

October 20, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2021. Council members present were Koob, Meyer, Wentz and Worley with Gauley via phone. Also present were Chelsey Morrison, Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken and Chief Brunstein coming in later and Dick Fridley via Zoom.

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

Mayor Flatness presented a quote for a new tazor, which is more than the amount previously approved, with a camera at \$2,329. Following discussion, Meyer moved to approve the purchase of a tazor with a camera not to exceed \$2,500. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness reported that Chief Brunstein had information and cost for an AR15. With discussion, Wentz moved to approve the purchase of the Smith and Wesson AR15 at Heart Brothers at a cost of \$799. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked if the Council had any input for use of the Council Chambers. Wentz felt it could be used as a meeting room. Mayor Flatness stated we could have a desk put in there to make it a Mayors Office. Koob felt extra storage is needed. Mayor Flatness noted this can be food for thought.

Mayor Flatness had a letter from Electronic Engineering with the expenses and changes noted for the police vehicle and stated they are still waiting on the computer dock and cage. Mayor Flatness stated that Chief Brunstein has helped with the painting and work in the police office, they have been around and met with the businesses in town and been to the school to meet staff and view the building. Mayor Flatness also thanked the Sheriff's Office for their support and training with Chief Brunstein. Koob noted the stop sticks have come in and Chief Brunstein can contact the training officer in Mason City to set up a training.

Mayor Flatness reviewed the City Policy in reference to the life insurance provided to employees stating that following a six month period of employment there would be the life insurance policy. Mayor Flatness felt the Council should consider changing that wait time. With discussion Worley moved to have the City Policy state thirty days of employment to be eligible for life insurance. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that the bridge is finished and Highway 65 is open!!

Wentz noted that he has contacted a couple of firms to give proposals for audio/video use for meetings.

Worley asked about the vacant lot. Siefken noted he is planning for a Planning and Zoning meeting for November 3rd. Siefken also noted he has talked with Keeling about the stump removal.

Worley also asked about the building on the corner, how it was sold and any requirements following the sale. Mayor Flatness stated that there had been several parties interested and went through the building before the building was sold. Mayor Flatness also stated that the interior has been pretty much cleaned out and is a work in progress.

Koob reported that the pool has been sandblasted and will be ready for painting next week. Meyer asked if the bath house has been winterized. Siefken noted they have not done this yet. Koob noted some supplies and equipment to be taken out as well.

Koob noted the finance meeting with discussion on use for the American Rescue Plan funding to involve fencing with the water tower and lagoon, televising and sewer line work, as well as automatic controls on the water tower.

Koob stated that WebWise had contacted him as they had received the original check issued to them in March, he noted they could cash this and use for the upcoming billing.

Koob asked about the area for the playground and cleaning up the fence line and a tree. Mayor Flatness noted the County has been down there doing so work. Siefken and Laudner will look at the area.

Koob asked if the area behind the maintenance shed has been cleaned up before winter.

Chief Brunstein had been at firearms qualifications and had questions about the gun. Mayor Flatness will look into this.

Mayor Flatness noted that flu shot clinic will be here on Friday the 22nd.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk