

April 17, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Council members present were Gauley, Wentz, Meyer and Koob. Also present were C.M. Devine, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted the young man that will be participating in the Mayor for a Day will be postponed until the upcoming meeting due to testing at school.

Mayor Flatness explained the changes with the bid opening process for the storm water project, as it was determined that geological boring samples were needed to better determine the rock bed and help with cost estimates for working through said rock. Siefken shared the mapping showing some of the rock depth. Mayor Flatness stated there will be an addendum to the bid packet, and the bids will be in to be opened on Wednesday, May 1st at 10:00 a.m. and will be reviewed at the meeting that night.

Koob presented billing for the survey of the property where the new city sign will be placed. Koob noted the total bill is \$1,500.00 for the entire property, and we will be setting the sign in a small area in the corner. With discussion, Meyer moved to reimburse Ries \$400.00 for the survey. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness reviewed a spreadsheet with the Council showing the nuisance properties that have been contacted and follow up information. The appeal date is May 1st, with abatement May 31st for the current nuisance areas. Wentz asked who makes the determination if the property is cleaned up to code. Mayor Flatness stated himself or Chief Whitney can do so.

Mayor Flatness presented Resolution 2019-7 levying assessments for unpaid City utilities to be recorded with the County Treasurer. Wentz moved to adopt Resolution 2019-7 levying the assessment for unpaid utilities with the County Treasurer. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted a workshop by the Iowa League of Cities that will be discussing ordinances and nuisances that he and Koob would like to attend, they will look into the time and more information.

Mayor Flatness presented a liquor license renewal for the Rockwell American Legion Club Gallagher Post #208. Gauley moved to approve the liquor license renewal. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Koob told the Council he had looked for information on the 5th Street South that was discussed prior, and found it to be a private drive from Madison Street going south. Koob felt that the City does not need to maintain this, as it is a private drive.

Koob asked about sprucing up the landscape around the city sign that is at Highway 65 and Elm Street, he has donated block and will use some perennials, the only thing needed would be some black dirt. Siefken stated he could get some dirt for this. Council was in agreement to do this.

Koob asked about the drainage through the REDC. Mayor Flatness also felt that we should take a look at this and do some grading to get the water to flow. Siefken felt that we could level out some of the higher areas but to get a good grade through the entire properties Ries would have all the equipment needed to do the job.

Meyer asked Chief Whitney about a van that has been parked in the right of way. Chief stated they will be moving it.

Koob reported on the pool board meeting, noting a manager has been hired; they have guards, some work to finish up and are planning to be open the last day of school for the season.

Wentz asked how close they are at having pot hole filled. Siefken noted they are working on them. Hensley noted there are several areas that will need more work.

Koob reported to the Council that he had taken fliers to some businesses in Mason City and may have some donations coming in from them.

Gauley asked about a tree in the unused alley that is dead and branches are falling on their garage. Siefken will check on this and see what needs to be done.

Gauley also noted another nuisance area, Council asked for Chief Whitney to take a look at the area.

Mayor Flatness noted upcoming events with the Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 20th. The large garbage pickup will be June 8th, with more information to come. Mayor Flatness also asked the Council to think about salary increases, and employee reviews. Mayor Flatness thanked the employees for the extra work with the stormwater project.

Mayor Flatness gave kudos to the West Fork School for the Wizard of Oz production over the weekend, noting truly gifted kids.

With no further business, Koob moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk