

Rockville Town Council
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Rockville Community Center, Town Hall
July 14, 2021 – 6:00 pm

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

VOTE on Motion:

Terry Bell – Aye
Dave Firmage – 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 were disclosed.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**: No public comment was given.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. **REPORT ON ROCKVILLE / SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – CHIEF GILDEA** - Chief Gildea spoke about recent fire department activity in the area. Fires were down over July 4th this year compared to previous years. He then read the report for Rockville for June 2021. Rockville had 0 medical transports, 3 medical refusals, 1 CPTA and 2 fire responses. Mayor Leach read the report for Springdale and Zion. Springdale had 6 medical transports, 10 medical refusals, 1 CPTA and 3 fire responses. Zion had 7 medical transports, 3 medical refusals and 1 fire response.
2. **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION – CHAIR JANE BRENNAN** – Jane reported that last night they approved a temporary use permit for the Tri-State ATV Jamboree which will be held March 17-19, 2022. There is a history of granting them a special use permit for minimal use on county roads. They will use the Grafton Road to the Grafton town site. There have never been any complaints in the past and all members are made aware of all rules. She spoke about two simple building permits. Jeff Sky was approved for installation of a new electrical panel. Doyle Timmons was approved for the installation of a new electrical pedestal for a water pump. They had a public hearing to amend the animal ordinance, Chapter 12 Rockville Land Use Code. After a few suggestions from the public a couple of things were changed. There were a few wording corrections and then primarily the bail amounts. Section 12.5.C changed wording from “willfully” to “needlessly” so that killing livestock for food would not be an included violation. Section 12.10 Nuisance Declared, the bail amounts will initially be \$50 but it will increase by \$25 for each additional violation. The Commission voted unanimously to include those amendments in the Land Use Code.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2021 PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING** - Terry Bell **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2021 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting. David Firmage **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

2. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2021** - David Firmage **MOVED** to approve the expenditures for the Month of June 2021. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

3. **APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** - Clerk Bell stated that the year-end report has been included, but she explained there will be another year-end report next month after all of the closing transactions have been done. The report given today is just a preliminary closing at this point. M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the June 2021 financial statements. Terry Bell **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 12, ANIMAL CONTROL TO ROCKVILLE'S LAND USE CODE** – Mayor Leach stated that the Planning Commission is recommending that the council approve the proposed amendments to Chapter 12. However, she would like to propose a couple of changes and provided the Council with a copy of her suggested changes. In Section 12.14 her proposed changes are to change, in paragraph A and B, the reference to "dog" to "animal"; in paragraph C to add "feces" following the words "cleaning up"; and paragraph D should read: "Animal feces must NEVER be allowed to wash off an owner's property on to sidewalks, into town irrigation ditches, or on to neighboring properties and threaten the health, safety, and well-being of their neighbors, residents in general, and those living downstream of the ditches."; and in paragraph E change "horse" to "All animals". After some discussion among the Council Members and Mayor, they agreed on the proposed changes. M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the motion accepting the amended Chapter 12 as amended by the Planning Commission and the Town Council. David Firmage **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Terry Bell – Aye
Dave Firmage - 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:**

JEFF BALLARD – Jeff said that Allen Lee graded the Grafton Road where they had put some asphalt and it helped out quite a bit. Allen also said that he would try to get a roller and go over it in an attempt to take out the washboard. David asked whether he was going to do Smithsonian Butte or Eagle's Crags as well. Jeff said that Allen had planned to do them but then the flood hit and he ended up in Springdale and is still there cleaning up. Clerk Bell told him that there is still money in the budget for both and the additional asphalt if necessary.

M. HONER-ORTON – Megan asked that people with gravel driveways be reminded to keep the gravel off the sidewalks. There is a drawer in the post office lobby to recycle rechargeable batteries that are no longer any good. There is also a drawer for empty ink cartridges. A resident brought up that tourist parking has overflowed into Rockville and that Springdale needs to take care of their own parking problems and not allow parking in Rockville. She is not sure how to address this but that it is something that needs to be addressed as it has caused issues with irrigation in the recent past. The Police have said that they would try to keep an eye on it and keep people from parking where they should not. Mayor Leach brought up that in Rockville parking violations cannot be issued unless the driver of the vehicle is present. Eliminating parking on SR-9 would have to be done by UDOT. Unless they prohibit it, the Police cannot stop people from parking there. Megan will speak with Allen Lee about piggybacking the hot asphalt project on Bridge Road with Grafton. Terry stated that we need to check on the fire hydrant that is there and find a way to keep it safe with the road that close to it. Megan stated that it will be 35' of extra asphalt there. Megan has an outline that she will prepare and hand out at next meeting for the Rockville Emergency action plan. It will lay out the responsibilities of the Council and Mayor in the event of a large emergency.

DAVE FIRMAGE – Dave stated there is nothing on the floodplain here but wanted to discuss the recent flood in Springdale and get on the record that the flooding was triggered by the debris as it got caught under the bridge. Dave stated that we could easily see the same thing here. The rain was really focused, which is the forecasted pattern in the future; less rain, but highly focused when we do get it. He suggested an email be sent out to residents as areas we thought may be in safe zones may not be. Notify people downstream of potential blockage points. Megan added that she is working on updating the calling list so that we can notify people if we know in advance that there may be flooding. It identifies people who live on the river, on washes, etc. so that those people can be contacted if we know ahead of time that there may be a reason to be concerned. Mayor Leach states that we need to address cleaning out the drainage ditches. Clerk Bell asks Dave to draft something to email to residents or put it in the newsletter.

TERRY BELL – Terry began with a mosquito update. As of the last report there was no West Nile virus or St. Louis Encephalitis (SLE) found. Those are the two most common mosquito borne illnesses for this time of year. Dates given for Ironman are incorrect. The men's is on September 18 and the women's is on September 17, 2021. The website says that they are expecting about 3000 people though it is unclear whether that includes spectators or is just entrants. He feels that this was over-sold and that it will not be the amount of people initially reported and most of the impact should be in St. George. Mayor Leach added that we are usually impacted by the participants and their families visiting the park that week surrounding the event, not generally by the event itself, so we just need to be aware of that time period. Terry says that check in for the event will be on September 13th and they will be having events in St. George from the 14th through the 16th prior to the Ironman competition.

MAYOR PAM LEACH – Mayor Leach begins by talking about the Mayor's Association meeting where the Tourism Board asked that any issues regarding the upcoming Ironman event be brought to their attention. She has an appointment to discuss things like making sure that campers are aware of where they can and cannot camp and that they need to pack out everything they have brought in. Dates for county-wide cleanup will be on the Sept 11, 2021, from 7 a.m. – 9 a.m. More info is forthcoming. Rockville Daze is Saturday, October 2, 2021. She asked Jeff if he and Ryan will cook for the event. Gil Almquist requested a meeting with her, and they discussed funding for a multi-use trail that would go from Hurricane, LaVerkin, and on up to the Park. It looks like through one of the agencies that there is \$85 million in recreation improvement funds that could be available. It is a possible 10-year long plan to complete the trail and it may be upwards of \$10 million. UDOT would be involved and in Rockville they are talking about the trail running on the south side of SR-9. There is so little space, so she is suggesting that the speed through Town be reduced. Residents have already approached her about reducing the speed in Town as well. Commissioner Almquist is aware and agrees that removing the ditches is not an option. Nor is removing any trees or sidewalks. Another thing they are discussing is possibly using SITLA land that was previously purchased being used for parking. They would need a Town buy-in for this and an underpass is being considered for that land. When she told him about our connector corridor he was pleased and said he may help with funding. No news from UDOT on our Adopt-A-Highway request.

2. **STAFF REPORT AS NEEDED:** Clerk Bell gave an update that the financial audit will be August 11-12, 2021. The new hardware is on the doors except for the arms on the top, which are still on order. She let the Council know that this is Pearl's last week, and that Candace Harris will start next week. The grant that she put in for the cemetery came back at only \$3,000 so she spoke with DeMille and Jones, who are willing to split up the cemetery project to fit the money. She will be coming to them next month seeking approval for that expenditure and is looking forward to getting a new cemetery map. There are cemetery, dog on leash, and parking signs that need to be put up. Mayor Leach asks if we heard anything further from the engineers regarding the equipment shed. Clerk Bell states would take a bit but that she could start asking them about it next week. Mayor adds that we put in for \$90,000 in CIB funds and that can be increased, as necessary. She says it appears that they are looking to do grants and not loans so they may get part grant, part low-interest loan. Plus, there's money set aside in the Rockville budget. Dave has one more item regarding the medical clinic taking a lot of damage in the flood and asks if the Town can help with anything. Jeff Ballard says that they donated all of the money from the Lions Club breakfast to that and that about \$13,000 was donated directly to the clinic. Mayor Leach said that as of now they already had over \$55,000 in donations and work has already begun. M. Honer-Orton asked who that money actually goes to. Various members agree that it is Michael and Helen who run the clinic independently and that all of the money goes directly to them to replace equipment and repair the building.

ADJOURNMENT: Terry Bell **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting. Dave Firmage **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Terry Bell – Aye

Dave Firmage - Aye

M. Honer-Orton – Aye

Mayor Pam Leach – Aye

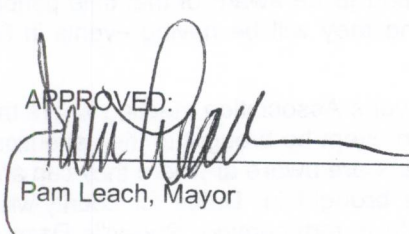
Jeff Ballard – Aye

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:
Candace Harris, Deputy Town Clerk
Town of Rockville

APPROVED:


Pam Leach, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were posted in the cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by Wicki S Bell at approximately 7:45 (AM) PM on 13 August 2021 and on the Rockville website.

Wicki S Bell



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