

November 17, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Council members present were Koob, Meyer, Wentz and Worley with Gauley via phone. Also present were Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken, Chief Brunstein and Dick Fridley via Zoom.

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

Mayor Flatness noted that Chief Brunstein needs to purchase evidence bags. Chief Brunstein stated that 500 medium sized plastic bags would be about \$195. Koob noted that he should also have paper bags as well. Koob moved to allow the purchase of evidence bags, paper and plastic for the police department. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated the police car is here. All of the equipment is in and working, we are waiting for the radio that will be reimbursed with the E911 funding through Cerro Gordo County. Koob stated that Mayor Flatness has done a great job with keeping us in the funding with Cerro Gordo County. Mayor Flatness noted that keeping the car clean inside and outside is paramount and stated the hotsy in the city garage could be used but also noted that Chief Brunstein has talked with the owner of the car wash in Sheffield. With discussion, Worley moved to allow Chief Brunstein to purchase tokens for the car wash. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness also noted that Chief Brunstein could use the computer from the office but would need a monitor and printer. Wentz moved to allow the purchase of the monitor and printer to be used in the Police Department. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness noted that to use the computer in the car we needed internet service, so a puck was purchased through T-Mobile and the service will be billed monthly at \$50.00.

Siefken stated that the Rockwell Planning and Zoning Board met on November 10th to discuss changing the zoning on Lots 7, 8, and 9 from residential to commercial prior to selling the said property. Siefken stated that the Planning and Zoning Board recommends to the Council the said property be changed from residential to commercial. With discussion, Meyer moved to approve by Resolution 2021-13 that the property at 213 Main St E, Lots 7, 8 and 9 be rezoned from residential to commercial. Motion seconded by Worley. Roll call vote taken: Aye; Koob, Wentz, Worley, Meyer and Gauley. Motion carried unanimously.

Wentz moved to set the selling price of Lots 7, 8 and 9 at \$9,000.00. Motion seconded by Meyer. Koob moved to accept sealed bids on Lots 7, 8 and 9 until December 15, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. to be opened at the Council meeting on December 15, 2021. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that the building at the cemetery needs to have the roof and door replaced. Siefken felt that to tin the roof, and replacing the door may cost \$1,000 to \$1,200 for repair materials. Wentz moved to allow for the repairs to be done to the utility shed at the cemetery. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked the Council about the prior discussion in regards to a camera system for Council meetings. Koob stated that he did not feel it would be cost effective to put a lot of money into a camera system and so moved to cease the Zoom meetings as of January 1, 2022. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to approve the liquor license renewal for the Linn Grove Country Club. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness referred to the letter from Adam Wedmore, County Auditor, for the process of Wentz vacating the Council seat. This guide and timeline will be used to do this procedure and then allow for the Council to determine if they want to appoint to fill the vacancy. Mayor Flatness also encouraged the newly elected Council elects to attend the meetings.

Koob noted nuisance properties and asked to start the process with these. Mayor Flatness stated that Chief Brunstein can start with this.

Koob reported that the Pool Board had met and has a lot to do in the upcoming year.

Koob asked about getting the base ready for the playground to go in this spring. Meyer felt it is best to wait until ready to set the post to put the base down.

Mayor Flatness asked about the fence at the lagoon. Siefken noted they have not started this yet.

Siefken stated that Visu-Sewer is looking at options with sewer lining and cost comparisons as was discussed prior.

Mayor Flatness stated that the tree stump on Main Street is down. Siefken noted that we may just have it hauled to the tree dump as is.

Chief Brunstein asked the Council for approval to set up a Rockwell Police Department Facebook page. Wentz felt this could be beneficial.

Laudner reported that he has finished the water treatment classes at NIACC this week.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk