

May 19, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. Council members present were Gauley, Meyer, Wentz and Worley with Koob via phone. Also present were Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken. Via Zoom were Caroline McManigal and Dick Fridley.

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

Gauley moved to approve the Library report as presented. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness noted that the Library Director has taken some of the duties in paying the bills so that is not noted on the report.

Siefken told the Council they have cleaned up the tree dump and need to have a fence and gate put up. Siefken noted that we will have to check out keys for getting into the dump, this will help control what is going in the dump, at some point we will need to have some restrictions with only trees allowed. Mayor agreed that fencing will be needed.

Caroline McManigal reported on the library noting they are fully open and activity is picking up. McManigal stated the summer reading program will be beginning, with crafts and projects, a story hour will start with story time with Mayor Mike! McManigal noted she is working on online classes for her certification. Mayor Flatness thanked McManigal for the work and update.

Wentz moved to go into closed session, under state code 21.5, to discuss the disposition of the property at 213 Main Street East. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

At 7:38 p.m. Council reconvened in open session. Meyer moved by Resolution 2021-7 to accept sealed bids for the property at 213 Main Street East, with a minimum of \$9,000.00, with bids to be in City Hall by noon on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, to be opened at 7:15 p.m. at the City Council meeting on June 16th. Motion seconded by Koob. Roll call vote taken: Ayes; Koob, Gauley, Meyer, Wentz and Worley. Mayor Flatness stated the motion carries unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted that Mason City Ford is still holding a police car for us until July first; also noting he has cleaned out the police car and took some hand held radios and equipment to Electronic Engineering to see if any of it is usable for anyone, if there is any value they would apply as credit towards the up-fit in a new car. Mayor Flatness stated that they informed him that with any equipment we would need to up-fit a new car the parts could be an eight to ten week wait time. Koob felt that we have agreed to a new car and should be following through with some equipment with the current budget. Worley felt we need to have an officer first before we get a car and equipment. Council discussed, and Mayor Flatness felt this could be thought about until the next meeting.

Mayor Flatness also stated that he has cleaned up the police side of the building and feels the garage part needs painting and lighting. Koob noted he could have the Electrician that will be working at the pool take a look at this and see what can be done. Mayor Flatness asked the Council to look at the building and decide what needs to be done as well.

Weier presented a draft of the 2020-2021 budget amendment noting expenditures for the storm water project and the playground as well as other expenditures. Koob moved to set a public hearing for Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness reported that with talking to the City Attorney he would suggest putting a “No Motorized Vehicles beyond This Point” sign up at either end of the Fourth Street North. Wentz moved to put said signs up at the locations needed on Fourth Street North. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness updated on the Government funding that is being allocated to Cities and the use for the funds.

Wentz questioned if we had more Police applications. Mayor Flatness noted we have not and we have extended the dates and have ads in the Des Moines Register.

Koob reported on the pool; noting the pool is partially filled, the State Inspector has signed off on the repairs and they are planning to open on Sunday the 30th.

Worley noted that Cheryl Flatness did a nice job on the fliers for the 151st celebration. Worley noted he has a list of entries for the parade. Mayor Flatness explained the rock hunt for the kids and families to partake in for the afternoon. Worley also noted he has been asked about entry fees for the parade. Mayor Flatness noted the same and said a donation could be made to the playground funding. Worley also noted that he was approached about a vendor fair and along with the car show.

Koob noted the huge turnout at the food truck the Nursing Home had invited in and would like to do something at the pool with food trucks. Koob with talk with the Country Club on this as they have talked about this as well.

Wentz asked about the fire hydrant at First and Elm. Siefken stated it had been hit by a vehicle and was replaced and filed with the driver’s insurance company. Siefken also noted he will be adding an extension to the hydrant.

Worley thanked the guys for the nice job on repairing the area around the fire hydrant at Third and Madison Street.

Weier noted that Abbey has the planters ready and one is out front and looks good!

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk