

Rockville Town Council
March 14, 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: Megan Honer-Orton and Pam Leach. Jeff Ballard and Dan McGuire were 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 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH AN AGENDA ITEM** – Megan Honer-Orton declared a conflict with item number six.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – There were no public comments.
5. **REPORT AND ACTION, IF NECESSARY, ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION – PLANNING COMMISSION CHAIR SHARON HATFIELD** – Chair Hatfield reported that the Planning Commission elected her Chair and Vivian Cropper Vice Chair. The Commission approved applications for a home occupation and a business license tabled from the February meeting due to lack of public notification. It also approved an application for an annual blanket temporary use/special event permit for the Doggy Dude Ranch. The permit will allow the applicant to hold a maximum of four special events during the year. The special event fee was waived as long as the events are held for charitable or non-profit groups and benefit the community. Chair Hatfield reviewed the conditions placed by the Planning Commission on the approval.

Chair Hatfield also reported that Section 7.27 of the Rockville Land Use Code requires buildings, uses, and lots to be maintained in such a manner as to enhance community pride and beautification. The section specifically states that out-of-control weeds are a nuisance. If the weeds are not removed within three months, the Town may remove the weeds and bill the owner for the costs associated with the removal. Chair Hatfield thinks three months is too long, especially since the weeds may create a fire hazard. She thinks the fire marshal should be consulted and specific language should be added to the Code regarding the fire hazard created by uncut weeds.

Chair Hatfield also noted that Jim Toomey's application for a building permit for a workshop/barn was withdrawn by Mr. Toomey.

In April, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding changes to the Rockville Land Use Code.

6. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS FOR FREE USE OF THE COMMUNITY CENTER** – Mayor Brown reminded the Council members that the purpose of the Community Center is to benefit the communities of Rockville, Springdale, and Zion National Park. He suggested that the Town Council needs to define how broadly "beneficial use" should be defined. Megan stated that community groups are designed to benefit the members of the group, which is part of the community. Pam indicated that she thinks of groups that benefit the community directly, like the PTA, when she thinks of groups that "benefit the community." Mayor Brown thinks political groups and discussions may qualify as benefitting the community, as long as the majority of the members come from the canyon area. He suggested tabling the issue until the other two Council members can participate in the discussion.

Pam Leach **MOVED** to table the issue until the April 2012 Town Council meeting. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

7. **CHANGE IN DONATION RECIPIENT FOR DOG FOSTERING EXPENSES** – Mayor Brown explained that dog licensing fees collected in Rockville are donated to organizations that care for stray animals found in the Town. Previously, the money has been donated to Doggy Dude Ranch; but Zion Animal Lovers now cares for the stray dogs. He suggested changing the donation recipient to Zion Animal Lovers.

Pam Leach **MOVED** to change the donation recipient for money raised from the dog licensing program to care for stray dogs found in Rockville to Zion Animal Lovers. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

8. **SET DATE AND TIME FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO OPEN AND AMEND THE TOWN OF ROCKVILLE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2012** – The public hearing for the budget will be held during the April Town Council meeting.
9. **RESOLUTION TO APPROVE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR THE TOWN CLERK AND A DEPUTY TOWN CLERK** – Mayor Brown read the resolution.

Megan Honer-Orton **MOVED** to approve Resolution No. 12-0314-1 defining the job descriptions for the Rockville Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk. Pam Leach **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

10. **DISCUSSION REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWN DITCH** – Mayor Brown explained that the Town ditch runs along Main Street. He expressed his concern about blowing leaves clogging the ditch. He suggested encouraging residents to control leaf piles and blowing leaves. Since the ditch appears to be public property, he feels that little more can be done. Megan noted that UDOT used to clean out the ditch on the north side of the road. Mayor Brown stated that UDOT has promised to vacuum out the ditch on the north side of Main Street before September, but since the work needs to be done before the ditch is filled with irrigation water, he will try to get UDOT to complete the project before then.
11. **DISCUSSION REGARDING A RADAR SPEED SIGN** – Mayor Brown suggested borrowing a radar sign from Zion National Park. Borrowing a sign will allow the Council to determine whether such a sign would reduce traffic speeds through Town. Pam agreed that trying a sign before investing is a good idea. Since the Town is most concerned about Easter, however, which is when the Park will want their sign back, she suggested renting a sign.

Sharon Hatfield asked if there are any statistics regarding the efficacy of the signs. Mayor Brown indicated that variables such as geography would likely impact the efficacy. If the sign is not effective, Mayor Brown will request that an officer be assigned to enforce the speed limit.

12. **APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2012 – TOWN CLERK** – Megan Honor-Orton **MOVED** to approve the expenditures for the month of February 2012. Pam Leach **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

13. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2012 TOWN COUNCIL**

REGULAR MEETING – Pam Leach **MOVED** to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2012 Town Council Regular Meeting, as written. Megan Honer-Orton **SECONDED** the motion. A roll call vote indicated all those present **VOTED** in favor of the motion.

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

Pam Leach reported that Pie in the Park will be held Saturday, May 19, 2012. She displayed the design for the Sesquicentennial mugs. She also displayed the art work submitted for the Sesquicentennial T-shirt design contest. The Council discussed the various entries. Megan suggested waiting to choose a design until the entire Council can vote. The Council members agreed.

Pam also reported that she is gathering recipes for a commemorative cookbook. She also noted that a wagon train is tentatively scheduled to pass through Rockville the weekend of the Sesquicentennial celebration. The wagons would participate in and add to the celebration. Additionally, a chili cook off will provide food for lunch on one of the days.

Megan Honer-Orton reported that she received a complaint about the Republican Caucus sign posted on Town property. Mayor Brown stated that the sign is part of the public election process, so it was appropriate to post it on Town property. Megan also reported that the EECBG-funded improvements of the Recreation Hall are set to begin within a week. She has also received a bid for sunscreens, but the screens will obscure the window detail. The Council members agreed that the sunscreens would not be desirable.

Megan also reported that she has marked areas where the sidewalks need to be repaired. She noted that there are segments where heavy trucks have crushed the sidewalk and she is unsure whether the property owners should be responsible for repairing those segments. Mayor Brown indicated that the Town is responsible for the sidewalk, so the Town should repair it. Areas where property owners have removed sections of the sidewalk, however, should be replaced by the property owner.

Megan received a bid of \$485 for repainting the Recreation Hall basement after the EECBG project is finished. Megan also noted that she had discussed the weed issue with Linda Brinkley regarding her frontage.

Mayor Brown reported that the Lewises and Coxes have agreed to represent Rockville at the County Fair in August. The Lewises will be the Grand Marshals for the parade. Pam suggested using an antique vehicle or wagon to transport them during the parade. The Town is also assigned a booth at the Fair, and Council members discussed various ideas for the booth. Megan asked about historic Town photographs. **Sharon Hatfield** stated that she believes the photographs have been submitted to Zion National Park for preservation.

Mayor Brown suggested including emergency information in the CERT material. Megan explained that she is working on a one-page reference sheet for the Town's disaster plan.

Mayor Brown also noted that the Town will likely receive a Tree City award and a Growth Award. The awards have grant monies with them. Mayor Brown will attend the award ceremony in Cedar City, and he offered to take someone with him.

15. **TOWN BUSINESS** – Clerk Harris reported that she received two estimates for the gutter installation. The low bid is \$395. Before the gutters can be fixed, however, the Town must either remove or disconnect the motion light on the corner of the building and repair the damaged wood. The Council members suggested people who might be able to perform the work.
16. **ADJOURN** – Pam Leach **MOVED** to adjourn. Megan Honer-Orton **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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Mayor Allen Brown