

December 16, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2020. Council members present were Koob, Meyer and Wentz with Gauley via Zoom and Worley via phone. Also present were Hensley and Chief Whitney and Dick Fridley via Zoom.

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

Wentz moved to approve the Library report. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Wentz presented options to use for virtual meetings and also noted that we may need to have a wired connection in the room to make this work better and update the router. Wentz also stated that the Library is looking at Zoom options for their meetings as well so we could use one plan for the City entities. With discussion Koob moved to purchase a new router for the office to help improve the wireless service. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Meyer moved to purchase the Zoom package for \$149.90 per year. Motion seconded by Wentz, with this being used by City entities, carried unanimously

Mayor Flatness also stated that we need to update the office computer. Weier noted that Rockwell Coop Telephone will give us a quote for this. Wentz stated that he can also look into this with some options.

Chief Whitney presented information for the disposition of firearms. Council discussed this and felt there is no rush for doing this and asked to have Chief Whitney get the top three picks and prices for suitable firearms. Koob moved to have Chief Whitney dispose of the three hand guns with the credit to be used for a shotgun. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness reported that we have had a budget meeting and are starting the process of the 2021-2022 budget.

Mayor Flatness read a note from Brent Blanchard thanking Siefken and Hensley for their extra efforts this summer keeping First Street in the best shape they could. Noting Tom was constantly fixing pot holes from the crazy amount of traffic. As well as the extra work with Jay after the bridges opened and he cleaned up the rock and dirt in the yard from the summer traffic. Mayor Flatness also thanked the guys for the extra work done with First Street.

Koob stated the donation fliers for the playground have been sent out and should be hitting mailboxes in the 50469 zip code in the next few days. Mayor Flatness offered up a challenge stating that he will match the first \$1,000.00 to come in!

Chief Whitney thanked the Lions Club, as they will be donating \$1,000.00 towards the computer for the squad car.

With Christmas greetings shared, Mayor Flatness also thanked the Council and employees for all of the hard work this year, as a lot was accomplished for the good of the City.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk