

Rockville Town Council
February 15, 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: Jeff Ballard, Dan McGuire, Megan Honer-Orton, and Pam Leach. 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 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH AN AGENDA ITEM** – No conflicts were declared.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Matt Gunn gave information regarding the Zion 100 Trail Race. The race, which will begin and end in Virgin, will be held May 11 and 12. He requested community volunteers to help with the event. Interested residents can sign up at www.zion100.com.
5. **PRESENTATION BY JENIFER WINWARD OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING PROGRAM** – Jenifer Winward of the Washington County Recycling program reported that the program now has four cardboard recycling sites in St. George and Washington City. In 2011, approximately 30,000 pounds of recyclable material was collected in Rockville. She presented Rockville with a check for \$928.33. Ms. Winward encouraged education to control unacceptable materials deposited in the recycling binnies.
6. **REPORT AND ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR SHARON HATFIELD** – Chair Hatfield reported that the Planning Commission tabled applications for a home occupation and a business license as the required notifications had not been made. Drafts of the Chapter 9 revisions and the new Outdoor Lighting ordinance should be provided to the Council members before the end of the month.
7. **ACTION ON A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF ROCKVILLE, UTAH, APPROVING THE DESIGNATION OF A REPRESENTATIVE TO SERVE ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL BOARD OF WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2012 OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A SUCCESSOR HAS BEEN APPOINTED** – Jeff Ballard agreed to act as the Town's representative. Mayor Brown read the resolution.

Pam Leach **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 12-0215-1, *A Resolution of the Town Council of Rockville, Utah, Approving the Designation of a Representative to Serve on the Administrative Control Board of Washington County Special Service District No. 1 for the Calendar Year 2012 or Until Such Time as a Successor Has Been Approved*, naming Jeff Ballard as the representative. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

8. **ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 04-1020-1, "A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A TRAVEL AND PER DIEM POLICY FOR TRAVEL OUTSIDE ROCKVILLE."** – Mayor Brown read a portion of the resolution, which increases the travel per diem to \$35 per day.

Jeff Ballard **MOVED** to waive the reading of Resolution No. 12-0215-2, *A Resolution to Amend Resolution 04-1020-1, "A Resolution to Approve a Travel and Per Diem Policy for Travel Outside*

Rockville." Pam Leach **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

Dan McGuire **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 12-0215-2, *A Resolution to Amend Resolution 04-1020-1, "A Resolution to Approve a Travel and Per Diem Policy for Travel Outside Rockville."* Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

9. **REPORT ON THE SOUTH CREEK (TREES RANCH) DAM – MAYOR BROWN** – Mayor Brown provided the Council with a report on his visit to the South Creek dam.

Rob Snyder and Jeff Ballard expressed their increased confidence in the dam since examining the site and viewing the improvements. Mayor Brown agreed, noting that the dam is designed to withstand a major flood.

Rob would like to know the estimated life expectancy of the dam. Dan McGuire asked if the required changes have been made. Mayor Brown indicated that the dam is being refilled, so it appears the changes have been made. He pointed out that, if the dam fills with sediment, the water will resume its course down the Virgin River. A tour for local residents has been tentatively scheduled for mid-March.

10. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO REFINISH THE WOOD BENCHES IN THE TOWN PARK AS WELL AS THE WOOD RAILING AROUND THE COOKING AREA – DAN MCGUIRE** – Dan reported that Trevor Hirschi, a local boy scout, has requested permission to refurbish the wooden benches and railing in the town park. The Council members discussed required materials and insurance coverage.

Dan McGuire **MOVED** to authorize Trevor Hirschi to refinish the wood benches in the town park as well as the wood railing around the cooking area. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

11. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AUTHORIZE AN EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT TO CLEAN THE IRRIGATION DITCHES ALONG SR-9 – DAN MCGUIRE** – Dan reported that Truman Madsen, a local boy scout, has volunteered to clean the irrigation ditches along SR-9. Truman is awaiting final BSA approval of the project, but Dan would like to get Council approval for any scout to adopt the project. The Council members discussed necessary equipment.

Pam Leach **MOVED** to proceed with the project. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

12. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF SEEKING A REVERSAL OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S DECISION THAT CLOSED MOSQUITO COVE TO CAMPING – DAN MCGUIRE** – Dan stated that if a camping area is not identified, unregulated campfires will create a fire hazard. He proposed contacting BLM and State legislators regarding the issue. Megan agreed, noting that, although local BLM officials do not seem open to discussion, regional officials may be more amenable. Mayor Brown reported that he had already contacted the Canyon Mayors regarding the problem. The Canyon Mayors agreed to work through ZC3, which carries more authority. ZC3 met with the local representative from BLM, who indicated that he could not authorize camping in Mosquito Cove because of the flash flood danger. Additionally, campers in the area are damaging the cottonwood trees and sending trash downstream.

In Rockville, the BLM suggests installing signage at Horse Valley Wash indicating the restricted areas and permitted camping areas. However, the BLM's current policy prohibits camping within one-half mile of Smithsonian Butte Road. Accordingly, all the camping areas in that area are closed.

The BLM is also willing to post similar signs at the corrals on the west side of the Virgin River. Currently, there is camping along Kolob Terrace Road. Half of the camping area is privately owned and the owner charges a fee for camping on it; the other half is owned by BLM, which has not made any improvements. Because it is also in the flood plain, it is unlikely that BLM will allow camping on that property either.

BLM has identified land accessible from Sheep Bridge Road where camping would be permissible. However, there is no shade or water.

The Mayor believes it would be fruitless to continue discussion with the local BLM officials. The BLM district office in Cedar City is also aware of the issue, but refuses to act. Mayor Brown suggested pursuing the matter on a state level, but he is not optimistic that Mosquito Cove is a viable campground location.

Dan pointed out that Mosquito Cove has operated as a campground for many years. Previously, BLM did not provide even minimal oversight for the area. Dan suggested that signs could be posted to warn of the flood hazard and to prevent campers from damaging the trees. He would like to pursue the issue with the higher levels of the BLM. He volunteered to spearhead the effort.

The Council members discussed other potential campground locations.

Sharon Hatfield pointed out that if the BLM would enforce its policies regarding camping areas, there would be no fire hazard; without enforcement, however, campers move into unauthorized areas and build campfires.

Mayor Brown suggested giving the BLM until April 1st to update its signage and website. If it fails to act, the Town can pursue the issue at the state level.

13. **DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITY OF INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY OWNERS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE FRONTAGE OF THEIR PROPERTY TO INCLUDE THE IRRIGATION DITCH** – Mayor Brown suggested establishing a policy requiring resident and non-resident owners to maintain the ditches in front of their properties. He would like to be able to engage someone to clear the ditch, at the property owner's expense, if a property owner fails to do so. Megan pointed out that there may be some confusion regarding responsibility for clearing the ditches, since UDOT clears some, but not all of them. She suggested notifying those residents who are responsible for clearing the ditch in front of their properties.

Sharon Hatfield noted that the Planning Commission plans to contact the Fire Marshal regarding a weed abatement policy, as the weeds pose a fire hazard.

Jeff indicated that, because the property line ends at the sidewalk, it may be difficult to require property owners to maintain property that does not belong to them.

Mayor Brown asked Sharon Hatfield to discuss the issue with the Planning Commission. He also asked other Council members to consider possible solutions. The issue will be discussed again at the March Town Council meeting.

14. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2012 – TOWN CLERK** – Dan asked about the funds donated to Springdale. Clerk Harris explained that the Town receives a rebate from the State's liquor sales tax, but the funds must go toward drunk-driving education. Since Rockville does not have such a program, it donates its funds to Springdale's program. Megan Honor-Orton **MOVED** to approve the expenditures for the month of January 2012. Pam Leach **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

Rob Snyder asked about the sale of the Town's tractor. Jeff Ballard explained that the tractor will be sold through a closed bid process. He anticipates the bidding will start at \$6,500.

15. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2012 TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING** – Megan Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2012 Town Council Regular Meeting, as amended. Jeff Ballard **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

16. **MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS AND COMMENTS**

Jeff Ballard reported that he had received a bid of \$3,150 for parking lot resurfacing at the Community Center, but the project cannot begin until spring. He also received a bid of \$1,228.40 from Kenworthy Signs to replace the Town's 27 street signs with reflective signs. Jeff also reported that he attended the police commission meeting. Fingerprinting revenue will be used to offset the amount the Town needs to contribute to the police department. Jeff also attended the solid waste meeting. The board has purchased two paint blending machines at a combined cost of \$4,000. The machines have already saved the landfill \$18,000. Profits are donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Pam Leach reminded the Council that the Rockville Appreciation Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012. She asked for names of committee members and volunteers who have performed service around Rockville, to allow the Town to properly recognize those who contribute to the community. She also reported that plans for the Town's Sesquicentennial celebration are progressing.

Megan Honer-Orton reported that the Recreation Hall lighting project is ready, but it still needs EECBG approval. She is unsure what the timing will be for the remaining projects. She also noted that she has scheduled several CERT meetings, but no one has been able to attend. A meeting is scheduled for March 8. Megan, Dan, and Mayor Brown will survey the sidewalks to determine which sections need repairs.

Dan McGuire reported that he attended the meeting of the Rockville/Springdale Fire Protection District. The District plans to offer public CPR classes. Springdale has updated their website and the address remains springdaletown.com. Dan received a letter from the State indicating that the Town has met all of the qualifications for the Tree City designation, so the Arbor Day Foundation should give final approval. Additionally, Rockville will receive a growth award, and a representative should plan to attend the award ceremony in Cedar City on Tuesday, April 10th. Dan also attended the IHC health-wellness advocate meeting. He reported that the flu season has not yet begun, but it is expected to start in March. He also explained the hospital's pandemic triage

protocol. Dan also reported that the sign proposed for the Town Park would cost \$620 to purchase and install. It will take two weeks to make the sign. Money must be budgeted to pay for the sign, but Dan suggested ordering the sign in advance to ensure it will be ready. The other Council members agreed.

Mayor Brown asked about the Town's storage of Tamiflu. Megan reported that the Tamiflu is in Springdale and there is enough to provide double doses for fifty people. The Town's Tamiflu is intended for first responders. Mayor Brown proposed the goal of establishing a sustainable community. He suggested solar power as a way for the community to generate its own power. Group ownership may allow more people to convert to solar power. The Council members discussed potential locations for solar panels. Prado & Kramer Real Estate, which is marketing the Fatali property, has not communicated with the Town. Dan suggested sending a more strongly worded letter. In response to a question from Mayor Brown, **David Hatfield** explained that family members of those buried in the Grafton Cemetery and local cub scout dens usually maintain the cemetery. Jeff Ballard also noted that Grafton usually uses funds it has collected to repair and replace headstones. David agreed to contact the Grafton committee regarding cemetery maintenance.

17. **TOWN BUSINESS** – Clerk Harris reported that the Town received a thank you note from the senior meal program to which Rockville donated. Clerk Harris also reported on the gutters on the Town buildings. Some of them need to be cleaned, improved, or replaced. She suggested getting an estimate for gutter replacement. Megan noted that the bottom of the income statement had been cut off. Clerk Harris will provide new ones.

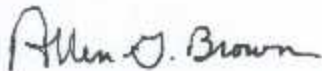
Sharon Hatfield also noted that the owner of DreamCatcher Inn has written to the Planning Commission to complain about lack of lighting near his property. He reported that two of his guests have driven into the ditch because of the lack of adequate lighting. Sharon requested that someone from the Town Council meet with the resident to discuss the ditch and the outdoor lighting ordinance. Mayor Brown suggested solar sidewalk lighting to reduce the hazard.

18. **ADJOURN**– **David Hatfield MOVED** to adjourn. Pam Leach **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:
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APPROVED:



Mayor Allen Brown