

**Rockville Town Council**  
**July 11, 2012**  
**Rockville Community Center**

1. **CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL** – Mayor Allen Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members of the Rockville Town Council were present: Pam Leach, Jeff Ballard, and Dan McGuire. Megan Honer-Orton was excused. 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 COMMENT** – Dan McGuire reported that Rockville resident Jim Harlan received the “Citizen of the Season” award at Springdale’s Town Council meeting. Mr. Harlan was honored for his photography and historical record-keeping. Dan expressed his appreciation for Mr. Harlan’s work, and reminded the Council that Mr. Harlan is a past recipient of Rockville’s Mayor’s Award for the Humanities for similar work performed in Rockville.
5. **ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE 2012 CERTIFIED TAX RATE FOR THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE** – Mayor Brown read the resolution. Pam Leach **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 12-0711-1, *A Resolution to Approve the 2012 Certified Tax Rate for the Town of Rockville*. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.
6. **ACTION ON A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT GOVERNING THE USE OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JUSTICE COURT BY SPRINGDALE TOWN, ROCKVILLE TOWN, AND VIRGIN TOWN** – Mayor Brown noted that this resolution will allow the Town to use the Washington County Justice Court as a substitute for the Hurricane Court. He read the resolution. Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 12-0711-2, *A Resolution Approving the Execution of an Interlocal Agreement Governing the Use of the Washington County Justice Court by Springdale Town, Rockville Town, and Virgin Town*. Pam Leach **SECONDED** the motion.  
  
A question was raised about the provision of funds for a public defender. Mayor Brown is unsure whether this is a change from the Town’s agreement with Hurricane, but he noted that if an indigent defendant is entitled to counsel, an attorney must be provided. He will obtain a copy of the Hurricane agreement for the Council’s reference. Mayor Brown also noted that time is of the essence on the interlocal agreement with the County.

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

7. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING SETTING ACCEPTABLE HOURS FOR CONTRACTORS** – Mayor Brown stated that he was disturbed by a roofing contractor using a nail gun at 5:45 a.m. He pointed out that, although most towns have established acceptable working hours for construction contractors, Rockville has not. Jeff indicated that, although he heard the roofing contractor, he was not bothered by the noise. He noted that the noise is temporary and short term. He also recognized the need to do roofing and other construction work before it gets too hot. Pam agreed with Jeff. She suggested asking residents to post a notice regarding construction work being performed. She thinks the issue could be discussed in the Town newsletter. Dan also agreed with Jeff. He thinks it would be cumbersome and difficult to attempt to regulate contractors because of the time, personnel, travel, and heat issues they have to deal with and work around.

Mayor Brown acknowledged Jeff's point, but suggested that setting a 7:00 a.m. start time during cooler weather may be appropriate. Dan thinks that such a rule would inconvenience both contractors and homeowners.

8. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON ENFORCEMENT OF THE NUISANCE ORDINANCE REGARDING FRONTAGE SOIL, WEED ABATEMENT, AND DITCH CLEANING** –

Mayor Brown reported that soil washing across sidewalks has been an ongoing problem, as have weed abatement issues. Courtesy letters have been sent to the community and to individual residents, but the problems continue. Dan thinks contacting property owners individually works best, especially where the condition creates a fire or safety hazard.

Mayor Brown stated that UDOT has complained about weeds in the ditches. The Council members discussed whose responsibility it is to keep the ditches clear. Mayor Brown pointed out that, although many residents voluntarily clear ditches for the community, some property owners do not. Because the letters previously sent out by the Town have not been effective, he suggested additional action.

Pam suggested notifying residents that they need to clear the ditches, and if they do not, the Town will hire someone to clear the ditch at the property owner's expense. She noted that if the ditches are properly cleaned at the beginning of spring, and then maintained throughout the summer, they are not difficult to keep clear. Jeff pointed out that, in some cases, it is not the property owner's fault that the ditch in front of their property is bad. He suggested spraying the weeds, but he is concerned about the herbicide killing someone's grass. A resident noted that she considered using weed spray, but she, too, was concerned about the toxicity. The Council members discussed options.

Dan suggested organizing clean-up parties. The groups could use the tools already owned by the Town to clear the ditches. Mayor Brown agreed. He suggested setting a date in March to clean the ditches. Pam also suggested forming a group to clear ditches in preparation for the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

The Council discussed various other alternatives, such as repairing the ditches with cement. Dan will contact UDOT about the weed problem. Jeff will contact the County about getting an inmate work gang to do the work. The Council members agreed that the focus should be on addressing the most problematic areas first.

Mayor Brown encouraged the Town to send letters to residents regarding weed abatement issues; otherwise, the Town may be accepting responsibility for any fire hazard created. Dan suggested posting something in the Town's August newsletter.

9. **DISCUSSION REGARDING ROCKVILLE'S POSSIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO RV PARKING AND CAMPING** – Mayor Brown has discussed some ideas with Springdale officials. He thinks, though, that ZC3 is in a better political position to obtain cooperation. He encouraged the Town to examine its land use policies in light of the overnight visitors, which have become more common since tourism in the Park has increased.

Mayor Brown discussed alternatives, such as RV parking, overnight parking, and rest stops. He indicated that Park officials may be willing to allow overnight parking in the theater lot just outside the Park entrance. Springdale is also considering areas for overnight parking. Additionally, the BLM is expanding its website to provide information about campgrounds and areas where camping

is prohibited. Dan suggested providing camping information flyers at the local convenience store at the bottom of the hill. Other locations for flyers and signs were discussed.

Jeff noted that boulders could be used to block areas being used as illegal campsites. Mayor Brown does not mind the people, but he is very concerned about the fire hazard. Dan expressed his feeling that the Park, which advertises to draw tourists, should be actively working toward providing more camping areas for Park visitors. Other suggestions were discussed.

Mayor Brown will present the suggestions to ZC3 to create a plan. He also encouraged continued discussions with BLM.

10. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A RADAR SPEED SIGN** – Dan provided the Council members with prices from four sign vendors. He pointed out that the numbers on the signs are different sizes. Larger numbers provide drivers with longer notice time, which allows them more time to slow down. Dan also explained that if the Town chooses to erect a stand-alone pole, it will have to get UDOT approval. If the sign can be mounted on a power pole, however, UDOT's permission will not be necessary. Moreover, a stand-alone pole would be more vulnerable to being hit by a passing vehicle. Dan recommended contacting Rocky Mountain Power about mounting the sign on one of its poles. The prices and budget were discussed. Mayor Brown also noted that, if the sign is mounted on a power pole, electricity may be available making a solar-powered sign unnecessary. The Council members considered the pros and cons of electricity and solar power.

Dan agreed to contact Rocky Mountain Power regarding use of a pole and access to electricity.

11. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2012 – TOWN CLERK** – Pam Leach **MOVED** to approve the expenditures for the month of June 2012. Dan McGuire **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.
12. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2012 TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR MEETING**; Pam Leach **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2012 Town Council Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, as amended. Dan McGuire **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.
13. **MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

**Jeff Ballard** reported that Jane Whalen has completed her book on Rockville's history, which will be sold by the Grafton Heritage Partnership during the Sesquicentennial celebration. Dan reminded the Council that a short article regarding Rockville has also been submitted to the County Fair magazine.

**Pam Leach** reported on the plans for the upcoming Sesquicentennial celebration, which has been rescheduled for October 12 and 13, 2012. The caterer has agreed to the new dates and Pam is awaiting confirmation from the musical group. Additionally, the wagon train group has announced that it will have services on Sunday morning, and anyone who would like to join them is welcome. Pam is preparing an announcement for the August newsletter. Mayor Brown explained the treasure hunt he is planning.

**Dan McGuire** reported that he attended the audit report presentation of the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection District. The auditor was impressed with how well-run the department is. He noted that Clerk Harris deserves credit for the help she provides. Dan also noted that the department must change to the new emergency radio frequency adopted by the County. The change will be expensive, as each new radio is costly and a monthly maintenance fee is required.

Dan also described the plans for the Town's display for the Washington County Fair. He also noted that Aleen McGuire is making the Town's Sesquicentennial quilt, which will feature photographs of the Town. He expressed his hope that the recycling money, which was used to repair sidewalks, can be restored to the Tree Board. He asked about funding for the Board of Adjustments hearing officer. Mayor Brown explained that the funding comes from application fees.

**Mayor Brown** reported that Jim Harlan was presented with Springdale's Citizen of the Season award. He congratulated Mr. Harlan for his accomplishment. He also indicated that UDOT has scheduled a meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the bridge. He encouraged Council members to attend, if possible. Mayor Brown also mentioned the *Wall Street Journal's* inflammatory report about the conduct of Springdale police. He has discussed the issue with Springdale officials.

Further, Jane Whalen told Mayor Brown that the Grafton Heritage Partnership has received funds for a cutting crew to clear Russian Olives and diseased Tamarisk trees on property surrounding Grafton. Mayor Brown suggested that the Natural Resources Group and forestry officials should do the same to eradicate invasive species along the watercourse.

Mayor Brown also noted that the court has ruled on the Lewis/Vesco dispute. The decision was distributed to Council members.

14. **TOWN BUSINESS** – Clerk Harris reminded Council members that she needs information for the newsletter by August 1, as she will be on vacation August 2-6. Mayor Brown raised various issues that should be addressed in the newsletter. He and Dan discussed the bridge, UDOT, and funding.
15. **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 7:35 p.m.

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APPROVED:



Mayor Allen Brown