

April 17, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. All Council members were present. Also present were Sean Hannah, Caroline McManigal, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

Koob moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 Property Tax Levy meeting. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Emhoff moved to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2024 regular Council meeting. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Weier stated that Mosquito Control of Iowa has stated the cost for the upcoming season would stay the same as the past at \$6,725.00. Worley moved to approve Mosquito Control of Iowa for the upcoming season. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

At 7:05 p.m. Koob moved to open the public hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously. Council reviewed the 2024-2025 Budget. At 7:12 p.m. Koob moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Koob moved by Resolution 2024-4 to adopt the City of Rockwell 2024-2025 Budget. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Mayor Wentz took roll call vote. Ayes: Koob, Worley, Meyer, Ditsworth and Emhoff. Motion carried unanimously.

McManigal was present to discuss with the Council updating the lighting in the library with LED lights. Ditsworth suggested Mid American may have a program to help with the cost. McManigal will look into this. McManigal also asked about having windows to open in the front of the library. Koob stated she could contact Window World to get a price on doing this. McManigal also asked about putting a screen door on the back door of the building. Koob felt that with fire code this may not work. Emhoff suggested the screen curtain that sticks to the door. McManigal stated they have a program next week for the kids and she has received a grant for the Summer Reading program. Meyer asked if the sewer issue has been fixed. Laudner stated that it was.

Council discussed delinquent utility accounts and setting specific guidelines for disconnects.

Meyer reported that the Public Safety Committee met with Chief Brunstein about adding a part-time officer. They discussed the hours and cost and will meet with Mayor and Clerk to look at budget for this position.

Emhoff reported on the Landfill meeting.

Koob asked about committee meetings and doing a walk through for buildings and grounds.

Mayor Wentz asked the Council about the summer meetings, Council was in agreement to set the First Wednesday of June and August and the first Tuesday for the July meeting.

Emhoff noted she had submitted the grant for the planters with the Cerro Gordo Foundation.

Laudner had a quote from Nuehring Concrete to replace and fix sidewalks that we have removed and such with work being done. With discussion Council agreed to do the areas noted, leaving the 213 E. Main Street until the owner has finished their work.

Laudner reported that the old dump truck has been taken to Fox Auction.

Laudner stated that they will start flushing water mains the 29th of April.

Laudner noted he had taken the course for his CPO re-certification.

Roberts stated he had taken the course for the CPO and is now certified. Mayor Wentz noted with this certification Roberts will have the \$1.00 an hour increase.

Koob asked about metering to fill swimming pools to eliminate the sewer portion on the billing. Weier noted we have a policy for using an outside meter, but the Council can change the policy.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk