

March 20, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20, 2024. Council members present were Koob, Meyer, Ditsworth and Emhoff. Also present were Sean Hannah, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

Emhoff moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Laudner stated that we have expended our allocated amount for tree removal, with more dying Ash trees to remove, Laudner asked the Council if they want to allocate more from the current budget to continue with removal. Koob moved to allow up to an additional \$10,000.00 from the Community Betterment fund for removal of dying Ash trees on the City right of way. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein asked the Council for an additional \$500.00 for the upcoming National Night Out budget to purchase equipment that will be used by the Police Department. Chief Brunstein also requested to purchase a jump pack for the Police Department.

Ditsworth moved to approve the additional \$500.00, making it \$1,000.00 for the National Night Out budget. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Koob moved, with a liability waiver in place, to purchase the jump pack. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Laudner approached the Council about televising the sanitary sewer lines, noting this is good preventative maintenance and shows the location of sewer hookups. Laudner stated we have about 44,103 linear feet of sanitary sewer, Visu-Sewer will inspect and jet as it is televised at \$1.95 per linear foot. Laudner also noted that Visu-Sewer will be here Thursday to vac out a man hole. Ditsworth asked about using Diamond Maps to pin point specific infrastructure and locations. Emhoff moved to approve the Visu-Sewer quote, for a three year process, to televise the sanitary sewers at a cost of \$28,666.95. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to use Diamond Maps with a \$20.00 monthly fee. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Laudner reported that the Industrial Park Road needs grading and rock. Laudner stated that the County will grade the road, at their hourly fee, Five Star has stated they will haul in fifty tons of rock to put down and the City will need to haul in another ten tons of rock, the County will come back and grade the rock. Meyer stated we should have Deano's spray the road when the work is completed. Koob moved to have the maintenance done on the Industrial Park road. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that City Attorney Berry was here to give guidance on nuisance property and letters have been sent. Attorney Berry also advised with utility bills to be paid.

Koob noted the deer population and guide lines with the DNR, he will be in contact with the DNR. Mayor Wentz noted he has not been able to contact the abutting property owner yet.

Mayor Wentz noted that Council member Worley, was not present but, had concerns through the pool board, in reference to the power and cameras at the pool.

Koob asked about placing more of the lighted stop signs. Meyer felt we should move the lighted signs from Elm Street to First Street South and Madison Street and leave regular signs on Elm Street. Council was in agreement.

Mayor Wentz noted that the school has had concerns with traffic on Second Street during the day and asked Chief Brunstein to monitor the area.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk