

December 18, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2019 in the Council Chambers. All Council members were present. Also present were Dick Fridley, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

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

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

Mayor Flatness presented a Tax Abatement for improvements at 218 Jefferson Street, Tom & Tracy Worley. Koob moved to approve the abatement to be forwarded to the County Assessor by Resolution 2019-17. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented the application for refund on the liquor license for Rockwell Area Market. Koob questioned if this could be discussed with the City Attorney and so moved to table the request. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that the Council can consider setting the date for the bond hearing for the additional \$220,000.00. Koob moved to set the public hearing for the additional \$220,000.00 bonding for February 5, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented Resolution 2019-16 recognizing the importance of maintaining regulatory, warning and school area signs and applying with the Iowa Department of Transportation to be reimbursed for up to \$5,000.00 for the replacement of existing signs within the City. Chief Whitney has been taking note of sign reflectiveness and will work with Siefken to compile a list. Koob felt we could start with the most traveled streets and reapply if there is more to update. Following the reading of Resolution 2019-16, Wentz moved to adopt said resolution. Motion seconded by Worley. Roll call vote Aye: Koob, Meyer, Wentz, Gauley and Worley. Motion carried unanimously.

Wentz noted property that had been cleaned up.

Koob reported on the Landfill of North Iowa board meeting, noting a new cell has opened; dumping fees are anticipated to remain the same and noted a new program coordinator.

Gauley asked Chief Whitney about an unlicensed car. Chief Whitney noted the car is gone.

Wentz stated that he has heard concerns about the Rockwell Area Market closing and the money that was loaned through the REDC and the repayment of this loan. Mayor Flatness stated the REDC had just met and discussed the loan that was given to RAM. The City had given the REDC the Community Betterment funding in 2016 to be loaned to RAM with repayment to the REDC being made over fifty months. Mayor Flatness stated this is in arrears and they have contacted an Attorney to make a concerted effort to recoup these funds. Mayor Flatness also

stated that Dennis Huntbatch has been on the REDC board for many years and has decided to retire; Mayor Flatness noted his service to the community through the board.

Meyer asked about setting permanent signs for the school on Second Street rather than the portable stop sign. Mayor Flatness stated by code we cannot place stop signs on through streets without traffic surveys and just cause.

Mayor Flatness thanked Jay Siefken for his twenty-five years of service and dedication to the city!! Siefken thanked the Mayor and Council noting most of the years have been good to work for the city as well. Mayor Flatness also gave wishes to all for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Flatness noted that Hensley had picked up a new pole saw and has extensions ordered for the blade on the skid loader.

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

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Michael Flatness, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk