

October 16, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2019 in the Council Chambers. Council members present were Worley, Gauley, Wentz and Meyer. Also present were Gary Akins, Adam Wedmore, Dick Fridley, Tom Hensley and Chief Whitney.

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

Wentz moved to approve the Library report as presented. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Gary Akins was present on behalf of the Rockwell Fire Department. Akins approached the Council about the 150th celebration and the fire department hosting a street dance. Akins stated they have a band booked and with all of the cost involved with this was asking for assistance from the Council, noting \$5,000 would be approximately half of the cost. Adam Wedmore, also with the Rockwell Fire Department, told the Council the department is raising funds for turn out gear, and this would be what they would use any proceeds for. Meyer felt that this would be a \$5,000 investment our community with the proceeds being used locally. Following discussion, Worley moved to allocate \$5,000.00 from local option funds for the Rockwell Community Fire Service Association to be used towards the expenses of the street dance for the 150th celebration. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Meyer moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Jonesy's Stop N Shop. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Worley moved to approve the liquor license renewal for the Linn Grove Country Club. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted the nuisance letter that had been sent to the REDC in reference to several issues on the building on Main Street.

Weier reviewed the health insurance premiums renewal rates that had been provided by Gary Wedeking through Wellmark, with a 10.25% increase for the upcoming renewal if we continue with the current policy. Following discussion, Wentz moved to approve the renewal of the current health insurance policy for city employees as presented. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked to table the welcome sign discussion until the next meeting for more information.

Mayor Flatness noted that there have still been conversations with the engineers on the stormwater project and we need to be making some decisions to move forward with this project.

Mayor Flatness noted a message from Steve O'Neil in reference to the outdoor warning system and county wide usage. Wentz asked if our new siren was a part of this. Mayor Flatness felt the siren could be, and will get more information from O'Neil.

Meyer asked if the pool is shut down. Hensley noted it is not, he is waiting for the work to be done so he can put water back in for the winter.

Worley asked about the surveying of the alley. Mayor Flatness stated it is not finished yet.

Worley reported that he was unable to get ahold of the apartment owner and had talked to the manager about the nuisance pile. Worley asked Chief Whitney to check on this.

Meyer asked about the power outage. Hensley noted that an insulator went down on Highway 65.

Meyer asked if the alley was ready to be opened yet. Hensley stated he had put more rock in it and it seems to be settling yet, so he was keeping an eye on and not ready to open it yet.

Weier noted the new printer/copy machine in set up.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk