bridge, installing the meter box and bringing the wire to the meter box is \$4,300. It will have a timer on it. It will be in a locked box. When the electrician, Greg, met with Rocky Mountain Power, they approved putting the meter box on the south east side of the bridge, down low, by the concrete abutment. They've given two ways to get the power, either on a pole or underground, which is our preference. The cost for putting it underground would be \$2,000 to \$2,300. The poles aren't cheap - estimated costs for poles was \$1,300 - \$2,300.

Barry suggested we not invest in year-round power for a six week per year need. He showed the Town Council some solar lights that have their own dusk to dawn switches on them. This is a 20' strand. This costs \$8 from China, shipping included. There are nine different patterns. For a short-term fix, Barry is suggesting trying the solar lights. He would like to have permission to put one of them up soon and see how it looks and how it works. He would offer that as an alternative. He likes the idea of doing something solar here. Anytime you can get off the grid and find a way to serve our purpose without creating pollution, he wants to support.

Dan McGuire asked if the solar lights could power the wreaths. Barry said no, but you can see all the variations from China and they're all cheap. Barry says it's the same labor for us to stretch these things out. We just need to figure out where the south face angle is on the bridge in wintertime. And most of the trees will have their leaves off the trees by then. Dan asked how long they'd burn, and Barry said he doesn't know. M. Honer-Orton said it really depends on the battery, but hers stay on all night long. Dan has a solar powered light on his flagpole and if it has a nice, sunny day, it will stay on most of the night. But if you have a cloudy or rainy day . . . Barry said that's what the battery back up is doing here.

Mayor Leach said we had solar signal lights last year while we did the bridge rehabilitation. We had nothing but problems with the solar charging, especially on the north side of the bridge, but even on the south side. There is a potential need for electrical hookup for maintenance on the bridge. Solar is great, but Mayor Leach would like to have something more permanent on the bridge.

Terry said we need to have assurance that there's power there. Barry said he's not sure we need power to do maintenance. Barry doesn't understand why we cannot give this a try. M. Honer-Orton would like to try that for a season and see how it looks and how we feel about it at the end of the season. Barry suggested he would donate the lights. Mayor Leach said her vote is to go with electric. Jeff said he has put the Christmas lights up with Dan for many years and it's kind of a struggle anyway because you don't know if things are going to work out or not and he would

prefer something a little more reliable. He'd rather go electrical because it's more of a sure thing. He's not against solar. But he thinks electric lights will be brighter.

Terry Bell said he thinks we need electricity on there. It's always there and it works. Terry asked how you would attach the lights and Barry responded with zip ties. Dan McGuire says there's a real danger to getting up on ladders on trucks and on lifts and so forth. Something temporary like that means you would go more often. And when you have the electrical in there, you do it once, and putting lights up is much simpler. It's very dangerous over there.

Barry argued when he put the Christmas lights up on the bridge, he never felt unsafe. And he thinks it will take less time to put up the solar lights than the traditional display. Barry says he's more concerned about putting conduit on the historical bridge and how that's going to look. Mayor Leach said it will be painted the same color to match the bridge, so you probably will not see it.

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to proceed with having electricity available on the bridge. Terry Bell **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed with three ayes and two nays.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE AUGUST 14, 2019 REGULAR MEETING** – M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the minutes for the August 14, 2019 regular meeting. Barry Sochat **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2019** – M. Honer-Orton asked about check number 2202 to RM2 Engineering. It was explained the check was for Rod Mills professional services. And check 2208, who is WEX bank? Clerk Bell explained that is the Chevron-Texaco credit card; they changed their bank to WEX. Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the expenditures for the month of August 2019 and Barry Sochat **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

V. TERRY BELL – Terry said it's still going to be a couple of months before all the recycling will be worked out. The next couple of months everything will be going into the landfill. Barry asked if we're still getting recycle bin money. Clerk Bell responded we have not received any money for several years. Probably by the 1st of November the recycling will start going to Las Vegas. They aren't going to raise prices on recycling until the current contract expires. M. Honer-Orton asked about the binnies in LaVerkin saying no plastics. Terry doesn't know why but thinks perhaps people put grocery bags in that are not recyclable.

BARRY SOCHAT- The mosquito email I sent had a video showing how they're testing for and trying to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus in Washington County. The Springdale police put the speed monitor on Grafton Road, which was very much appreciated. Tydon Oler asked who he needed to speak to about his pond on the east end of town. Barry responded the Southwest Utah Mosquito District. Barry will get Shawn's number to Tydon.

M. HONER-ORTON – Reports we need a lean-to for the CERT trailer. The trailer does not leak, but it will last a lot longer if under cover. She is looking for one more premium item to auction at Rockville Daze. She has asked Stephen Johnson if he would oversee the auction.

M. (Megan) and Barry filled out the Community Solar Generation Grant, but they didn't have any information, so it would not accept the submission. We need to get the contractor. We need an estimate and other details. They want all kinds of detailed information about the systems you'll use and the parts you will need to do it. So, we've got a little work to do. Mayor Leach said she thought they were just researching, not submitting an application, but finding out what the process was and what is required by an application. M. responded the act of submitting an application is not a commitment. It was to find out what the process was, so we found out what the process was. Mayor Leach asked that they not submit an application until it has come through the Council and we all know what the process is, and what it provides, if it is approved. M. responded you don't get to find out what's required unless you go through one thing, but yeah. Mayor Leach suggested if there were something she could print out and provide to Council so they could see what they're asking for in the application, that would be great. M. said the Solar Generation Grant is not a matching grant, but they also do not guarantee they will fund you entirely.

Clerk Bell asked if we were putting the cart before the horse? Don't we need to make sure we've got some place to put the solar panels before we ask for money? M. said we do have. We have a couple places. Clerk Bell asked if they had approached any potential property owners who would "house" the solar panels. M. said no, but BLM usually says yes. M. said we must request it. You know, this is a catch 22. We must do this before we do that. We're in the process of working that out. There's BLM land right up here and they usually give permission for projects like that. And there is Zion Forever – Barry confirmed Zion Forever would be a harder get.

Terry asked how they get the power off the mountain and Barry responded you don't have to; you've already got that big power line that goes through the Park. That's already there. That's the expensive part - distribution. If you can put it (the solar panels) underneath it and just tie into it. Barry went on to say then you can augment the grid so if power goes down, we have back up power.

Mayor Leach asked for confirmation they're speaking of having this on land, up on the mesa, not visible from down here (in town)? Barry responded yes; it would be visible from the Park. *Zion Next to Park.*

Terry asked if it's tied into the grid, how do we (the town) get power? Barry said the sun comes up. Terry said if it's tied into the power up there, it doesn't come here. We get credit for it, but it's not directly powering Rockville. Barry said he wasn't sure where the line for Rockville comes from. Terry said that's what we need to find out if that's what you want. Barry said the Rockville substation is right down here and Terry responded it is, but when you... I don't believe that line goes through the substation, does it bypass it? Terry said that's what you must find out. Barry said that's engineer stuff. Jeff said if you're just going to provide power to Rocky Mountain or wherever, why? Terry said usually these things are tradeoffs. I know Park City is doing this and they are building some – solar power – they're putting in some solar panels, but it's going into the main grid and they give them credit and so forth. It's not like it runs Park City. Terry assumes that's what's happening in Springdale too. I'm not certain. M. said that's probably what they're talking about.

Barry said the way we get Rocky Mountain Power to pay for a large portion of this is by signing up to become a 100% renewable community. We have the easiest lift on that because we have no heavy industry. We don't need a lot of power. Terry asked if Springdale was 100% renewable power. Barry answered it's not. None of these towns doing this are 100% renewable. They're working towards it, and I think they may get there in 20 years, but it's not 100%. Barry said that's what this is aiming toward is removing the coal and gas-powered plants that are currently here and replacing them with renewable energy. Terry said he understands that. Barry went on to say this is a 2022- or 20-year project, just to have it even start.

Mayor Leach asked how this translated to each one of our residents' bill, where they see a benefit from it. Barry responded it's like the Blue Sky system right now and eventually when it buys out, over whatever period of time, the existing coal and whatever that Rockville would have free energy and Rocky Mountain Power will get rid of its coal and other systems that Rocky Mountain Power wants to retire, we have free energy. So, it's planning for the future. We have free energy in 20 years. Terry said we never have free energy. Mayor Leach asked to clarify the purpose of this is for pollution prevention in the future. Barry responded yes, this was worked out by Rocky Mountain Power and the larger northern cities like Salt Lake and Park City to figure out a compromise between the Mayor of Salt Lake and the head of Rocky Mountain Power to retire their newer coal burning plants. So, they don't take a loss, they're willing to subsidize the building of these smaller solar and wind farms to replace them. And then use the profits from the new systems to buy out the old systems, and then they eventually become a complete system. It's like we've been doing with Blue Sky. They've been putting wind farms up in Wyoming to offset the generation of new coal plants. This is the same thing right here.

Terry wanted to clarify if the grid goes down, Rockville will not have power. Barry conceded they're allowing people not to sign up. Terry said no, unless you run a wire from the solar generators to the Rockville power generator with batteries, we won't get power if the power goes out. Terry went on to say if the grid goes down, we go down. Barry

asked if we could reconfigure it so that the solar unit could be isolated up there. I don't think that's insurmountable. We have a power station here that distributes that's tied in from that line; this ain't rocket science. Terry responded kind of, yeah, it is. Barry responded, no, this is just electricity. He trusts the engineers at Rocky Mountain Power to figure this one out. Terry agreed.

Mayor Leach asked for more information to review. M. says she doesn't have anything to give out yet. Mayor Leach asked if there is a website people could go and look at to learn more about what this is all about. Barry said all they have is an application. M. says they're in the process. We will keep the Council informed, and as we find out more about it, we will let you know, especially if it looks like we want to do that. M. said she's hearing a lot of resistance. Terry said it's not resistance, but cost. We will not get this for free. M. agreed that yes, the solar costs a little bit more for a while. Terry responded he wasn't even talking about that. He's just talking about the installation; we will not get this for free. I guarantee that. M. responded well, it kind of sounds like we will, so. And Terry responded okay. M. said we'll see, and Terry said okay. Mayor Leach asked them to get more information. It would be great to hear because solar is a good thing.

JEFF BALLARD – The Lions Club gave the CERT Team \$1,000 for new generator(s). The No Parking signs were put up near the bridge. He moved the big bridge deck plank that was left on the trailer property. It's now located on concrete and its pressure treated, so he doesn't think it needs any further cover up. One contractor from Cedar City appeared for our Chip-n-Seal bidding project. Terry reported people are sleeping under the bridge, on the sandy shore.

MAYOR LEACH – The trails group met yesterday; they're part of the Zion Collaborative. They're primarily looking at bicycle riders. Springdale hired a group to look at connecting trails throughout the County. As they met alongside of SR-9 in Rockville, they commented about how noisy the traffic was and how fast the cars moved and how they would not enjoy riding their bicycles along this stretch of SR-9. The group then moved to Kolob Road and it was said that the road is used frequently for training because of the nice grades, but what a narrow road to be riding upon! Having a bike lane in the passing zones (of SR-9) was discussed, but with potential rockfall on one side and river on the other, that did not seem like a good option either. Someone from Lochner suggested you just run it down the south side of the river, but this is mostly private land. They are looking at connecting some hiking trails. The Class I e-bikes have been approved for use on BLM land. The Park is allowing them. The bike shops in St. George say 50% of their bike sales are e-bikes. And the national average is closer to 75%. Tydon asked if they said how they were going to get the buy-in from the private property owners and Mayor Leach responded they're not getting a lot of positive feedback. A lot of the people in attendance were bicyclists looking to connect Springdale trails to LaVerkin and Hurricane trails. The cyclists were saying what a nice trail it would be (on the south side of the river), but the engineer responded there will be problems with rockfall, flooding and maintenance.

The Transit Authority is looking at electric buses. There have been some recent improvements to the batteries. By the time we get the buses, the batteries will be smaller, last longer and could be cheaper. They're also improving the charging stations, putting the chargers overhead or in the ground at bus stops. They're looking to get 6 buses and the wait time from ordering until possession is 18 months or more.

Mayor Leach reminded everyone that Rockville Daze is October 12th. We are making application at the CIB October meeting for our HVAC system in the recreation hall. Clerk Bell said that she received a call from Brenda at the CIB office who questioned our application as maintenance projects are usually not funded; maintenance projects fall to the municipalities. We may have to fund this on our own.

2. **STAFF REPORT AS NEEDED:** Nothing to report.

M. asked about the Zion Collaborative. Mayor Leach reported that is still alive. They just got money for a Vista Intern to help with the process. She will get information to M. about the next meeting date.

Mayor Leach reported that plans are underway for a privately built information station and lodge near the east entrance. They're talking about using shuttle buses to bring visitors into the Park. They're going to be working on new trails and connector trails on the east side. This is happening with collaborative discussions with the Park. Superintendent Bradybaugh indicated an interest in working with them on finding different ways for people to access the park.

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

VOTE on Motion:

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

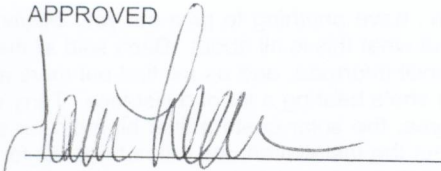
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

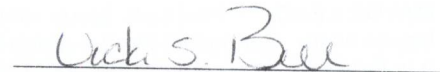
Minutes prepared by:

Joyce Hamilton
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APPROVED


Pam Leach, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were posted in the cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by Jacki S. Bell at approximately 11:45 AM/PM on 10 Oct 2019 and on the Rockville Website.





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