

February 19, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 in the Council Chambers. Council members present were Worley, Wentz, Meyer and Koob. Also present were Dick Fridley, Maggie Burger, John Murphey, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to approve the financial report for the Library. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

At 7:05 p.m. Worley moved to open the public hearing on the proposal to enter into a General Obligation Refunding agreement and taking action on proposal to enter into a loan agreement awarding the sale of general obligation corporate purpose and refunding bonds, series 2020. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Maggie Burger of Speer Financial introduced John Murphey to present the bond sale information. Murphey stated that we had a successful sale today with the corporate purpose and refunding bonds, with acquiring this funding for the storm water project and refunding the pool bonds shows a substantial savings. Murphey stated that on behalf of Speer Financial, they would recommend awarding the bond sale to Bankers' Bank, of Madison, Wisconsin at the bid price of \$1,653,960.80 with an interest rate of 1.8747%. Following discussion, Koob moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness introduced Resolution 2020-5: Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Refunding Loan Agreement, Awarding Sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 and Authorizing Redemption of General Obligation Swimming Pool Bonds, Series 2011. Meyer moved to adopt Resolution 2020-5 refunding loan agreement and awarding the sale of the bonds for \$1,653,960.80 with Bankers Bank. Motion seconded by Worley. Mayor Flatness asked for a roll call vote; Ayes: Worley, Wentz, Meyer and Koob. Mayor Flatness stated that Resolution 2020-5 is duly adopted as set out.

Burger and Murphey will follow up with remaining paperwork and thanked the Council as they left the meeting.

Mayor Flatness stated that we will need to reset the public hearing on the Max Levy for March 4, 2020. Worley moved with Wentz second to set the Max Levy hearing for 7:05 p.m. on March 4, 2020, carried unanimously.

Siefken noted that Absolute Waste Removal has May 16th and June 6th available for our large garbage pickup. With discussion, Wentz moved to set large garbage pickup for May 16th with Absolute Waste Removal. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Siefken stated that we will need to set a public hearing to resend the current ordinance and adopt a new ordinance for the FEMA updates. Wentz moved to set a public hearing for March 4, 2020 at 7:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked if the Council had any comments on the vacation schedule. Meyer stated that he has thought about this and would consider changing the policy to include; After completing twenty-one years of service add one day of vacation, after twenty-two years of service add two days of vacation, after twenty-three years of service add three days of vacation, after twenty-four years of service add four days of vacation, and after twenty-five years of service add five days of vacation. This would be capped at the twenty-five days of vacation after twenty-five years of service. With discussion, Meyer so moved to adopt this into the vacation schedule in the City Personnel Policy. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted that with the bond issue, the long term debt can now be figured into the 2020-2021 budget and will be updated for the next meeting. Meyer asked where we are getting the \$60,000.00 from to pay down the pool bond note. Weier explained that the Rockwell Lions Club had pledged to pay for the bath house on the new pool, so they have been giving contributions over the years to cover this pledge. Now that we are at an option for redemption on the pool bonds we can buy down the last bond with \$60,000 that has been saved in CD's.

Wentz asked about the levy amount and collecting those funds for the bond payment. Mayor Flatness noted this is a part of the complete budget process and will be on the long term debt that will go to the County Auditor and they make the assessment on property taxes.

Mayor Flatness stated that on behalf of the REDC, himself and Koob, had meet with the bank holding the note on the Rockwell Area Market building.

Mayor Flatness noted that he has received two bids on pickups to replace the 1997 Chevy we currently have. Meyer also noted he has talked with a contact about used pricing for pickups with low mileage.

Wentz questioned an area where cars are parked making it difficult to see around them at the intersection. Chief Whitney noted they are licensed and legally parked in the right of way. Koob asked if they are obstructing the view it is a hazard. With discussion, Mayor Flatness felt it was the Council's recommendation that the vehicles be moved.

Mayor Flatness reported on a meeting he attended on nuisance properties. Mayor Flatness asked Siefken and Weier to compile a list of properties that have not had services for six months and we can start there for nuisances.

Koob reported on the pool board meeting noting the opening date is set for May 23rd. Applications will be taken in March for guards and concessions, Sarah Staudt will continue as the manager. Koob noted some work to be done yet, ideas for theme nights, an early pass purchase drawing and punch cards that would allow passes to a few other pools. Siefken asked if they have someone coming for leak detection and repair. Koob noted they do have. Siefken stated he would like to be there for that.

Koob also noted he has talked with Chris' Kettle Corn about a fund raiser for the pool during the 150th celebration. Worley noted he has contacted the Boy Scouts about a food stand.

Worley also noted he is still trying to make contact in reference to the City sign.

Wentz was curious about the fluoride letters that are sent out quarterly and if we can do anything to lower the fluoride in our water. Siefken stated that the fluoride is a natural mineral in the ground; with DNR regulation changes it made our level just above the reporting amount. At this time Siefken felt it would be costly to try and filter the water to remove the fluoride with the level being so low, and as the letter states, this can cause spotting on young children's teeth, but otherwise not necessarily harmful.

Siefken thanked the Council and Mayor for the additional time put into the vacation policy.

Koob asked if the plow had been fixed. Siefken noted the transmission line was fixed. Worley also asked if the pickup had been taken care of. Siefken noted this had also been fixed.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk