

September 18, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. All Council members were present. Also present were Caroline McManigal, Jason Dick, Mike Echelberger and Zach Laudner.

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

Caroline McManigal, Library Director, presented a quote to the Council from Window World to place a window on the West side of the building, for ventilation, the complete cost would be \$2,410.00. Koob moved to approve the window for the Library at \$2,410.00. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

McManigal stated that Roi Energy had done an assessment of all the lights for the library, as well as city buildings, noting the energy savings and MidAmerican rebates. Council will review the information on the lighting.

McManigal also noted that they have done some work in the Library and will be hosting an open house in October. Following discussion, McManigal left the meeting.

Jason Dick and Mike Echelberger were present to discuss options with removal of the Legion building and the abutting building on Main Street. Dick noted grant funding they have received and working with the Iowa DNR for removing the buildings is extremely costly. Dick asked the Council to consider funds from the Local Option Community Betterment to disburse to them over a period of time. Koob felt the building is a safety issue, asked what the owner would put into the demolition, noting that the City should look at the legality of expending the funds. Following discussion, Dick and Echelberger left the meeting.

Mayor Wentz stated the he would like Chief Brunstein to be present for the discussion on a golf cart policy. Worley moved to table golf cart discussions. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Weier presented the Urban Renewal Report, noting the TIF area, funds collected and expended for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Koob moved to approve the TIF report by Resolution 2024-8. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Mayor Wentz called for roll call vote. Aye; Koob, Worley, Meyer, Ditsworth and Emhoff. Motion carried unanimously.

With discussion, Emhoff moved to set Trick or Treat for Rockwell on October 31st from 5:30 to 7:30. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that Wells Fargo has not worked with the City to get anything done on the nuisance issue at 121 Walnut Street, he is authorizing Chief Brunstein to follow through with the fines set forth in the nuisance letters that had been sent.

Koob asked that we have a public forum in November to look at a sidewalk program for the safety and aesthetics in the community.

Ditsworth noted the pool board met following the last Council meeting, the BBQ went well the pool is winterized. Worley thanked the city guys for their work at the pool this season, and noted that they will be renovating the interior of the concessions building. Ditsworth asked the city guys to get the canopies taken down.

Mayor Wentz stated he is excited about new businesses in town, the Wandering Brew will be opening soon on Main Street and the Old Creamery will continue the ice cream business!

Emhoff noted the Farmers Market will be Tuesday, she has the mums on Main Street.

Mayor Wentz noted that in the process of ordering a tablet for the Public Works Department, we ended up with two. Koob felt we did not need a second tablet, and it should be sent back.

Laudner told the Council he had been approached about the cracks on Main Street, as the County has a company coming in to do repairs, they also gave him quotes on this. Council will look at this and revisit at the next meeting.

Laudner also stated that he had talked with the County Engineer about the shoulders along First Street, he did give him some ideas and could have the County employees work with us, at their wage cost. Council will consider these ideas.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk