

May 15, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the Council Chambers. All Council members were present. Also present were Travis Fischer, Justin Miller, Wanda Kruse, Bill and Pat Sheldon, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

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

Mayor Flatness stated that the Council needs to make the decision if they will be accepting or rejecting the bids for the storm water project. Koob asked if there are answers to questions raised at the prior meeting. Miller noted that the hearing will still be valid and there is not an end on the time line of when the bonds are issued, Miller noted the cost involved, and remaining cost. Miller gave the Council specifications on a modified plan with the construction cost being less. Following discussion, Wentz moved by Resolution 2019-8 stating that the bids received have been considered, and it has been determined that the bids were higher than the estimated cost of the project as prepared by the Project Engineers and therefore the bids shall be rejected. Motion seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote: Aye; Koob, Meyer, Wentz, Gauley and Worley, carried unanimously.

Weier noted that it also needs to be decided if we will continue with the levy in the 2019-2020 budget for the storm water project. Council discussed if the modified project would move forward and a time line for payments on the bond issue. Miller stated that the levy is based off of repaying debt service for the storm water project. With discussion, Gauley moved by Resolution 2019-9 repealing the levy assessment for debt service and authorizing the County Auditor to not collect the levy in the City of Rockwell for the 2019-2020 fiscal budget. Motion seconded by Worley. Roll call vote: Aye; Koob, Meyer, Wentz, Gauley and Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness also presented Resolution 2019-10 changing the Registrar and Paying Agent for bond issue on for the Linn Grove Recreation Center from Bankers Trust to UMB Bank. Koob moved to approve Resolution 2019-10 allowing for the Registrar and Paying Agent to UMB Bank. Motion seconded by Gauley. Roll call vote: Aye; Koob, Meyer, Wentz, Gauley and Worley, carried unanimously.

Wanda Kruse was present to share a concern with trees that were planted in the alley abutting her property. Kruse stated she uses the alley and the trees do not allow her room to turn around in the alley; she is requesting the neighbors move the trees ten feet back on their own property. Pat Sheldon asked if the trees are moved will everyone else move their stuff from the alley also. Mayor Flatness stated that there may be two options; 1. Everyone clears the alley; 2. The City abandons the alley, abutting property owners pay for all incurred cost, the City maintains a utility easement in the alley. Council asked to table this until they could look at the area in question. Sheldon's and Kruse left the meeting.

Gauley asked about the tree in the alley discussed prior. Wentz felt that it needs cleaned up but a live tree and the city should not take it down.

Weier noted that the 2018-2019 budget has to be amended, in using reserve funds to cover the overages of \$95,000. Koob moved to set the public hearing for amending the City 2018-2019 budget for June 5, 2019 at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Gauley asked about the nuisance areas that have been address. Flatness noted some have been doing a good job of cleaning up. Chief Whitney stated that the next step will be with the City Attorney and civil complaints for those that are not cleaned up by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Gauley asked if the issue at the lagoon has been taken care of. Siefken stated that Ries Excavating has replaced the broken tile.

Worley asked about the mess that was left at the Apartments. Siefken noted it should be cleaned up now.

Koob reported on the Linn Grove Rec; the pool is getting close, they have the building ready with the guard room built inside, electric work done and inspected, and plenty of staff.

Mayor Flatness stated it is National Police Week! And thanked Chief Whitney and Koob for their service in public safety.

Chief Whitney noted that he used some of the funds for National Night Out for the ID Kits ordered, as a shared cost with the EMT's.

Siefken stated that the streets took a beating this winter, with frost boils, noting that there may be a lot of patching this summer with the road use fund. Siefken noted he has a plan that he will try on the Industrial Park road way to see if it helps with the frost boils. Koob asked if there is a way to utilize the rock that will be taken out with the storm water project.

Hensley told the Council the fuel pump is out of the red pickup and is at Don's Auto to be repaired.

Weier noted that there have been calls about kids driving golf carts and the carts driving on Streets that are not specified for golf carts. Chief Whitney will watch for this.

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

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Michael Flatness, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk