

August 19, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. Council members present were Gauley, Meyer and Wentz, with Worley via phone and Koob via Zoom. Also present were Bill Nuehring, Tom Hensley and Jay Siefken with Dick Fridley via Zoom.

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

Meyer moved to approve the Library treasurer report. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Bill Nuehring was present on behalf of the Rockwell Lions Club to ask the Council to waive the noise ordinance for Saturday, August 22nd for the figure eight races they will be hosting at the Chamber Acres. With discussion, Koob moved to waive the noise ordinance for said event until 11:30 pm on Saturday, August 22nd. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented the liquor license for the Rockwell Lions Club for the August 22nd event. Wentz moved to approve the liquor license for the Rockwell Lions Club event. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness noted that the Lions Club needs to follow the Department of Health guide lines for this event. Nuehring thanked the Council and left the meeting.

Mayor Flatness presented the revised lease with Router12 noting the City Attorney has reviewed this and the only question was in reference to how this will affect any work being done on the tower and if contractors working on the tower would charge more because of the Router12 antennas. Siefken stated that yes, there would be more cost when there is maintenance work being done and they would have to work around these antennas. Siefken felt that the North tower rail does not have much room and aesthetically would not look good; Siefken asked if he would be interested in putting the antennas on the South tower. Wentz noted that with the cellular antennas on the South tower that makes it a concern for him. Meyer noted that with the schools making online learning more accessible the state is helping with funding to provide hotspots for internet service and we may need to provide more options for this in our community. Wentz felt we should have options for the residents and competition isn't a bad thing. Gauley stated she did not agree with putting the antennas on the North tower. Following discussion, Koob moved to accept the lease with Router12. Motion seconded by Wentz. Roll call vote: Aye; Meyer, Wentz, Koob, Worley. Nay; Gauley, motion passed.

Mayor Flatness noted that we are still waiting on billing for the stormwater project to see how this came in financially. Siefken stated they will be seeding and finishing up the dirt work in the next week. Mayor Flatness noted there will be a punch list meeting to follow up with everything.

Mayor Flatness stated that the Attorney has contacted us in reference to the 213 Main Street property and will be ordering a title search and preparing our petition for an award of title to the property.

Siefken stated he has not received bids from Heartland Asphalt yet.

Mayor Flatness stated the notice to abate nuisances has been approved by the City Attorney and Chief Whitney will be ready to use this.

Mayor Flatness reminded all about the public discussion meeting to be held on Monday at 6:30.

Siefken stated there are trees in the City easement along the golf course that are dead and need to be taken out. Worley and Wentz have looked at these and agree. Siefken stated that Nuehring Tree Service will take these down at a cost of \$150 per hour. Meyer moved to have Nuehring Tree Service take these trees down. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted the driveway dust issue on the agenda will need to be tabled as the resident was unable to be here. Koob stated that this is private property and not a city issue.

Siefken stated the two street lights requested, should be up in the next few weeks.

Meyer reported on the Public Safety Committee meeting noting their discussion about an additional officer with cost and coverage, they will be putting together a proposal for the Council to consider.

Koob noted that they are still waiting for the permit to be approved by the State for the pool repairs.

Gauley stated that she will be wintering in Arizona and asked if someone would like to step up and help on the 150th celebration committee. Gauley noted that she has a notebook of ideas and numbers and has had contacts with the churches wanting to help. Mayor Flatness suggested that we have a committee meeting and have more community involvement with this and Worley could be the Council representative. Worley was in agreement with this.

Gauley noted a nuisance area that has continued to grow. Mayor Flatness will discuss this with Chief Whitney.

Wentz stated that his heart goes out to the Hensley and his family in this tragic time. Hensley thanked all for their support.

Wentz noted that he has seen that other communities have police reports to their Councils and asked about doing this just to have a count of issues so that we know how much and what kind of things are going on. Koob noted the County has this posted on their website, this helps to keep in touch with what type of calls the officer is going on. Mayor Flatness stated that Chief Whitney gives him a monthly report already, this report includes confidential information.

Koob stated that with the storms through Iowa this past week it has triggered what our plans would be and if we have followed up with further steps with an emergency plan of operations from the meeting that we had previously. Mayor Flatness noted we could work on this with Steve O'Neill from Emergency Management and will contact him for a date.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk