

April 20, 2022

Mayor Wentz call to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2022. Council members present were Worley, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Also present were Emily Perrott, Scott Graham, Star Pralle, Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken and Chief Brunstein.

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

Meyer asked about funding for the library. Mayor Wentz noted that the board and director are aware that they will need to transfer funds. Meyer so moved to approve the library report. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Emily Perrott was present on behalf of the JEO Consulting Group. Perrott stated the JEO Group has contracted with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to do tree inventories. Perrott gave a very informative presentation on the number of trees by species and gave maps noting trees that need taken care of. Following discussion Perrott left the meeting.

Scott Graham was present on behalf of Major Erickson Funeral Home to help with information pertaining to burials at the cemetery. Following question and answers Graham left the meeting.

Chief Brunstein reported to the Council on Main Street buildings that were inspected by him and Council member Meyer. Meyer noted the outside of the building is a nuisance with brick and stucco coming off making this a safety issue. Emhoff felt the letter should be sent in spite of the in person inspection. Chief Brunstein noted the email received from the property owner of the Post Office. Chief Brunstein also noted a letter was received on behalf of a residential property in response to the nuisance letter. Chief Brunstein noted there are a few other residential properties that he will be sending letters to.

Mosquito Control of Iowa sent a contract for the 2022 season with a cost of \$6,725.00. Emhoff moved to approve the contract with Mosquito Control for \$6,725.00. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented a request for tree removal. Siefken noted the tree is bad and has contacted Mid American Energy as the tree is close to power lines. Morrison moved to have the tree removed. Motion seconded by Emhoff.

Laudner approached the Council on behalf of the Linn Grove Golf Course to ask the City for their donation towards watering the course. Worley moved to allow \$5,000.00 Local Option funds to the Linn Grove Golf Course for course watering. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz reported that he had checked on the traffic study in reference to the stop sign by the school, noting to have a permanent stop sign they need to record 400 vehicles crossing the intersection. With discussion, Emhoff moved to have the survey done for the stop sign. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Worley asked about the automatic bill payments. Weier noted that the cost to the City would be between \$35.00 and \$50.00. Council agreed to look into this.

Mayor Wentz noted the cost involved in sending out letters and asked if Council approved to do this by postings and social media first. Council was in agreement.

Emhoff asked about the Veterans Affairs tree donation that has been accepted and going to be put in the cemetery if it could be dedicated to JR Johnson with a plaque placed. Siefken stated that the family had a donation and wanted a bench with a plaque as well and this could all be together.

Mayor Wentz stated that an advertisement will be in the Pioneer Enterprise for bids to mow the cemetery.

Morrison reported that the Jason Grunklee will be the manager for the Linn Grove Rec this season. Morrison noted they have had more applicants for guards as well. Worley stated the cleanup day will be May 7th at 9:00 am.

Emhoff reported that she had attended the Landfill meeting. Emhoff noted that the storms that went through Mason City took down the recycling center, so any recycling that is collected will go to the landfill.

Emhoff had a request from the West Fork Booster Club to cost share West Fork Nation banners for the poles on Main Street. Meyer asked to have a cost and more specifics.

Chief Brunstein asked about the crosswalk painting. Mayor Wentz noted we will put that on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mayor Wentz stated he will be starting employee reviews.

Weier noted the report from the Annual Exam for the 2020-2021 year that was given to all Council for their review.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk