

August 18, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council meeting. All Council members were present. Also present were Tom and Tara Hensley, Jay Siefken. Also via Zoom were Dick Fridley and Josh Dannen.

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

Mayor Flatness stated that we have covered all the bases for the police equipment except a gun. With discussion, Koob moved to purchase a glock 40 hand gun with night sites. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that all the Council members have a letter of resignation from Tom Hensley. Wentz moved to accept Hensley's resignation effective August 30th. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness noted that Hensley currently has family insurance with the City and would have a lap in coverage, and asked the Council about coverage for Hensley. Meyer asked about his final day including vacation time to get into the month of September. Koob stated that would cover approximately half of the month and then Hensley would be responsible for the remaining days at a cost of \$75.37 per day. Hensley asked to confer with his wife before deciding on this.

Mayor Flatness noted the job description for the Utility Maintenance position and had added CPO to the duties. Worley moved to approve the job description as presented. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness asked about the starting wages for the position. With discussion Wentz moved to set the wages for the Utility Maintenance position starting at \$16.00 an hour up to \$19.00 with qualifications. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that the emergency preparedness drill will be Saturday, August 28th; everyone will meet at the shelter house south of the pool at 8:00 a.m. Anyone wanting to volunteer to be a victim can sign up at city hall.

Mayor Flatness stated that we have several applications for Police Chief that are certified and will be contacting them to set up interviews soon.

Koob stated that the pool will be closing for the season at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 21st. They will be draining the pool and preparing for painting.

Wentz asked how the chicken BBQ went. Koob noted they did not have financials and numbers were down but felt they served about 800.

Koob asked about using the Quonset to store the playground equipment that was ordered and soon to be shipped. Siefken asked how much area it will take to store the equipment prior to moving things around and when it will be here. Koob and Mayor Flatness discussed the subbase and cost with Heartland. Koob noted he still has some grant applications out for funding. Koob noted the suggested maintenance plan that was sent for the new equipment.

After conferring and discussing the health insurance offer, Hensley stated he would accept this. Wentz moved to amend the final date of employment for Hensley to September 14th with Hensley paying the remaining portion of the month at \$75.37 per day. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Hensley thanked the Council for their support and generosity.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk