

June 19, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, June 19, 2019. Council members present were Worley, Gauley, Wentz and Meyer. Also present were Brad Jones, Kevin Zeitler, Michelle Bowden, Danielle Nelson, Travis Fischer, Dick Fridley, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Wentz moved to approve the Library reports as presented. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Brad Jones was present on behalf of the Rockwell Chamber to ask for approval of fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, and ask that the noise ordinance be waived as well as financial support again this year as in the past. With discussion Gauley moved to waive the noise ordinance for the fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion Seconded by Worley. With more discussion, Gauley withdrew the motion, and Worley withdrew his second. Gauley moved to waive the noise ordinance for the fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of July 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 p.m. to Midnight. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Wentz moved to approve the fireworks on July 3<sup>rd</sup> with a rain date of July 4<sup>th</sup> at the Linn Grove Campground in accordance of the Cerro Gordo County Ordinance. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Jones told the Council the Chamber has appreciated their financial support over the past years and would like to ask for the same this year. Meyer moved to allow \$2,500 for the Chamber fireworks display. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness shared an application for fireworks permit submitted by Kevin Zeitler. Mayor Flatness stated that this has been properly filed with the request time on July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 11:00-11:30. Zeitler stated this is the time that acting Fire Chief Akins had suggested. Chief Whitney stated he was good with this, but asked Zeitler to let the neighbors know he will be doing fireworks then. Wentz moved to approve the permit for Zeitler on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Meyer moved to waive the noise ordinance for said fireworks from 11:00-11:30 on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously. Wentz thanked Zeitler for following the procedures and coming to the Council for approval as the Code states, and hoped there would be enforcement for those going rogue with fireworks.

Michelle Bowden with Absolute Waste Removal presented the contract for renewal for garbage and recycling services for the Rockwell residents. Bowden stated that the landfill charges will be increased six percent July first and there are issues with the recycling business with added cost as well. Bowden stated the contract is for three years and the 35 gallon cart will be \$13.00 and the 95 gallon cart will be \$16.80 with the annual spring cleanup being \$35.00 per ton. Wentz noted the term on the contract being three years. Bowden stated this is the standard term and there is a clause that allows for rate increases, with landfill charges and recycles charges. Meyer moved to

approve the contract with Absolute Waste Removal for residential garbage and recycle pickup. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted the Church driveway on the agenda is referenced to the Methodist Church, stating that the Church had asked about the City maintaining the drive way as it is used by all. Noting this is private property; the City will not take it over or maintain the drive. Siefken said they can put a gate on their property as was also asked.

Mayor Flatness presented tobacco permit from Jonesy's Stop and Shop. Chief Whitney stated he had no problems with this. Wentz moved to approve the tobacco permit for Jonesy's Stop and Shop. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness also presented tobacco permit from Rockwell Area Market. Chief Whitney stated he had no problems with this. Gauley moved to approve the tobacco permit for Rockwell Area Market. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked the Council if the meeting dates for July would be conflicting with the holiday. With discussion, Meyer moved to set the Rockwell City Council meetings for July 2<sup>nd</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Siefken stated that with alley and tree situation, the Sheldon's have stated they will take the high road and move the trees six feet south of where they are currently planted. Siefken felt this resolves the issue and it should be a closed book! Kruse stated the trees will still be on the alley! Siefken stated that this is the best solution and what Kruse wanted from the start. Mayor Flatness stated that nothing will be put on the alley by abutting property owners from now forward.

Wentz asked if the liquor license for the Lions Club was corrected. Weier stated that the dates were corrected.

Siefken told the Council that there are thirteen areas on the streets that he had Heartland Asphalt look at for repairs. Siefken stated they will core out the area and put down a rock base, the estimate for the work is \$25,900.00. Siefken also noted the repairs on Main Street that would be two larger sections, at a cost of \$37,000.00. Siefken felt we may be able to cut some cost using Ries for coring and haul rock ourselves. Gauley asked to have a bid from Ries for the work. Siefken agreed, and noted this was all just figured in the last couple of days. Siefken asked the Council to look at the streets, noting the repair areas are marked with green paintings, as to make note if there is anywhere else. Worley asked about Elm Street West. Siefken noted this is not on the list. Meyer felt we need to get the water issue solved first, as the water sits on the street there. Mayor Flatness asked that more information be brought to the next meeting.

Mayor Flatness stated he would like to establish a new committee, making a Community Betterment committee to help with community improvements and such. Worley volunteered to be a part of the committee.

Meyer reported that the heater at the pool is out; the part should be here Friday to fix this. Meyer stated the first few days the pool was open were great, since they have been dodging rain drops. Meyer noted Sarah and the staff is doing a nice job.

Mayor Flatness noted the large garbage pickup was successful in town. Meyer noted the appliance pickup was not there as stated. Hensley noted they did not have many participate and feels next year that part should not be set for so long.

Wentz asked how it is going with the dump being locked and all required to get a key. Siefken noted it is going well

Chief Whitney reminded all about the National Night Out August 6<sup>th</sup>.

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

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Michael Flatness, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk