

March 18, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Council members present were Wentz, Gauley, Worley and Meyer with Koob via phone. Also present were Dick Fridley, Tom Hensley and Chief Whitney.

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

Worley moved to approve the Library financial report as presented. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness also stated that as of 5:00 today the Library is closed and they will follow the Department of Health recommendations as everyone is with reopening.

Meyer moved to open the public hearing to discuss the 2020-2021 budget. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness opened discussion on the budget reviewing the finance committee's recommendations. Following discussion Wentz moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Worley. Mayor asked for a roll call vote; Aye: Wentz, Gauley, Worley, Meyer and Koob, carried unanimously.

With no oral or written objections, Meyer moved to approve the City of Rockwell budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by Resolution 2020-8. Motion seconded by Koob. With roll call vote; Aye: Wentz, Gauley, Worley, Meyer and Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness had questions on the Ordinance updates from NIACOG in reference to trailer parking. Mayor Flatness stated that these do not have to be adopted or can be changed by the Council. Wentz stated he was excited to see this in the Ordinance and would not want to take it out. Gauley felt that a camper could be parked by the home or inside but we should not allow semis and trailers to be parked on the right of way. Meyer stated these are all objects and we can't pick and choose which object can be parked on the right of way, we are in rural America. Meyer stated we could set a period from say October to April that no trailers are parked in the right of way. Koob felt that we have more options if we leave the Ordinance the way it is, this gives flexibility, if we limit things we have had issues with semis and that may cause more. Following discussion, Myer moved to propose a change in Ordinance 3-3-31A TRAILERS. Semi-trailers, livestock trailer, and trailers exceeding fifteen feet in length shall not be parked on City streets or city right-of-way within the City from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Wentz asked about the vicious dog code. Koob stated our code mirrors the County code. Following discussion, Worley felt that we have enough verbiage in our code to do what is needed with vicious animals. Mayor Flatness will contact NIACOG for changes.

Mayor Flatness shared the estimates from the companies he contacted on preserving the record books that we have from the 1870s. Council reviewed the estimates. Koob felt that a more reasonable use would be the option for the \$2,500. Meyer moved to table this. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Council discussed the funding request from the North Iowa Fair, Worley moved to table this also. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness told the Council they did a walkthrough for the storm water project. With the fiber cables exposed they were able to determine that there will be enough slack to hold the cable while doing the project and put the cable back. With this Mayor Flatness stated when the gas line is moved the project will proceed. Mayor Flatness also noted the bond funding is in the bank, there will be a portion taken to pay the old pool bonds down in June.

Mayor Flatness presented a tree removal request on Elm Street. Worley stated the tree needs to be taken down. Wentz also looked at the tree. Koob moved to remove the tree. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked about the Router 12 request and noted he has looked at the area towers that they have antennas on and would question what system they would be looking to put on our tower. Council asked to table this until more information is available also.

Mayor Flatness stated the meeting for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration was postponed and we will have to go day by day with these plans.

Koob reported that the aquatic center could also be affected by the current situation and he has contacted Carrico in reference to our chemical contract and they will adjust this with the days of operation. Koob stated they are still moving forward with hiring and preparations for now.

Gauley asked if the Library has hired their director. Mayor Flatness stated he has not heard if they have, and now with the closing they may have other issues at hand as well. Meyer asked if there is any extra cleaning, such as carpets, or anything we should be considering while they are closed. Mayor Flatness will check on this.

Meyer asked about the supplies that were donated out of Rockwell Area Market and what area that serves. Mayor Flatness stated it goes to the area covered by the West Fork school district.

Koob questioned future meetings and options for meetings via computer. Wentz noted he could facilitate this. Wentz noted there are five Wednesdays in April we could move the meetings back and meet on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Flatness stated we could start there.

Mayor Flatness noted that we have posted limited access to city hall and no senior citizen activities at this time for the safety and welfare of all.

Koob noted an email from Webwise asking about using a banner for notifications on our city website, this is a onetime fee of \$50. Council felt this would be good, and can be discussed at the next meeting.

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

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Michael Flatness, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk