

Rockville Town Council
Regular Meeting
Rockville Community Center, Town Hall
March 11, 2020 – 6:00 pm

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: Dave Firmage, M. Honer-Orton, and Jeff Ballard. Terry Bell is excused. Deputy Town Clerk, Joyce Hamilton, 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 March 11, 2020. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.
4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH AN AGENDA ITEM** – No conflicts of interest were declared.

PUBLIC COMMENT – No public comments were made.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. **REPORT ON ROCKVILLE/SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT** – Chief Gildea reported two of their seasonal wildland firefighters have been hired as full time, giving them three full time employees. They've stayed busy all winter with reducing fuel work. The Chief went to get the crashed ambulance. Travelled about 20 miles and there were problems under the dash. He stayed for three days while they tried to fix it and came home empty handed. We have a new ambulance in Springdale. The existing ambulance from Springdale is having diesel emissions problems again. It's not the only vehicle we've had that issue with. There's actually a Federal exception that allows the District to remove that; they're considering it. The engine that's in Springdale will also need some warranty work. You'll see a newly refurbished fire engine up here for a little bit. We did not have a February board meeting and the March meeting has been delayed because Chief Kuhlman was out of town. We had one transport out of the Park. Five transports and four refusals in Springdale with one fire call, for a total of ten calls. Rockville had two transports, three refusals and three fire calls, for a total of eight calls.
2. **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION – Chair Joyce Hamilton** – Chair Hamilton reported the Zion 100 Trail Run is planning to race on Wire Mesa. They will not be coming down into Grafton, nor running along Grafton Road. They are planning to run that portion of the race first thing in the morning, because it is so scenic. That will be held on April 18 and 19.

The Planning Commission looked at a conceptual plan for Kristian Evenson to construct a single-family home on Pebble Lane. Other than a few setback issues that are easily resolved by combining the lots, everything else looked fine.

Then the Commission worked on the Animal Control Ordinance. The Chair will continue to work on cleaning up the document. The discussion on vicious animals seemed to take the most time. The Commission felt there was a conflict that vicious animals were not allowed in town, but if they are in town and off their home property, they had to be muzzled and leashed at all times.

The Commission also started discussion on in-footprint long-term rentals. Eighty percent (80%) of the survey respondents said they would like for the town to allow such use. Jane has done some great work on this. We just started to scratch the surface. Megan said the housing taskforce identified about half the homes in Rockville are already housing people on their property and it did not seem to cause any huge impact on water. Mayor Leach said in most of those cases, it is a bedroom being rented out, not a full apartment, that could potentially have a dishwasher. She went on to say the Pipeline Company water board has indicated they feel there is less concern within the footprint, and it is something they would be willing to try. It is Mayor Leach's understanding that if this goes through, the owner will have to report those in-footprint apartments for inspection to make sure they are in compliance with fire and building code. Chair Hamilton said Ken brought up a really good point last night: if you have an in-footprint apartment, you probably don't have the proper firewall between the two units, that you would have in a typical townhome or duplex situation. Megan said as part of the task force, they learned that Hurricane officials believe that if the use has been safe for a period of time, it will likely remain a safe use. Mayor Leach said one of the more important items they would inspect for is the proper fire exits.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON RESOLUTION NO. 20-0311-01 A RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A ROCKVILLE RESIDENT TO THE SOUTHWEST MOSQUITO ABATEMENT AND CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS** – Mayor Leach said former Councilmember Barry Sochat was our representative. Terry Bell has volunteered to serve in this position.

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to appoint Terry Bell to the Southwest Mosquito Abatement Control District Board. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dave Firmage – Aye
M. Honer-Orton – Aye
Mayor Pam Leach – Aye
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FOR THE FEBRUARY 12, 2020 REGULAR MEETING** – Dave Firmage **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dave Firmage – Aye
M. Honer-Orton – Aye
Mayor Pam Leach – Aye
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously

3. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2020** – M. Honer-Orton asked if the \$892 in legal fees was used for the decision of the Planning Commission to not approve short term rentals for Mr. Andersen. Mayor Leach explained Mr. Andersen filed to appeal the Planning Commission's decision and he did not get his request for appeal in a timely manner. He missed the deadline. He was denied. He filed suit against the town with the court. We had a hearing in the court. Both parties had an opportunity to make their statements. The judge is taking the case on advisement and asked the attorneys to provide him their findings and conclusions with appropriate case law. Now we wait for the court's decision. Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the expenditures. Dave Firmage **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dave Firmage – Aye
M. Honer-Orton – Aye
Mayor Pam Leach – Aye
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-ACTION ITEMS

4. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS –**

Dave Firmage said there was an all staff meeting in the Park. Superintendent Bradybaugh and the Park's Safety Officer reviewed the known facts about the virus and how it spreads. For now, Park operations will not change, other than more frequent sanitation of surfaces. The Park is asking people to be more vigilant of their own hygiene. Dave is planning to attend the floodplains training next week.

M. Honer-Orton reported they have rescheduled their bystander intervention training for Friday, April 10th from 1 to 3 p.m. She will schedule a CERT meeting before that and invite the trainer to attend lunch at the CERT meeting. The following week, April 18th will be our Utah Shake Out in the Rockville Park. We will pull out the trailer, empty it all out, set up the canopies, designate the treatment areas and set out what equipment we have, making sure we know how to use it. The Utah League of Cities and Towns Conference will be on the 22 and 23 of April. There's a couple of things we should attend: Resources for Rural Utah; Improving Communication with Residents; Water Conservation and Practice.

Jeff Ballard reported the Purgatory Crew was scheduled to come up today, but they had some conflicts. Jeff has rescheduled for April 1st. Jeff has been doing some burning at the cemetery: tumbleweed and thistle. He replaced the vandalized "Stop" sign at Horse Valley Wash. Mayor Leach thanked Jeff and Shirley for picking up trash alongside the road on the west end of town.

Dave Firmage asked if the Town has a backhoe. He said the construction trucks going up that extension (of River Road) to the water tower are just dumping mud on the end of River Road. Jeff said the rain washes the mud right off that road extension. Until some drainage work is done and gravel is added to that road, it will continue to be an issue. Mayor Leach said they would investigate it. Dave said he would consider options. Jeff said he was going to pick up that old mower and toss it in the dumpster too. Jess, Dave's wife, was talking to Gwen Reddish about the mower and it may be that Gwen is keeping it as yard art.

Mayor Leach provided everyone with some information on the National Scenic Byway designation. The Zion Regional Collaborative is again looking at getting that designation for SR-9. They have asked each of the communities to provide a letter of support. Nominations must be made by May 15th. Mayor Leach clarified SR-9 is a State Scenic Byway, but not a National Scenic Byway. It is to recognize, protect and promote America's most outstanding roads. There is some funding available if the road has the designation, but it's an 80/20 grant. You must identify six core intrinsic qualities: scenic, natural, historic, recreational, archeological or cultural, which contribute to the unique travel experience. Emily Freedman is currently overseeing the Zion Regional Collaborative. Her internship will expire in a few months and the Collaborative will likely hire her for a few years to assist with obtaining this designation.

Mayor Leach attended the CIB prioritization meeting. We have applied for funding to build our maintenance storage facility. They're really cutting back on grants and going more with loans at 2-2.5% interest rates. That building would qualify for a 30-year loan. And we are looking at some property to put it on. After the meeting she spoke with Gary Zabriskie about funding for the engineering and design of our connector corridor. Since the state legislators, our Senators, have written a letter to the Department of the Interior requesting that any reservation system in the Park be denied, it means we will be impacted if there's no way to limit the number of people in the Park. Superintendent Bradybaugh indicated February visitation was up 29% over last February. Jeff Ballard asked if Mayor Leach was seeking funding for the roadway over Smithsonian Butte and she responded that she's really just seeking funding for the corridor, including the bridge, and not the road. The County is very interested in seeing Big Plains Road improved. Gary was going to make inquiries into possible sources of funding. Jeff said it used to be quiet in Grafton in the winter months, but not anymore.

The work on the bridge is scheduled for next week. Dave asked if that was a hard closure (of the bridge). Mayor Leach responded there will be morning and afternoon openings. It will be closed to everyone but residents. Dave suggested we send information about the bridge closure to Superintendent Bradybaugh so they could put it out on their social media, especially since it's Spring Break week. Joyce has been calling some of the tour groups. Springdale has sent the email out to their list.

ADJOURNMENT – Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Dave Firmage **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Dave Firmage – Aye
M. Honer-Orton – Aye
Mayor Pam Leach – Aye
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

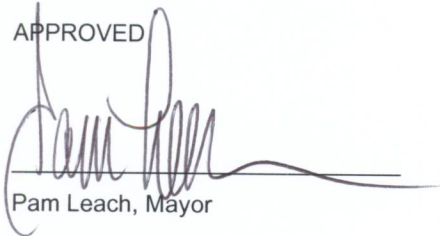
The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Megan asked that everyone let Vicki know which classes at the ULCT Conference you're willing to attend. Mayor Leach asked that she give the training opportunities to Vicki.

Minutes prepared by:

Joyce Hamilton
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED



Pam Leach, Mayor

The foregoing was posted in the foyer cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by Vicki S Beer at approximately 9:30 AM/PM on 15 May 2020, on Rockville's Website and the Utah Public Notice Website. Posted to Spectrum Events NA.

Vicki S Beer

