

September 18, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, September 18, 2019. All Council members were present. Also present were Collin Witte, Greg Jones, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

Gauley stated that in the previous minutes the discussion on the drainage should be stated at West View Drive South. Gauley also noted that the owners understanding were that after the drainage was corrected it would be their responsibility to maintain the proper drainage. Mayor Flatness stated that the minutes do reflect correctly in stating that the property owners are responsible for maintaining the drainage. With the amendment to the correct address, Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Worley moved to approve the Rockwell Library financial report for August. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that he and Siefken measured and gave their best estimate of the alley boundaries for the alley in question. Mayor Flatness stated that it was made clear to the abutting owner that nothing else was to go into the alley, or the alley be disturbed. Siefken stated he had a quote to survey the East/West Alley between Fourth Street and Third Street and Cherry Street and Mulberry Street and also the extension of Fourth Street from the alley to Mulberry Street for \$1,500. Chief Whitney felt the alley looked to be the same as it had been left after the boundaries were set, but anymore issues, he felt it should be surveyed. Gauley stated that she felt the City should survey the alley and the Fourth Street extension now as it won't quit. Mayor Flatness noted that if we survey the alley and street, everything has to come out. Mayor Flatness noted that in previous meetings it was stated that the shed that was on the alley was grandfathered in and nothing else was to go on the alley that has not been followed. Gauley noted that the situation is now encroaching the property line to the East of the Fourth Street extension and felt that we should survey the alley and street now. Mayor Flatness stated that if the City is going to spend the money on surveying the alley and street, no real property will be left on the alley and street. Following discussion, Worley moved to survey the East/West alley between Fourth Street and Third Street and Cherry Street and Mulberry Street and also the extension of Fourth Street North from the alley to Mulberry Street. Motion Seconded by Wentz. Siefken questioned what will remain in the alley, the telephone pedestals and the mature trees. Motion carried. Siefken will set up the survey. Council agreed to send letters notifying abutting property owners that thirty days from the time the survey is complete to have all real property removed from the alley and street.

Siefken reported that he has talked with Justin, from McClure Engineering, they are moving forward with the changes to the storm water project and be ready to let bids mid-January. Siefken noted that he was off on the savings of the pipe, but overall the project changes will be substantially less.

Weier presented the City Street Financial Report for 2019. Meyer asked about the detour on Highway 65 this summer and the storm water project going on, thinking that there will be extra

traffic in town. Mayor Flatness will contact the DOT with some questions. Gauley moved to adopt Resolution 2019-13 approving the 2019 Street Financial Report. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Weier presented the 2019 Urban Renewal Area Data Collection report that shows the TIF collection for the past year. Wentz moved to adopt Resolution 2019-14 approving the 2019 TIF report. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Weier presented a proposal for a printer/copier/fax machine to replace the current machines in the office; the bid from Counsel was \$1,225.00 with a minimum \$10.00 per month for the maintenance and support. Following discussion, Koob moved to purchase the multi-function machine for \$1,225. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Collin Witte stated he was attending the meeting as an assignment for Government class.

Jones was present to follow up on the West View Drive South drainage concerns. Mayor Flatness stated the he; Siefken and Hensley went and shot the elevations on West View Drive South on the street side. Siefken noted there are some humps here and some landscaping work to be finished on the new property, but there is plenty of fall and the culverts are lined up like they should be, so the drainage is there. Koob noted that it still ponds in the back. Siefken felt that he may need to have Ries come in and do some grading to get that area to drain better going around to the south. Mayor Flatness felt there is some bumps in the front yards that the home owners could shave down to level out the ditches, and this is the homeowners responsibility. Jones noted concern that there may be something in the culvert. Siefken stated he will run the jetter through the culvert to see if there is anything in the culvert.

Siefken has talked with Ries about the placement of the “welcome” sign and will get it staked out and come up with a legal description for the area. Koob noted a commitment from the Lions Club to put towards the new sign, and has applied for grants to help with the cost.

Koob reported that he had just received the Farrar Foundation grant for \$3,000.00 for the canopies at the pool. Koob also stated there may be a broken pipe under the concrete at the pool that is causing the water loss. He has contacted a company to see if they can pressure check the lines to help determine the problem. The pool will be winterized in October and the seams will be re-caulked soon.

Mayor Flatness noted he has talked with the fire department in reference to a street dance for the 150th celebration, and there is some excitement with residents in planning this event.

Worley noted the tree on Mulberry, discussed prior, need to be trimmed up and the dead branched cut out. Siefken stated that could be done when Nuehring’s Tree Service comes and helps with the street side trees they trim. Siefken also stated the he has Kevin Keeling Tree Service to take down the dead tree on Walnut Street at a cost not to exceed \$2,000. Wentz asked about the police car with repairs or purchase. Chief noted the car is running good.

Gauley noted a nuisance area needing mowing and vehicles sitting. Worley noted another area needing mowed. Siefken stated they will help out if not done soon. Gauley asked about the REDC building. Mayor Flatness stated that another nuisance letter will be sent to the REDC. Gauley asked about the house on Main Street. Meyer noted it is in a tax sale. Wentz questioned a van that is set on jacks and blocks. Chief Whitney will take a look at this.

Wentz asked if the fundraiser held provided the details needed. Weier stated that the Legion Commander did check into the specifics and let her know that all was covered.

Worley asked about the Fourth Street property and vehicles. Chief Whitney noted he had recently talked with them and they are licensed vehicles.

Mayor Flatness reported on an emergency preparedness event he attended at the Rockwell Community Nursing Home. Stating it was a very good exercise for them.

Mayor Flatness noted that Hensley has been attending some training and classes to fulfill his CEU's for his license.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk