

**Rockville Town Council
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
Rockville Community Center, Town Hall
June 15, 2022 – 6:00 pm**

CALL TO ORDER

1. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor Leach called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Also present were Jeff Ballard and M. Honer-Orton.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Mayor Leach led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve the agenda. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

4. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH AN AGENDA ITEM:** None were declared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dan McGuire stepped forward to thank the Council for their service.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION/NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. **REPORT ON HURRICANE VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – PAM LEACH:** Mayor Leach reported that she had not received a report from Hurricane Valley Fire Protection District, due to the transition of a new fire chief. Clerk Bell asked Dan McGuire if he knew who might be replacing Mr. Gildea. Dan reported that there had been no announcement yet.
2. **REPORT ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION – VICE-CHAIR TIM ARNOLD:** Vice-Chair Arnold reported that he had served as Chair for last evening's meeting and that the commission discussed four items. The first was a conceptual plan represented by Mayor Leach regarding the new maintenance building. It was discussed where the building might be placed due to an issue with sensitive lands.

The second item was an application for a lot line adjustment submitted by Jacob Andersen. After discussion, Mr. Andersen withdrew his application.

The third item was an application for a Home Occupation to rent E-bikes for Garth Tyler. It was approved by the commission as Garth explained the rentals would only be available to his existing renters. The maximum number of E-bikes would be determined by the maximum number of guests allowed in his establishment, which would be ten (10). But he currently only has four (4) e-bikes.

The fourth item was another application for a Home Occupation which ended up being withdrawn as the applicants would no longer be doing food preparation for their Springdale business at their Rockville residence. All they will be doing is storing their trailer in the driveway. They have offered to put covers over their signs to avoid the presence of advertising.

Vice-Chair Arnold asked for questions and Mayor Leach asked, referring to conceptual meeting, if there were any other obvious issues, other than the setback from the toe of the slope. Vice-Chair Arnold answered that all the other setbacks were fine; it's just the distance from the toe of the slope. The commission determined it would not be allowed.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION ITEMS

1. **INTRODUCTION AND INTERVIEW OF PROSPECTIVE CANDIDATES FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF COUNCILMEMBER:** Clerk Bell informed the Council that one of the candidates was going to be 10 minutes late. Mayor Leach suggested moving on to agenda item 4. Mayor Leach reported that we had five (5) candidates submit letters of interest. Richard Yeo, one of the candidates, did withdraw his letter. Mayor Leach proceeded to read each of the questions allowing each of the three candidates present, Dan McGuire, Barry Sochat and Jan Fasselin, to respond. Michael Evenson did join the group on Zoom.

If you have an interest in hearing the candidate's remarks, you can access the recording at <https://www.utah.gov/> by clicking into the June 15 Town Council audio files.

Mayor Leach thanked the candidates for bringing up some things to consider. That is why we encourage people to attend our Town meetings. There is an opportunity for public comment which is a perfect opportunity to let us know about your ideas. A lot of the things you've brought up are in discussions such as the traffic and the multi-use trail, which is happening. Jan is right, UDOT does have funds available because of the need for improved transit. The County has \$15 million for a transit system that has been bogged down. When it comes, it should certainly help to reduce car traffic. Again, she thanked them for their thoughtful comments and the things they can bring to the Council. If you are not appointed, don't stop attending and bringing your suggestions.

2. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR APPOINTMENT OF A COUNCILMEMBER TO FILL THE REMAINDER OF TERRY BELL'S TERM:** Mayor Leach clarified that the remaining term is for two years. Clerk Bell remarked that the term will end December 31, 2023. Mayor Leach corrected it to one and a half years. We do have another position to fill, again if you are not appointed tonight, please consider keeping your name in the running for the other position. Jeff **MOVED** to nominate Dan McGuire. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Mayor Leach asked the remaining candidates to let Clerk Bell know if they have interest in being considered for the second position. Jeff expressed that he appreciated their interest.

3. **SWEARING IN OF THE NEWLY APPOINTED COUNCILMEMBER:** Clerk Bell sworn in Dan McGuire, and he took a seat at the Council table.
4. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF RESOLUTION 22-0615-01 TO APPROVE THE 2022 CERTIFIED TAX RATE FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE:** M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the certified tax rate of .001293 for the Town of Rockville. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Mayor Leach stated that the certified tax rate of .001293 for the Town of Rockville will generate \$83,297 in tax revenues.

5. **OPEN PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED FINAL 2022-23 FISCAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE:** Jeff **MOVED** to open the public hearing on the proposed Final 2022-23 fiscal budget. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Dan McGuire asked a question about the Community Center utilities budgeted at \$4,274 and he asked what that includes. Clerk Bell responded that it includes the garbage pickup, and electricity. The major cost being electricity. We have the new furnaces that are running all the time. It is a bit more expensive, but it has made the building more comfortable.

6. **ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING:** M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to adjourn from the public hearing. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

7. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION OF RESOLUTION 22-0615-02 TO ADOPT THE 2022-23 FINAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE:** M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to adopt the 2022-23 final budget for the Town of Rockville. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

8. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT REGARDING OFFICIAL BALLOT DROP BOXES:** Clerk Bell explained that due to a new bill past in the last Legislative session that required all towns and cities to have a ballot box in their offices for residents to drop in their ballots. The agreement requires us to make the ballot box available, to safeguard the ballot box and then to deliver the ballot box to the County on the final voting day. M. Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the agreement. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

Now it is official that we have a ballot box. Clerk Bell reported that it has been used on an almost daily basis. Jeff asked if the box will be kept here after the election. Clerk Bell indicated that the County would keep the box; but we will get it back for the November elections.

9. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL FOR A \$500 CONTRIBUTION TO ZRC NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY COMMITTEE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THEIR CORRIDOR MANAGEMENT PLAN:** Mayor Pam reported that there was a management plan for ZC3 done in 2010 which they are currently using. They have applied for a grant to cover the cost; so, we will be contributing to the matching funds. This plan will address signage, information stops, etc. along SR-9. M. Honer-Orton has attended these meetings in the past. The Zion Corridor Collaborative has been instrumental in pushing the Scenic Byway to become a National Scenic Byway. Jeff **MOVED** to approve the \$500 contribution. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

10. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2022, REGULAR MEETING:** Mayor Leach **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2022, regular meeting. Jeff **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

11. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2022:** M. Horner-Orton **MOVED** to approve the May 2022 expenditures. Mayor Leach **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

12. **APPROVAL OF THE MAY 2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:** Mayor Leach thanked Clerk Bell for providing the financial. Jeff **MOVED** to approve the May 2022 financial statements. M. Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion.

VOTE on Motion:

Jeff Ballard: Aye
M. Honer-Orton: Aye
Mayor Leach: Aye

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE NON-ACTION ITEMS

1. MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS:

MAYOR PAM LEACH - Mayor Leach mentioned that the irrigation companies have received a letter from the State Water Rights notifying us that anyone with a water right for surface water from the Virgin River dated 1901 and forward would have to cease taking water immediately. Rockville is fortunate to have water rights that are not impacted by that. We will hope that with water conservation that this will not impact us later this summer. M. Honer-Orton asked what surface water means. Mayor Leach responded it is water from the river as opposed to being underground. Our water availability is definitely of concern.

Mayor Leach reported that she has a group of volunteers to help with the seed display for Hurricane's Peach Days on Labor Day weekend. Clerk Bell came up with an idea for the theme which is "Peach Days Fantasy's." Hunter, Candace's son produced a drawing. She will be getting that out to everyone who is interested in participating. Clerk Bell also thought it would be great to use dried peaches, so they would be real peaches. Mayor Leach discussed a few housekeeping details on the preparations.

Mayor Leach reported that she had made a conceptual presentation to the Planning Commission for the maintenance building. We now need to consider what our options. One would be to apply for a variance to see if we would qualify with the hardship presented by the irrigation line and having enough space to access the building. Dan, as a new member, asked a few questions about the plans. Mayor Leach explained it would be a steel building, with electricity and water. The initial plan was for a 30-foot x 60-foot building with three rollup doors and one man-door. Reducing the size of the building would only give us 10 additional feet to meet the 50-foot setback. She asked the Planning Commission if that would be something they could work with, and we will do further research to see if there is any room to move closer to the irrigation line without impacting how it can be accessed for repairs. Discussion continued to bring Dan up to speed on the progress of the building. Mayor Leach asked the members to give some thought to how they would like to proceed. Mayor Leach reminded members that a variance cannot be self imposed, but that is what will be determined by the variance hearing officer. Jeff asked if the Planning Commission was going to get back with us and Mayor Leach responded no that this was just a conceptual meeting. But the Planning Commission's opinion was that we need to comply with the Code. She explained that we have received an opinion letter from Rosenberg and Assoc.'s geologic engineer as to the impact of the setback and the toe of the slope, disturbance, etc. His opinion was that it is typically disturbing the toe of the slope that could cause for sliding or rockfall. And that has already been disturbed by the fact that DeMille Road is there. That is the closest disturbance. That lot has also been graded and the construction of a volleyball court. The maintenance building is new construction, and we certainly want to abide by our Land Use Code.

Mayor Leach reported that Chris Hall, UDOT representative, informed her that UDOT is looking at this multi-use trail. Rockville is the one area that there is limited space. An option they are looking at is having the multi-use trail on one side and moving the lanes over without a parking strip on one side. They are looking very strongly at the speed reduction and using the existing parking lanes for bike use. Chris pointed out that during the day there is less parking in those lanes so if the speed is reduced, cyclists could get around cars which they are doing now. Dan asked if UDOT allows parking on SR-9. Mayor Leach responded that it is, except for in the areas in the curves where it has been deemed dangerous or there is limited vision.

There is talk regarding the property that the County purchased from SITLA of using it for a parking facility in conjunction with the transit system and the multi-use trail. Commissioner Almquist has let us know he is pushing for landscaping so that it is not just an asphalt parking lot. Hopefully, there will be some character to it. Barry's suggestion would be a good one to share with them to provide some covered parking that would allow for solar and then provide solar chargers for the electric vehicles. The initial thought is that they would not charge for the parking to help encourage people to use the transit system. Perhaps the County could charge for the covered parking. We can send an official letter letting them know about our ideas.

Mayor Leach reported that she has had a conversation with Chris Hall, UDOT rep, about our connector corridor because we are seeing so much more traffic on the historic bridge. There is worry if it will hold up the 15 years as we were told. She doesn't know for certain if they are planning to pave the entire road from Apple Valley, with improvements to the drainage coming down Cry Baby Hill. But there is a need to address a new access point for all the visitors wanting to access that recreational area.

A few of us met with BLM to talk about issues about the dispersed and illegal camping in Town. They have put up a few more signs, moved their signs out that indicate that you cannot park within a half mile of the scenic byway. They have also put up fire restriction signs. We are looking at additions or tweaks to our Code addressing camping that would give some teeth to our local law enforcement officials. We have put in a work request with BLM asking them to do work or work that we with volunteers could do, such as cleaning up camp sites so that vegetation can come back. Dan commented that BLM needs to be held accountable for their job of being stewards of their lands. The unfinished kiosk at the base of Smithsonian was addressed and start using it to post information as to where they can and cannot camp. We are hoping to see some cooperation and assistance from the BLM.

Our contract with the Springdale Police expires the end of this year. Chief Breck asked if Rockville is still wanting their services. Mayor Leach responded absolutely. We have been five years at the same annual rate of \$20,000. Chief Breck asked Mayor Leach to look at our budget and let him know what the Town can afford. In reviewing our budget, Clerk Bell and the Mayor, agreed that we could afford an increase to \$25,000 annually. Chief Breck will be pushing for a five-year contract again. Apparently, there was some comment about going to a year-to-year contract. Dan asked if we get any say as to when they service Rockville. Mayor Leach reported that she sees them in the early evenings looking for campers and then usually again later around midnight. The Springdale police do try and stop in the office every Monday to check for any problem areas or issues.

DAVE FIRMAGE - Not in attendance.

MEGAN HONER-ORTON – Asked if the Town was planning on participating in the 4th of July parade. Mayor Leach indicated that we do have people interested in the drill team and Jane Brennan would like to drive her Model A. Dan asked if a flyer will be posted asking for volunteers. Mayor Leach will confirm with the parties and then get something posted. Dan mentioned that the Lions Club will be holding their annual pancake breakfast starting at 7am on the Fourth at the school grounds.

JEFF BALLARD - We've been working on the irrigation system for a day and a half and finally got it repaired. There was a broken valve at Dennett Lane.

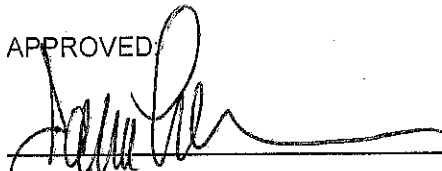
DAN MCGUIRE - Dan shared his limitations as to his eyesight and hearing. He needs better lighting to read, and he asked if everyone could speak a little slower so that the hearing aids can process the words. He just asked everyone to be aware.

2. **STAFF REPORT AS NEEDED:** Clerk Bell reminded the Council that they approved the FY22 Amended budget last month. You were informed that there would be a transfer of \$40,000 to the new corridor fund. She explained that she had a change of mind, which she talked over with the mayor. Rather than putting the full \$40,000 into the corridor fund, she transferred \$15,000 to the Corridor Fund and \$15,000 to the Maintenance Building fund. The reason for the change is to help cover unforeseen expenses coming up for the maintenance shed that was not accounted for in our CIB application. This did not make any change to the bottom line of the budget remains at \$304,269. Just a reallocation of funds.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Leach called the meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.

Minutes Prepared by
Vicki S. Bell, Town Clerk
Town of Rockville

APPROVED:



Pam Leach, Mayor

The foregoing minutes were posted in the cabinet of the Rockville Town Office by Vicki S. Bell
on July 14, 2022, at approximately 9:00 AM and on the Utah Public Network
and Rockville websites.

Vicki S Bell

