

**Rockville Town Council
Regular Meeting
Via Zoom Virtual Meeting
April 14, 2021 – 6:00 pm**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**: Mayor Leach called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present were Terry Bell, M. Honer-Orton, David Firmage and Jeff Ballard. Town Clerk Vicki S. Bell recorded the meeting.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**: David Firmage **MOVED** to approve the agenda. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.
Hearing no objections, the agenda was approved.
4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH AN AGENDA ITEM**: No conflicts were disclosed.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: No public comments were made.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / NON-ACTION ITEMS:

1. **REPORT ON ROCKVILLE / SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – CHIEF GILDEA**: In Rockville there were 2 medical transports, 3 medical refusals, 1 CPTA and no fire responses. Springdale had 4 medical transports, 10 medical refusals, 1 CPTA and 2 fire responses. Zion had 1 medical transport only.
2. **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION – CHAIR JANE BRENNAN**: Chair Brennan stated that in the recent Planning Commission regular meeting, they approved a building permit for a remodel to an existing home located at 59 East Main Street. Chair Brennan reported that there had been three simple permits, two for solar panels and one for an electrical connection, approved in the office. In their work meeting that followed, they discussed assignments to each Commissioner and discussed those on-going projects. They also discussed the new LUC regarding wording, clarification and explanations that will be presented in a public hearing soon. M. Honer-Orton asked for more detail about the on-going projects. Chair Brennan stated that her project will be compiling a list of parcel numbers, addresses, ownership, pre-existing structures, and non-conforming structures to provide a running list for future knowledge. Cheryl will be working on clarifying and simplifying the LUC verbiage regarding subdivisions. Linda will be noting where things are changed from a 30-day rental to a 60-day rental. Ken will oversee compiling a list of what needs a permit and what does not need a permit so the town staff can have that on hand for residents to reference. Tim is making note of all the places in our LUC where changes will be needed in order to comply with HB-82 allowing footprint apartments. Chair Brennan shared that the March 23, 2021 Public Hearing and Special Meeting was exciting, and every Commissioner voted to approve the draft on the Animal Control Ordinance that includes an entirely new chapter in our LUC.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS:

1. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**: Mayor Leach explained that Jane Whalen had sent two names they had selected to be on the Rockville Historic Preservation Commission (RHPC). In case anyone is interested, the purpose of the RHPC shall be to locate, identify, preserve, protect, and enhance cultural resources that are significant and have value to the community. They meet a couple of times a year as needed and can have a minimum of five and maximum of seven committee members. Joyce [Hamilton] had been our committee member and Mayor Leach also attended meetings. There are two resolutions for appointment. Resolution 21-04-14-01 A *Resolution Providing for the Appointment of a Member to the Rockville Historic Preservation Commission*. The first one is appointing Michael McBride to the Commission.

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to appoint Michael McBride as a member of the Rockville Historic Preservation Commission. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER TO THE ROCKVILLE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**. Mayor Leach stated that the second name provided by the RHPC was Alison Watkins. Jeff Ballard asked if she is a Rockville resident. Mayor Leach explained that Alison currently owns the old telegraph office. Mayor Leach was concerned that Alison is operating a vacation rental out of the old telegraph building in violation of our LUC. M. Honer-Orton shared about a past incident with the Town Clerk where Alison insisted that Rockville could no longer possess a key to the Telegraph Office and the exchange was unpleasant. Mayor Leach stated that she appreciates people that have an interest in preserving historical buildings but there is a responsibility to the Town to follow the rules if you plan to be on one of the Town Commissions.

M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to deny the appointment. Terry Bell **SECONDED** the motion. There were no questions or objections to the action.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

3. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT REGARDING ELECTION SERVICES:**

Clerk Bell shared that two years ago when we last held elections, Springdale and Rockville joined together and ran our own elections; printing ballots, envelopes and all that was needed. This year Springdale decided they want to contract with Washington County. Clerk Bell did not believe that it would be wise for Rockville to try tackle the entire election process on our own and should look at contracting with Washington County also. The way the election process will work is that every town and city that contracts with Washington County, will have the fees prorated. The numbers provided are high estimates for Rockville. Melanie, from the County, provided an estimate of \$1,267. Clerk Bell thought it would be \$700 or \$800 once it is prorated among all the towns and cities. The one caveat she shared is that we can still count our own ballots if we choose. We would need to go to the County Office, pick up the ballots, counts the ballots etc. Or we could just allow the County to do the counting which leaves the responsibilities with a neutral party. M. Honer-Orton shared that we would need to communicate with our citizens that the return address on the envelope will be the County, not Rockville. Mayor Leach asked Clerk Bell about a representative from the Town from page 2 under section 1 letter D. "The County will use it's available counting machines to count ballots for the municipalities, however, the County will not hand-count ballots. Each Municipality will designate one qualified staff member to adjudicate ballots and assist the County to re-make ballots on a regular basis. The County will not re-make ballots without a qualified municipal staff member present." Mayor Leach asked Clerk Bell about a 'bad' ballot being re-made. Clerk Bell believed that she would be the 'qualified municipal staff member' and believed that should there be a change on the ballot, and we need to have the ballots re-made, then we go in and ask them to re-print our ballots with any and all corrections. Clerk Bell believed that the only changes to be made would be for 'write-in' candidates or if we have enough applicants that we would need a primary and a general election. Mayor Leach confirmed that Clerk Bell would be the qualified municipal staff member. Clerk Bell said that she will be working closely with Melanie at the County before and during the printing process. Melanie will send the list of registered voters so that the Town can confirm that the citizens still reside in Rockville.

M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Regarding Election Services with Washington County. Terry Bell **SECONDED** the motion.

Jeff asked about the ramifications if we do not use the County and if we would be fully responsible for the entire process. Clerk Bell said that we would be responsible for finding a printer, getting everything compiled to print and counting the ballots, the entire election process. She mentioned that due to the political climate being heightened, if we hire the County, they would be responsible for anything that poses a problem. Dave asked about a possible re-count being demanded by a group of citizens, if Rockville managed the election independently, would the County manage the re-count or would Rockville? Clerk Bell said that if there were to be a demand for a recount of votes in Rockville, and Rockville managed the election, Rockville would be responsible for the re-count. If the County managed the election for Rockville, and Rockville demanded a re-count, the County would manage the re-count. Jeff asked if the county recounts ballots by hand or machine. Clerk Bell stated that they use machines.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

4. **DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBLE ORDINANCE FOR NIGHT-TIME CLOSURE SIGNAGE FOR GRAFTON HISTORIC TOWN:**

Mayor Leach shared that the police have been asking visitors to leave Grafton at night but so far there is no signage or ordinance to enforce violations. She had spoken with Jane Whalen and Jeff Ballard about closing Grafton at night. The first step in an effort to control trash and vandalism, which recently has been occurring regularly, would be to install signs to notify visitors of restricted daylight-only visitation times. Terry asked about a gate at the cattle guard. Mayor Leach said that a gate would be the second step. Mayor Leach had spoken with Todd Gabler about a gate and Todd stated that it would be straightforward to install a gate with automatic controls to open at dawn and close at dusk. Terry asked if we would need to have somebody clear out visitors at dusk. Mayor Leach said it is likely and we may need to see if that is something the police could do since they usually check Grafton around dusk. We do not have an ordinance written, we are not approving an ordinance today, this is a discussion and something we will create and put into effect next month. She stated that she will ask the Springdale Police about monitoring Grafton at dusk and see if they are willing to do so. The Council members agreed this is a good idea and Jeff noted that earlier that day he had buried numerous piles of human waste that were found in the turnaround to his property. Mayor Leach said it is a problem everywhere, having spoken with a State representative earlier, who shared that public lands are heavily impacted with trash and human waste and the State is working on messaging to tell people to be respectful of the area they are visiting. Terry asked if Jeff could install a gate at the lane to prevent visitors driving down to his property. Jeff stated that lane has provided a turnaround for large recreational vehicles but agreed that a gate would greatly reduce impact. Mayor Leach suggested a sign close to the cemetery identifying limited turnaround space ahead for large vehicles. She said that if everyone agrees, she will put together an ordinance that will be on the May Town Council agenda.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2021 REGULAR AND APPEAL AUTHORITY MEETING:**

David Firmage **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Regular and Appeal Authority Meeting. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2021 WORK MEETING:**

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021 Work Meeting. David Firmage **SECONDED** the motion.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

7. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 2021:** M. Honer-Orton asked about the legal fees for the M. Stanger. Clerk Bell stated there were complaints about the water and sewage at the Red Rock Resorts for which we contacted our legal counsel about the correspondence. Mayor Leach shared that we sought information from the State as well and everything was within regulations.

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the expenditures for the month of March 2021. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

8. **APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Clerk Bell stated that the Profit and Loss report identifies some things that were over-spent, and she was in the process of doing another budget amendment to take care of the overages. She will present the amended budget at the next meeting.

David Firmage **MOVED** to approve the March 2021 Financial Statements. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS:

1. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ORDINANCE NO. 21-0414-01 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING CHAPTER 12, ANIMAL CONTROL TO THE ROCKVILLE LAND USE CODE:** Dave asked about the feedback from the public. Chair Brennan stated that there were four comments from the public during the hearing and most of the concerns were already addressed and the Commission directed them to the related sections. There were letters received in advance and Commissioners were able to email amongst themselves and make changes instigated by the feedback, prior to the meeting.

David Firmage **MOVED** to approve Ordinance No. 21-0414-01 adopting Chapter 12, Animal Control to the Rockville Land Use Code. Terry Bell **SECONDED** the motion.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-ACTION ITEMS:

1. **MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:**

JEFF BALLARD: Stated that the cemetery was sprayed for weeds. He inspected after the spray and as they used a dye, it looked like they got good coverage. Due to puncture vines blooming later in the year, spray may be needed later in the year as well.

He mentioned Grafton Road needing more material on top as it is getting pounded in and shoved to the side. By next year we will need to budget for more material as it has been a great help in keeping dust minimized.

He had also picked up the leaves in the irrigation ditch on the north side that had plugged the drainage and it should be flowing smoothly to Center Street and then to the river.

M. HONER-ORTON: The CERT Earthquake Demonstration has been moved to Saturday, May 1, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. for which they will get out the trailer and set up the equipment. The public will be invited to come watch and comment.

Barry Sochat had asked that along with the police presence in Grafton, to request an increase in police patrols on Saturday evenings between 6-8 p.m. due to speeding traffic on Grafton Road.

Wes Dennett will begin sidewalk repair towards the end of this month. There are two things, if a sidewalk needs to be repaired in front of someone's driveway, they will need to find alternate parking for five days while the cement cures. M. Honer-Orton committed to contacting all affected residents and let them know that the cement will need a week to cure before it can be driven upon.

DAVE FIRMAGE: Nothing to report.

V. TERRY BELL: He had not heard from the County about mosquito updates. The South Parkway, the new overpass at the west end of Hurricane, will be opening at the beginning of May. It looks like the BluCans have been collected from all the residents that opted-out of the WCSW recycling program.

MAYOR PAM LEACH: The lot behind the Community Center that backs onto DeMille Road is being purchased. The Town is keeping the portion that is directly behind the Park. The Bells will be purchasing the section that abuts their property. The Town did not need the entire lot and the Bells contribution helped with the purchase price. Mark Schraut completed the survey and filed the survey report with the County. If all goes well, escrow should be closing by the end of this month.

She will be attending a CIB meeting, a prioritization of projects that will be on their list for funding this year. Our Maintenance Building is our one item for this year which she hoped to convey is a priority and get to the top of the project funding list.

Mayor Leach thanked Jeff and Shirley Ballard for offering to donate an acre of land to the Town that is adjacent to the cemetery. She is working on getting odd parcels figured out with the Recorder's Office to establish ownership as there are numerous small parcels whose ownership is unknown in that area.

The pipeline company has asked the Mayor if they can continue to use that pad for storage of some of their materials to which she agreed as we now have an alternate place for a maintenance shed.

Regarding the Connector Corridor, in a meeting with Zion Regional Collaborative, she mentioned starting design and engineering for the Corridor and Commissioner Gil Almquist said they would like to talk to us and assist where they can. Springdale also indicated that they are willing to assist with the finance too, as it benefits them. There is a possibility that Smithsonian Butte Road may be improved, and they have employees that may be using that road from Hilldale and Apple Valley.

The Mayors Association meeting shared that there is a significant problem finding employees amongst many businesses throughout Washington County especially in the hospitality industry. Mayor Randall of St. George said that she had been contacted by a couple of hotels that said if they cannot find employees, they may have to shut down as they cannot operate with the current number of employees. Mayor Smith of Springdale shared that they had gone through Utah Work Force Services for possible employees but were unsuccessful and attributed the results to the unemployment benefits that continue to be provided to the unemployed. Utah Work Force Services asked for further information as refusing work could be grounds to end unemployment benefits. Washington County currently has just over a 3% unemployment rate, which is close to where things stood before the Covid-19 pandemic.

On April 13, 2021, the hospital ICU reported that they discharged their last Covid patient on April 10, 2021. They had five Covid patients on the floor that were expected to be discharged soon. The hospital is returning to regular shifts and things are settling down regarding the pandemic. There are 3000 appointments available for vaccinations and as of April 13, 2021, only 24 appointments had been made for those 3000 shots. Of the 7,000,000 vaccinations of Johnson and Johnson six cases of blood clot was found, with one death. They have put a hold on the Johnson and Johnson vaccines, which is believed to have contributed to the decline in requests for vaccinations. All but one Rockville resident that requested assistance in scheduling their vaccination appointment has received their second dose and the remaining resident will receive her final dose later this month. Jeff thanked the Town for scheduling the vaccinations.

Mayor Leach thanked the Council for their service to the Town.

2. **STAFF REPORT AS NEEDED:** Clerk Bell stated that we had a bid for new doors on the Community Center and the Town Hall. By Code, the existing doors are not wide enough, and the bid is for one 42" door with side-lights. Metal or wood can be used instead of glass in the sidelights. Mayor Leach specified that even though they are double doors, the new Code states that a single door must be wide enough to meet the handicap requirement. Jeff preferred the doors maintain a more historical aesthetic. Mayor Leach said that she will have Pearl follow up with the door company and see what options exist. Clerk Bell mentioned the Town is beginning to offer Community Center rentals again, currently we are offering the pavilion for rent.

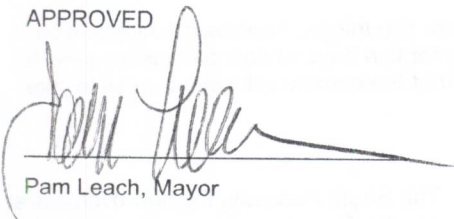
ADJOURNMENT: Terry Bell **MOVED** to adjourn the regular meeting. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

Hearing no objections, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by:

Pearl Meadows
Deputy Town Clerk

APPROVED



Pam Leach, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were posted in the cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by Wick S. Beer at approximately 12:30pm AM/PM on 13 May 2021 and on the Rockville website.

Wick S. Beer



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Regular Meeting and ~~Appeal Authority~~
April 14, 2021 6:00 p.m.
Zoom Electronic Meeting
Rockville Community Center
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