

September 21, 2022

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2022. Council members present were Worley, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Also present were Pat Hurley, Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken and Chief Brunstein.

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

Mayor Wentz reported to the Council that along with himself Chief Brunstein and Councilman Meyer met with City Attorney Berry to discuss a nuisance property. Attorney Berry stated that a gallant effort to clean up the nuisance was made and does not feel we could pursue this with any fines. Meyer noted that the regression part of it always brings us back to this nuisance property, and feels we will have to stay on top of this. Siefken also noted the building at 2nd and Washington, as it is we need to find a way to make it feasible to have the building removed. Mayor Wentz asked Chief Brunstein to talk to the resident in reference to the nuisance issue. Meyer moved to not fine said resident on the nuisance issue, praise them on the work done to clean up but stress that the nuisance process will start as soon as we see it regress again. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz asked for Council discussion on setting Trick or Treat in Rockwell. Emhoff stated that the Linn Grove Country Club will be hosting games and snacks for the kids on Saturday, the 29th. Following discussion, Emhoff moved to set Trick or Treat in Rockwell for Saturday, October 29th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that Mid-American Publishing has discontinued the Pioneer Enterprise and the Sheffield Press, at this time the news from Rockwell will go to the Clear Lake Mirror Reporter. With discussion, Emhoff moved to continue with this publication until the end of the year to review. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein had quotes for police rated tires for the police vehicle with instillation Graham Tire \$790.08 and CJ's Auto \$993.48. Worley moved to purchase the tires with Graham Tire Company for \$790.08. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz reported back on prior discussions, and has invited Chris Diggins to visit a Council meeting to give information about NIACOG services to the Council.

Meyer stated he has set up inspections with the property owners on Main Street as discussed prior for the viability of those buildings. Emhoff noted the Post Office looks fantastic, as well as the other buildings that were taken care of.

Emhoff noted she has the mums out and talked a bit about purchasing a more permanent container to put the plants in.

Worley asked about the ACH bill payment. Weier noted the program is set and notices will be included in the quarterly letter being sent out this month for residents to sign up.

Worley noted the bill for replacing the cameras at the pool following the lighting strike. Weier noted we are waiting on other billing to file with the insurance for this claim.

Mayor Wentz stated he will contact the DOT about the traffic study by the school in reference to having a permanent stop sign placed at 2nd and Washington, noting now that school is in session there is a lot of traffic there. Mayor Wentz also noted that Koob has asked about looking at 4th Street and Main for a four way stop.

Chief Brunstein noted he is looking into the DARE program for West Fork schools. Chief Brunstein also asked about replacing his body mic to be able to use an ear piece with it, the cost at Electronic Engineering is \$514. Council agreed to table this for the next agenda.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk