

**MINUTES FROM A JOINT MEETING OF THE ROCKVILLE CITY COUNCIL & ST. AUGUSTA CITY COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2007 – 6:00 P.M. – ROCKVILLE CITY HALL**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Brian Herberg. Attending the meeting was:  
 Rockville City Council: Mayor Brian Herberg, Council members Vern Ahles, Don Simon & Randy Volkmoth. Absent: Jeff Hagen, Jim Pflapsen & Susan Palmer.  
 St. Augusta City Council: Mayor Bob Kroll, Council members John Kaiser, Robert Laudenbach, & Mike Zenzen. Absent: Jim Diehl.

Staff members present: Administrator/Clerk Rena Weber and Administrator/Clerk Bill McCabe.

Mayor Herberg welcomed all to the meeting and turned the meeting over to the administrators.  
 ISSUES DISCUSSED:

COMMITTEES: Rena Weber reported on the various sub-committees of which city council members are a part of that make recommendation to the full council for approval.

St. Augusta reported their council attends the Planning Commission meetings (public hearings). They are there to listen only and do not voice their opinion at this level.

POPULATION: Rockville population is 2632 – St. Augusta population is 2905

MILES OF ROAD: Rockville has 35 paved miles of roadway and 17 miles of gravel roadway.  
 St. Augusta has 65 paved miles of roadway and approximately 6 miles of gravel roadway.

LGA – St. Augusta lost \$42,000 Rockville lost \$23,623 from 2006 to 2007. Rockville is down 88,825 from 2002 when we consolidated.

AREA PLANNING ORGANIZATION – This group is in existence to secure federal funding of roads for distribution at the local level. Members are: St. Cloud, Waite Park, Sartell, Sauk Rapids and St. Joseph, the surrounding townships as well as Stearns County, Benton County, and Sherburne County. St. Augusta belongs to this, but not St. Cloud Area Joint Planning District as they do not see a benefit. Membership Dues are \$1.01 per capita.

½ CENT SALES TAX – St. Augusta gets just under \$100,000 per year.

TRANSPORTATION FUNDING – Rockville passed a resolution of support.

ASSESSMENT POLICY – St. Augusta assessed 100% of 3 sewer projects, but have not assessed for storm sewer. Rockville is currently reviewing our policy.

LAND USE PRACTICES – St. Augusta allows 4 residential lots per forty of which 10 acres are developable and clustered. The remaining 30 acres are deed restricted and set aside. The owners give up all rights to build on the remaining 30 acres until city sewer and water is available. 160 acres = a 16 unit development until water and sewer is available. If they have 1 tax parcel there is only one time that you can split via the platting process. If they chose to go through Administrative platting Subd. 3 states: “A division of one (1) lot from a larger tract of land resulting in no more than two (2) lots that both conform to the minimum lot requirements of the respective zoning district. The parcel of land from which the new lot is to be divided is not to have been part of an administrative subdivision within the past 5 years”.

RIGHT TO FARM – neither city has adopted this ordinance, but St. Augusta has something in their ordinance that allows this if development occurs around them first.

FIRE CONTRACT – St. Augusta fire fighters are all certified Fire Fighter 1 & First Responders – they need hands on training and St. Augusta may need to contract longer with us.

REGIONAL BIKE TRAIL – John Kaiser asked if Rockville had any consideration for a bike trail along CR 47? Not right now, but maybe our Trails Task Force should meet with St. Augusta.

COUNCIL MEMBERS WORKING FOR THE CITY – St. Augusts pays people \$12.00/hr. and approval is set up at the beginning of the year.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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**VERENA M. WEBER – CMC  
ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK**

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**BRIAN HERBERG  
MAYOR**