

**Rockville Town Council**  
**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**June 13, 2012**  
**Rockville Community Center**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL** – Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members of the Rockville Town Council were present: Pam Leach, Jeff Ballard, and Dan McGuire. Megan Honer-Orton arrived at 6:10 p.m. See attached list for others present. Town Clerk Elaine Harris recorded the meeting.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH AN AGENDA ITEM** – No conflicts were declared.
4. **PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED 2012/2013 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE** – Pam Leach **MOVED** to open the public hearing on the proposed 2012/2013 Budget for the Town of Rockville. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

Ms. Kim Konikow, who represents the Washington County Arts Council, addressed the Town Council. The Arts Council encountered several funding challenges this year, and, as a result, it is asking the Town to donate \$100 for each of the next two years. She explained some of the Arts Council's goals. Mayor Brown indicated that the Town may be able to give some money to the Arts Council this year, but it cannot commit to next year. Dan asked whether the Arts Council has done anything in Rockville. Ms. Konikow stated that it has not, but there will be grant money available in the future. The Arts Council is working to get money diffused throughout the county by establishing grant caps. Dan asked about the infrastructure required to qualify for grant money. Ms. Konikow briefly explained the grant application process. In response to a request from Dan, Ms. Konikow agreed to provide the Arts Council's most recent financial statement.

Dan expressed his feeling that the amount budgeted for a variance officer could be eliminated if an on-call Board of Adjustments was used instead. There are many people who would happily volunteer to sit on the Board to consider cases as needed. Mayor Brown noted that past Board of Adjustment Chair Kim Konikow recommended a variance officer, as she was unable to find people willing to attend training for the Board of Adjustments. Clerk Harris pointed out that the application fee will offset the cost of the variance officer. Megan thinks a neutral, formal officer or Board would provide more credibility in case of a legal challenge. Mayor Brown stated that several of the most qualified people would be ineligible for the Board of Adjustments because of other commitments, such as sitting on the Town Council.

Dan also indicated that he does not have time to apply for the tree grant. Mayor Brown suggested zeroing the budget item out if the Town is not going to apply for the grant. Clerk Harris removed the items from revenues and expenditures of the proposed budget.

Clerk Harris stated that the amount budgeted as income from property taxes (\$48,000) is too high. The certified tax rate provided by the County is only \$45,833. Additionally, the Town has already paid the \$125 special assessment to the Rockville Town Ditch Company for the current fiscal year. Clerk Harris suggested asking the Ditch Company to return the money with the understanding that the Town will repay as a donation when the new fiscal year begins on July 1, 2012. She also reminded the Council Members that if they want to donate money to the Washington County Arts Council, that donation must be added to the budget.

Clerk Harris also noted that Springdale's proposed budget projects \$15,000 income from Rockville for police services. Rockville, however, has budgeted \$20,000 for those services. She suggested reducing the budgeted amount to align with Springdale's projection.

Pam Leach **MOVED** to adjourn the public hearing. Dan McGuire **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments.
6. **REPORT AND ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR SHARON HATFIELD** – Clerk Harris reported that the Planning Commission discussed its agenda items, but each item was tabled. Mayor Brown asked about the status of the Night Sky Ordinance. Clerk Harris stated that the ordinance has already passed.
7. **ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2012/2013 BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE** – Dan McGuire **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 12-0613-1, *A Resolution to Approve the 2012/2013 Budget for the Town of Rockville*, including the following changes:
  - change the projected general property taxes from \$48,000 to \$45,833;
  - add a donation of \$125 to the Rockville Town Ditch Company;
  - add a donation of \$100 to the Washington County Arts Council;
  - reduce the expenditure to the Zion Canyon Police from \$20,000 to \$15,000;
  - eliminate the Tree Project expense (\$5,000), making the Tree Budget \$2,800; and
  - eliminate projected grant revenue for the Tree Project (\$5,000).

Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

With respect to the donation to the Washington County Arts Council, Mayor Brown expressed his support for cultural arts in general. He is unsure, however, whether the Town should donate to the Arts Council when it has eliminated funding for other important projects, such as the Senior Lunch Program. He would like to see the cut funds restored to the Senior Lunch Program, if the Town is going to donate money to the Arts Council. The other Council Members agreed.

Dan amended his motion to include:

- change the amount budgeted for the Senior Lunch Program from \$540 to \$600.

Jeff agreed to the amendment.

Mayor Brown discussed ideas for revenue generation.

A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

8. **REPORT AND DISCUSSION REGARDING THE BRIDGE SAFETY INSPECTION REPORT, SUMMARY LETTER, AND RESULTING INVOICE FROM ROSENBERG ASSOCIATES** – Mayor Brown reported that the bridge is in fair condition. UDOT engineers rated the substructure 5/10 and the superstructure and surface 4/10. The overall rating is "fair." After meeting with UDOT, Mayor Brown and Jeff Ballard are both optimistic about obtaining funding to maintain the bridge. Mayor Brown discussed some of the Town's other options, including

construction of a new bridge in another location. Dan suggested maintaining the status quo, rather than replacing the bridge. Mayor Brown agreed that resurfacing the bridge should be the Town's short-term goal. Construction of a new bridge might be an appropriate long-term goal.

Rosenberg Associates also inspected the bridge and agree with UDOT's rating. Their engineers estimate that the bridge resurfacing and asphalt overlay will cost approximately \$28,000. If UDOT will fund 80% of the project, the Town can approach CIB for the remaining 20%. Dan asked about installing new barriers. Jeff stated that the Town has budgeted for the installation of the barriers, but Allen Lee is too busy to install them right now. Since the Town has been waiting several months for Mr. Lee to improve the Mesa road, Mayor Brown suggested getting someone else to do the work.

Mayor Brown stated that Rosenberg Associates billed the Town \$1,800 for the bridge inspection and evaluation. He was able to get them to reduce it to \$900, which the Town paid.

9. **DISCUSSION REGARDING RECENT CAMPING/RV INCURSIONS ON ROCKVILLE, PRIVATE, AND UDOT/BLM/PARK PROPERTIES** – Mayor Brown met with Park Superintendent Jock Whitworth, Springdale Mayor Pat Cluff, and Virgin Mayor John Grow about the camping problem. They agreed that a camping plan must be developed for the canyon, since the Park is unable to accommodate the thousands of tourists who enter each day. Mayor Brown contacted the police about patrolling the intersection of Smithsonian Butte and Grafton Road, which is heavily used. Even with the increased patrols, however, there is still a lot of unauthorized camping. Dan asked whether the Park has considered increasing its camping sites. Mayor Brown explained that, generally, the Park does not want to install more showers or accommodate more campers.

Mayor Brown is most concerned about the uncontrolled campfires. Dan thinks the Park could do more to help with the problem. He suggested creating temporary camping areas, without water or showers, in the Park. Pam agreed, noting that there are areas in the Park that could accommodate campers. Mayor Brown indicated, and Megan agreed, that a camping plan, to which the Park, BLM, and the Towns all contribute, should be developed. Mayor Brown agreed, and asked the Council Members to think of ways Rockville can contribute to the plan. He pointed out that a Town-owned camping/RV area would help with the camping problem, and it would be a good money maker for the Town.

10. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2012 – TOWN CLERK** – Megan Honor-Orton **MOVED** to approve the expenditures for the month of May, 2012. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion.

Dan asked about two expenditures. Clerk Harris explained that one of the checks was for another computer for the new assistant clerk and the other was for a computer security program.

A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

11. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

- a. May 08, 2012 Combined Work Meeting with the Planning Commission
- b. May 09, 2012 Regular Meeting

Pam Leach **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the May 08, 2012 combined work meeting with the Planning Commission, as corrected, and the May 09, 2012 regular meeting, as written. Megan

Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

## **12. MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**Jeff Ballard** reported that a youth group from Lehi will be cleaning the Rockville Cemetery on Saturday. They are bringing their own tools.

Dan expressed his concern about the trees in the cemetery. He waters them once a week, but they may need more water. Mayor Brown suggested adding wood chips or mulch to hold the moisture in.

**Pam Leach** reported that a musical group has volunteered to play for the Town's Sesquicentennial celebration. The group will also write and perform a song about Rockville. Dan has ordered some buttons for the celebration. Pam hopes to have the t-shirts ordered by the first of July.

**Megan Honer-Orton** reported that the energy grant is complete. She submitted a copy of the original energy metrics, with the formula for converting the information from the energy audit. She believes the grant information is now complete. Megan also noted that the sidewalk grinding contractor told her he had ground thirty sidewalk panels in addition to those she originally requested, but he did not bill the Town for the extra work. She has not checked to confirm the additional work, but she thinks it would be nice to send a thank you note. Megan stated that someone has expressed interest in purchasing the organ in the Recreation Hall. Dan explained the history of the organ, and stated that he has the operating manual. The Council members agreed that the organ should be sold if the price is right and the buyer is willing to move it. Megan agreed to contact the potential buyer.

**Dan McGuire** reported that the Park wants its radar speed sign back, so he spoke with Chief Wright about Springdale's broken radar sign. Dan thinks the sign can be repaired. If so, Rockville could pay to repair it and it could be used in Town. Dan also reported that he attended a meeting of the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection District. Fire restrictions are now in effect and fireworks are prohibited in Springdale this year.

**Mayor Brown** also noted that target practice has been suspended in Utah because of the fire hazard. He reminded the Council about the Washington County Fair and the Rockville families who will represent the Town. The Cox family will officiate at the grand opening on August 8 and the Lewis family will represent the Town in the parade on August 11.

Dan stated that he provided a brief history of the area, as well as historical photographs to Wendy Sandburg who is preparing the annual Washington County Fair Magazine, copies of which she will provide to Rockville. Ms. Sandburg will come to Rockville and present the magazine to the Pioneer Couple and the Grand Marshals and also leave extra copies for residents.

Mayor Brown also reported that he entered into an interlocal agreement terminating the Town's relationship with the Hurricane Justice Court. Mayor Brown read the agreement, noting that the reasons for terminating the relationship were substantial. In the future, the Town will work with the County Court in St. George.

Mayor Brown also discussed the results of the American Community Survey. He noted that the Town is over the income limit for Community Development Block Grants, but he thinks the Town may still qualify because the elderly and handicapped are calculated differently.

Mayor Brown informed the Council members that the State audited the Springdale Police Department and found problems with payments being made directly to police officers. He believes the problem has been resolved.

13. **TOWN BUSINESS** – Clerk Harris stated that the piano needs to be relocated because it is currently blocking the cooler. She also asked about disposition of furniture stored in the Recreation Hall. Dan pointed out that the furniture is free for the taking, but residents have not been notified. Clerk Harris suggested posting a notice on the bulletin board. If no one takes the items, Dan directed Clerk Harris to throw them in the dumpster. Clerk Harris also expressed her concern about the lawns, which are dying. The Council Members discussed possible causes and solutions.
14. **ADJOURN** – Pam Leach **MOVED** to adjourn. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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