

**Rockville Town Council
Regular Meeting
Rockville Community Center, Town Hall
September 15, 2021 – 6:00 pm**

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

VOTE on Motion:

Terry Bell – Aye
Dave Firmage – Aye
Megan 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Bob Ford came forward to speak about the approval of the major subdivision, Rachel D. Hirschi Estates and Mayor Leach explained that since it is an agenda item, they are not taking public comment on it. Cheryl McGovern then asked to speak. She was attending via Zoom and wanted to state some things to the Town Council regarding an agenda item. Specifically, what had happened at the Planning Commission meeting which resulted in the item getting on the Town Council's agenda. Mayor Leach explained that as the Chair, Jane Brennan would be speaking to the Town Council about what happened at the Planning Commission meeting the night before and would report the agreed upon recommendations.

DISCUSSION / INFORMATION / NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. **REPORT ON ROCKVILLE / SPRINGDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – CHIEF GILDEA:** Chief Gildea said that the demand for the wildfire crew has gone down. They had one unit that was out for five weeks straight; they have since returned. They have a couple of new office staff and are now fully staffed though there are still two openings they are working on. Projections show the district to be at around 4,600 calls for the year, which is a 10% growth. They are planning to man the LaVerkin station next year for backup. Mayor Leach read the report for August. In Rockville there were zero medical transports, one medical refusal, one CPTA for a total of two and no fire responses. Springdale had six medical transports, 15 medical refusals, three CPTAs for a total of 24 and three fire responses. Zion had zero medical transports, two medical refusals and one fire response.
2. **REPORT BY THE UTAH HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ON THE PROCESS TO NOMINATE ROCKVILLE AS A HISTORIC DISTRICT – J. CORY JENSEN:** Cory Jensen appeared via Zoom along with Alena Franco. Cory explained that he has been working with Jane Whalen for the last couple of years to determine if there was the potential for a historic district in Rockville. It was determined that less than 50% of the buildings would be eligible

for inclusion in a historic district. There is no set percentage required, just a good historical background. They do believe that it would be worth moving forward with a historic district nomination. The most important part of being a historic district is the potential for tax credits for rehabilitation of a historic building. There is a minimum of \$10,000 that must be spent on the rehabilitation project to qualify for the credits. The deadline is January 2022 for the application to be submitted to the Utah Preservation Office. Jane Whalen came forward and told the Council that they have already received a grant for Grafton and have permission to use the money from that to cover the cost for Rockville to apply.

3. REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ROCKVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION –

CHAIR JANE BRENNAN: Chair Brennan first apologized to Bob Ford and Cheryl McGovern for the confusion on not being able to speak about an agenda item. She explained that the Planning Commission allows public comment on agenda items while the Town Council does not and that may be why there was some confusion there. Chair Brennan then began her report with the Planning Commission's approval of a retaining wall application for Doyle Timmons as well as his request for a continuance of his reasonable accommodation request until the October meeting.

Chair Brennan next gave some background on the major subdivision, Rachel D. Hirschi Estates. She told the Council that the attorney for Rockville assisted in the preparation of a development agreement that would be attached to the property. Chair Brennan went on to say that the Planning Commission would like to recommend that the Town Council approve the request to subdivide this property for sale. This recommendation passed with a vote of three to two with the stipulation that the development agreement be attached to the property.

Chair Brennan also gave a summary of the work meeting where they discussed cleaning up some of the items in the Land Use Code to make them clearer, all those items will go to public hearing next month.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR A SUBDIVISION SUBMITTED BY BUSH AND GUDGELL, INC. CONTINUED FROM THE AUGUST MEETING:

A. A MAJOR SUBDIVISION, RACHEL D. HIRSCHI ESTATES, OF APPROXIMATELY 97.49 ACRES AT APPROXIMATELY 100 WEST GRAFTON ROAD INTO THREE (3) PARCELS:

Mayor Leach began by asking if any of the Council members had any questions. Dave Firmage paraphrased what he had heard during the previous night's meeting by listing the options the Town Council has regarding approval of the subdivision. The first was to follow the Town's Land Use Code as written. The other was to use the development agreement as per state law, which he felt falls within Town Code 7.1.5 since it isn't a development. Mayor Leach and Terry Bell both agreed that if anyone ever wanted to develop the property in the future that is when the requirements for a building permit would have to be met. Bob Hermandson from Bush & Gudgell was at the meeting, representing the property owners and to answer any questions. Mayor Leach asked if the property owners had read the development agreement and if they were okay with it. Bob stated that they had read it and were fine with everything it entailed. Mayor Leach also verified with him that the property

owners were aware that these stipulations would be recorded and on the title for these parcels. She also asked for proof of interest that the Hirschi's are the legal trustees of the property.

Mayor Leach **MOVED** for approval of the subdivision of parcel number R-1296-A-1, of approximately 97.49 acres, into three 20-plus acre Open Space parcels in accordance with the Rockville Land Use Code Chapter 7-Subdivision and Chapter 8-Zoning Regulations, to be known as the Rachel D. Hirschi Estates, contingent upon the signing and recording of the Development Agreement. Terry Bell **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE DEDICATION OF BALLARD CIRCLE

ROADWAY: Mayor Leach explained where the roadway is located which is from SR-9 along the East fence of the cemetery and provides access to Tristan Demille's home as well as to the Rockville Pipeline Company's offices and buildings. Mayor Leach said that there is a plat map that was getting the required signatures and all that was left was for the Town Council to approve dedication of the roadway. Dave Firmage **MOVED** to approve dedication of Ballard Circle. Terry Bell **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 11, 2021, REGULAR MEETING: M. Honer-Orton **MOVED to approve the minutes. Dave Firmage **SECONDED** the motion.**

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021: Mayor Leach asked if anyone had any questions regarding the August expenditures. Megan asked how often the payment is made to Springdale for the sewer. Clerk Bell told her that it is made every six months. Jeff Ballard **MOVED to approve the expenditures. Terry Bell**

SECONDED the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT:** Mayor Leach asked if there were any questions regarding the financial statement. M. Honer-Orton asked what the "Utah Sales Tax Payable" is. Clerk Bell explained that when the Town sells things like shirts or mugs, the Town is required to pay the resulting tax to the State. Clerk Bell reminded the Council members that there is still money set aside to contract for a compliance officer. Mayor Leach told the Council members that the Town is discussing with Springdale the possibility of hiring their compliance officer to work in Rockville like the agreement we have for the building inspector. We are hoping that by the end of the year the Town Council will have something to discuss regarding the compliance officer. Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the financial statements. Dave Firmage **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-ACTION ITEMS

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

M. HONER-ORTON - Megan said that she has gotten no response from anyone regarding updates to their information for the phone tree, so she will have to go with the information she already has. Megan also said that she has lost 3 or 4 of her callers so the remaining callers will have to pick up the slack there.

The cones on SR-9 seem to be working great and if everyone agrees then those could continue to be used. Jeff Ballard said he felt the cones were a little tacky and only meant to be temporary, which Terry Bell agreed with. Jeff then informed the Council that he just got the white traffic paint and reflective beads to paint the whole curb with.

Megan attended the Air Quality Task Force meeting that took place in St. George online and was the only one not in person. She felt that she didn't get much out of it since she could not hear when people were talking amongst themselves.

DAVE FIRMAGE - Informed the Council members that he worked with Clerk Bell to bring Tim Arnold into compliance for the excavation permit for an addition. They were able to determine that when the house was built it was located outside of the floodplain. Also, since the valuation of the remodel is under 50% of the value of the structure itself,

it did not have to be brought into compliance with the new floodplain map. Mayor Leach asked what the date of the newest floodplain map is. Dave told her it is 2009 but that there are newer maps that used LIDAR to update them, which is more accurate, but hasn't been officially approved for use yet.

TERRY BELL - Terry had a DTEC meeting that morning and was given preliminary figures on the .25% sales tax that Rockville will receive. The year to date is \$3,138 and it's estimated to be \$4,473 by the end of the year. The DTEC also did a population estimate stating that in 2010 the population of Rockville was 245 and in 2020 was 226. Terry and Clerk Bell both stated that they thought this number was low, which effects our revenue, resulting in less money for the Town. The DTEC committee approved \$20 million for the bike path to come up from LaVerkin to Springdale and \$35 million from Hurricane to St. George. It will be parallel to SR-9 going from St. George to Springdale eventually. Mayor Leach said that she is trying to get the speed reduced to 30 mph when the path goes through Rockville.

Terry went on to say that UDOT has a 50-year plan for Washington County to be done in phases. All he could hear is that of the three phases, the 2nd and 3rd phases have been moved back a couple of years in certain areas.

Regarding mosquito abatement, Burton Sant's pond has been taken care of and that should help with those issues as there were a lot of larvae and mosquitos there. Also, Rockville is now on the regular route for mosquito abatement.

JEFF BALLARD - Jeff had nothing to report aside from the paint that he mentioned while Megan was talking about the cones by the bridge.

MAYOR PAM LEACH - Mayor Leach began by discussing the Delta variant of Covid-19. She said a few families in Rockville have been affected even though everyone has been vigilant. Mayor Leach then asked the Council members how they felt about still holding Rockville Daze this year, which is scheduled for October 9th. They discussed various safety measures such as, individually wrapped food, sanitizer, masks, etc. and decided it would be okay to continue with it unless the number of confirmed cases increases. Then Cheryl McGovern broke in to offer her opinion on the Covid situation as she works at the local hospital, and she claimed they are losing six to ten people a day and are having staffing shortages. Mayor Leach thanked Cheryl for the information and after more discussion Megan suggested that they put Rockville Daze off for another year. Mayor Leach agreed that would be the right thing to do. The rest of the Council members concurred as well. They also spoke about whether to meet in person for the Town Council meeting in October and it was decided that they would conduct it via Zoom.

Mayor Leach said that the metal planks on the bridge are becoming loose. After much discussion, they thought it could be bolted down at the ends.

Jeff Ballard brought up Grafton and that there had been some damage done to his tractor as well as some of his other personal property. The Council discussed the signage for the area and other possible solutions to keep it from being accessible at night.

2. STAFF REPORT AS NEEDED: Nothing to report.

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

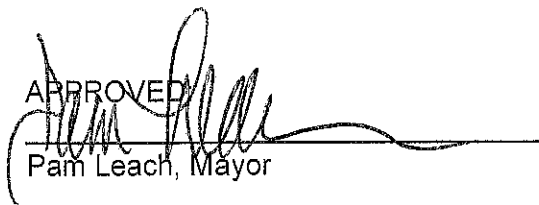
VOTE on Motion:

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

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:25 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
Dick S. Bell at approximately 8:45 AM/PM on the Rockville website.
15 October 2021
Dick S. Bell



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