

February 17, 2021

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

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

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

At 7:05 p.m. Koob moved to open the public hearing for discussion on the 2021-2022 Max Levy. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Council reviewed the Max Levy. With no oral or written concerns, Wentz moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to approve the 2021-2022 Max Levy by Resolution 2021-4. Motion seconded by Worley, with roll call vote: Aye; Koob, Meyer, Wentz, Worley and Gauley. Motion carried.

Penny McCaslin was present on behalf of Cerro Gordo County Public Health as the Health Promotion Associate. McCaslin discussed the Iowa Smokefree Air Act and implementing this in parks as well as city properties and grounds. McCaslin noted the signage to make everyone aware and increase compliance for the Smokefree act. Mayor Flatness thanked McCaslin for attending and noting we certainly appreciate the information and will put this on the agenda for the upcoming meeting to work on this policy.

Mayor Flatness noted that he has reviewed the Police Policy with Chief Whitney and Koob and has asked to have the public safety committee look at this prior to sending in to the City Attorney for review.

Chief Whitney asked the Council about being a member of the Iowa Police Association, this would give him access to information with other departments and notice of trainings and such, the cost is \$125.00 annually. Chief Whitney also asked about attending a conference through this Association. Mayor Flatness stated that he recommends that all employees do trainings as available. Council asked for more information and cost on this prior to approval. Chief Whitney also noted some equipment needed, he will have for the upcoming meeting.

Mayor Flatness noted that the Use Agreement and Hold Harmless with Cerro Gordo County Conservation Board for the playground area was presented to the County Supervisors today and has been approved by the City Attorney. Koob moved to enter into the Use Agreement and Hold Harmless with Cerro Gordo County Conservation. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted the asbestos test at the 213 Main Street East property has come back with less than one percent asbestos so there is no asbestos mitigation needed. Mayor Flatness noted that Siefken will be filing the permit with the DNR for the demolition of the building. Wentz asked if there is any kind of training that the Fire Department or EMT could get from this property. Koob stated that the building is not safe to be in. Mayor Flatness noted the tree in front of this property can possibly be trimmed when the street is closed for demolition as well.

Koob reported that the Linn Grove Rec board is starting to get messages out to see about guards and concessions workers returning for this season. Koob also noted repairs and updates that will need to be addressed. Koob stated that there will need to be some set cleaning and social distancing practices put in place.

Wentz stated that in looking for some information he found that the City owns a portion of the golf course. Mayor Flatness noted that, yes there is a portion that is city property. Wentz felt this should be conveyed to the golf course and on the tax rolls. More information will be looked for in reference to this.

Wentz also noted the snowmobile issues are still on going and he has told those that have contacted him to call the Sheriff's Office. Chief Whitney noted he has not been in the right area at the right time.

Gauley asked if Chief Whitney has talked with the dog owner in reference to the at large dog. Chief Whitney noted he has not seen the owner.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk