

February 16, 2022

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. All Council members were present. Also present were Pat Hurley, Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken and Chief Brunstein.

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

Morrison moved to approve the Library Report. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

The Library Board/Budget tabled until March 2nd meeting.

Koob moved to have the curbside large item pickup on June 18, 2022. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein had cost for door hangers at \$50.00 for 100 hangers or \$70.00 for 250 hangers. Koob moved to purchase 250 hangers for \$70.00. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein stated that National Night Out is August 2nd and he is planning activities for that. Chief's only concern was the Truck Pulls start on that weekend. Council did not feel this would be a concern. Chief Brunstein asked about the donations from prior years and volunteers along with Mayor Wentz and Council members Meyer and Emhoff.

Chief Brunstein also noted that the gun rack put in the police car is not right, but will be replaced. Discussion to follow public hearing.

At 7:05 p.m. Koob moved to open the Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Max Levy. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz asked if there were any questions or concerns on the levy. Hurley questioned the increase this makes and where these funds go. Council discussed this noting the property valuation is down a bit, the City needs to increase the levy for the Fire Department as well as increases with Public Safety and the Library budget. Mayor Wentz stated the budget will need to be finalized in March. With no further discussion, Koob moved to close the public hearing at 7:11 p.m. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Following the public hearing Mayor Wentz resumed the regular meeting. Emhoff moved by Resolution 2022-3 to approve the Max Levy, motion seconded by Worley. With a roll call vote taken, motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Wentz went back to the previous discussion with Chief Brunstein noting that the property at 120 2nd St S is possibly sold and may be used as a practice burn for the Fire Department.

Koob stated that he would like to move forward with the Cerro Gordo Public Health policies for tobacco free properties. Worley asked about signage for the properties. Emhoff asked how much area this would cover. Council will discuss this at the March 2nd meeting.

Worley reported on the Pool Board meeting noting they had discussed salaries and will have applications available via the City website, cityofrockwell.com. Emhoff noted she will take some to the office at the school as well. Worley also noted that passes and membership fees will have a slight increase.

Meyer reported that the 911 Board meeting discussed the possibility of new radios for the Fire Department and EMS through ISICS which will allow all emergency vehicles and personnel to communicate on the same channel.

Emhoff reported on the North Iowa Landfill meeting, they have a budget of over \$3,000,000.00. With Worth and Hancock Counties wanting to be a part of the North Iowa Landfill, they will be working out a formula for charges. Emhoff stated they feel there is approximately 17 years of air space/height left if things keep going as is.

Koob asked about water service to a residence. Siefken stated that the water has been off for a long time and thought the gas is also off.

Siefken reported that the stump has been removed from the Main Street property. Koob questioned the sidewalk. Siefken noted we should wait to see what the buyer plans for a drive way prior to replacing the sidewalk.

With no further business, Koob moved to adjourn the meeting, with Morrison seconding. Motion carried unanimously.

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Jay Siefken, Acting Clerk