

August 17, 2022

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2022. Council members present were Koob, Worley and Emhoff. Also present were Laudner, Siefken and Chief Brunstein.

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

Council discussed the issues brought forward about the amount of stray cats. Council was in agreement that cats are an issue and will check into shelters to see if anyone takes cats, in the mean time they feel residents should not feed stray cats.

Chief Brunstein stated he has dog tags and has put together a spread sheet to set a policy to register dogs in town. Koob felt this could be a document to share between the Police Department and City Hall. Emhoff suggested that it be on the City website for residents to download and fill out. Council agreed that cats should also be licensed. Mayor Wentz and Chief Brunstein will work on a form.

Weier noted that the Landfill of North Iowa will hold a household hazardous waste collection in Rockwell for Rockwell and Dougherty residents on Monday, September 26th from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Council agreed to hold the pickup in the City shed. More information will be put out.

Worley asked about the electronic fund payments. Weier noted the bank has started the process.

Chief Brunstein reported that along with himself, Emhoff and Meyer went to the County Conservation meeting to talk about concerns at the campground and the use of golf carts, ATVs and UTVs. Emhoff stated the board was very receptive to the concern and will talk to all the campgrounds they are in charge of and bring back the information at their next meeting.

Koob asked about the speed limit signs on Madison Street with the adjusted speed limits that were set last year. Siefken noted that we have signs and will look at where they need to be placed.

Koob stated they are waiting on some parts for the playground, when the concrete work is done they can get the rubber mat in and the equipment can be used, as they wait for the remaining parts. Koob noted they will still need to have some dirt and backfill work done after the concrete and seeding can be done this fall. Laudner asked about the rock pile. Koob noted that could be moved. Worley asked to have some rock in front of the pool. Laudner will work on moving the rock.

Koob asked to have funds moved to pool account so they know how much is left in their budget. Weier noted some of the pool budgeted funds have been used for payroll and expenses.

Worley stated the Chicken BBQ was good. Worley noted the pool season is getting close to being over. Koob noted concerns with the way the equipment is being put away at the pool. Koob asked about the ditch along Madison Street coming from South View Drive and Fourth Street, with the rouge trees and weeds making it difficult to see at that corner. Siefken stated that they had just cleaned up that ditch so it should be clear. Koob also noted the area on the north side of Madison Street. Siefken stated it is swampy and has been left as a green space.

Koob asked about the electricity for the Quonset if there was a second bid. Siefken stated that he had the bid from Truex Electric, and felt that this is a fair bid. Siefken stated that Truex has dropped things to do work for the City when we had problems and feels it is just a loyalty to a contractor that will work for us like that.

Koob asked about a quote for the work needed in the city shed. Koob wanted to have a bid ready for January when we work on the next year's budget.

Worley noted that it would be nice to have a bike/walking trail to Zeidler Park. Siefken noted the sidewalk on the North side of Main Street that needs to be uncovered.

Koob asked about the culverts/bridge on Third Street South. Siefken will contact WHKS to see if they can inspect that bridge as well.

Emhoff stated that she has had residents ask about a dog park. Weier noted that the board is working towards a dog park at Zeidler Park.

Chief Brunstein noted that he will be checking for new tires for the squad car.

Chief Brunstein also reminded everyone of the Battle of the Badges on Saturday, August 27th at 4:00!

Weier told the Council that a contractor will be painting the Post Office starting Sunday, August 21st. They have requested the sidewalk be closed for the several days it may take to get the work done.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk