

November 20, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in the Council Chambers. Council members present were Gauley, Wentz, Meyer and Koob. Also present were Justin Miller, Dick Fridley, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

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

Meyer moved to approve the library report, seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that the canvas of votes from the general election is finished and the re-elected officers took the oath of office.

Council set the first meeting of January 2020 for the Wednesday, the 8th as the first Wednesday falls on New Year's Day.

Justin Miller, of McClure Engineering, reviewed the specifications using smaller pipe for the storm water project, making it a nine month storm event plan. Miller stated the capacity of the thirty inch pipe is about half the amount of the previously proposed pipe. Miller noted the concrete and plastic pipe can be bid separately when bids are let. Following questions, Mayor Flatness stated that the Council needs to make a decision on which plan they feel we should go with. Koob stated that he didn't want to cut ourselves short with using the smaller pipe to save money now with looking to the future and growth in the town. Koob felt the five year storm event plan allows building for the future. With that, Koob moved to proceed with the five year storm event plan with McClure Engineering's estimate cost of \$1,091,000.00. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness noted that Speer Financial will be contacted with the bonding information. Miller had a draft of the time line to follow through the bidding process.

Wentz asked about the sign and survey costs. Koob noted that was reimbursed.

Gauley asked about the DOT and the bridge work on Highway 65. Meyer noted it has been set back to 2021. Mayor Flatness noted we may need to do something about the traffic when this does start. Meyer felt we could put weight restrictions on the city streets. Mayor Flatness will follow up on this.

Gauley asked about fencing off the area around the building on Main Street. Meyer noted that they have done some mortar over some of the brick. Siefken felt we could put the orange snow fencing around the area to keep people away from it.

Gauley noted campers parked on the right of ways and blocking sidewalks, also with winter coming this may cause problems for snow removal. Mayor Flatness noted that Chief Whitney can look at anything impeding the sidewalks.

Koob asked about unlicensed vehicles. Mayor Flatness stated he had a note to contact someone on those.

Koob thanked Hensley for putting water in the pool, and noted that the caulking is mostly completed, and will be finished in the spring; the company contacted for leak detection will be here in the spring. Hensley asked about painting the pool. Koob noted that they will spot paint the areas that have been sandblasted.

Koob stated that they had just received grant funding from the Barkema Trust for the pool and the playground. Koob noted the \$5,000 will go towards painting the pool and the \$10,000 is a great boost for the playground funding.

Gauley reported on the 150th Celebration, noting the band director will have the band march for a parade and there or others wanting to be a part with floats.

Koob asked about snow fence by Chamber Acres. Siefken stated the fence that is up there causes the snow to accumulate on the street. Siefken noted they have snow fence up at the ends of the REDC and along Elm Street.

Koob asked about the grading from West View Drive South. Siefken stated that Hensley has been working on this and there is fiber buried that they need to have located. Siefken stated the fall is there, they need to go around to the South to keep the water flowing. Siefken also noted he has jetted the culvert on the North side and it is clean.

Koob asked what it takes to add a street light and the West end of West View Drive North. Siefken stated he can talk to Mid-American Energy.

Wentz asked if the letters were sent in reference to the alley situation. Mayor Flatness stated the letter was sent and he had a call requesting an extension that he denied.

Wentz stated that he had received complaints about parking along Elm Street, during church hours, blocking visibility when coming from Fourth Street. Mayor Flatness noted the parking lot is rocked and usable; they will be waiting a year or two before asphaltting.

Wentz also noted an unlicensed car on West View Drive North to have Chief Whitney follow up on.

As Chief Whitney had to leave for a call, Mayor Flatness noted an apology note in the Council boxes as the Chief's answer to questions on the theft incidents may have been above and beyond.

With no further business, Wentz moved to adjourn the meeting, Meyer seconded, carried unanimously.

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk