

October 19, 2022

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. All Council members were present. Also present were Caroline McManigal, Chris Diggins and Chief Brunstein.

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

Chris Diggins, with North Iowa Area Council of Governments, presented to the Council about services offered with NIACOG. Diggins left the meeting following discussions.

Caroline McManigal, Library Director, reported to the Council on the water damage at the library. Council discussed the work needed and insurance coverage. McManigal noted the fall party for the kids was held today, with a lot of kids and fun. McManigal left the meeting following discussion.

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

Mayor Wentz presented the employee health insurance renewal, noting a 31.43% increase for the upcoming year. With discussion, Koob moved to table the insurance renewal and invite our insurance agent to the next meeting to explain the increase. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated he had discussed stop signs by the school and the need for a survey with the DOT. Mayor Wentz noted that he was informed that we would not have to do a traffic survey for the location of these stop signs. Koob also asked about the intersection at 4<sup>th</sup> and Main Street, noting this is a blind intersection pulling onto Main Street. Emhoff asked if those parking spaces could be marked for compact cars only. Mayor Wentz stated maybe the parking should be eliminated at the corner. With discussion, Koob moved to have permanent, four way stops at the corner of Washington Street East and Second Street South and also at Jefferson Street and Second Street South. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Meyer reported that the County Conservation has replied to the concerns of the golf cart, ATV/UTV usage at the campground. Meyer stated that they will be working to remove the restrictions of the usage on the roadways within the campground, all motor vehicle rules, operator age restrictions will still need to be followed. Meyer noted this will still need to be approved with the County Supervisors and ordinances amended.

Meyer also reported on the meeting he attended involving County business and community leaders looking at what Cerro Gordo County has to offer and to attract business. Meyer noted it was a good discussion and informative.

Koob noted he has donations for the benches for the playground, a donation of a dog waste station and was looking for sponsors for garbage receptacles. Koob would like to order these

now and possible have the cost covered. Koob also would like to have lights put up prior to winter. Council agreed to have Koob contact an electrician about lighting.

Worley noted that cameras for the pool will be ordered, for replacement from the lighting strike damage this summer to wrap up the claim with the office equipment as well.

Emhoff reported on the landfill meeting. Emhoff noted the recycling collections with the recycling center closed. Council agreed to continue with recycle pickup as usual, as other communities are doing, to be taken to the landfill.

Koob asked about purchasing forks to use on the skid loader. Laudner had a quote from Case IH. Mayor Wentz will have this as an agenda item for the next meeting.

Koob asked if we have an updated quote for the work on the ceiling work in the maintenance building.

Morrison stated she has talked with Prairie Ridge and they would like to set up some type of presentation with narcan training. Council agreed to set up a community presentation. Worley asked who covers the cost of the narcan. Morrison noted that Prairie Ridge works with grant funding.

Mayor Wentz noted that Siefken had stated he is waiting to hear from Heartland on the timeline for street work.

Meyer noted that Cerro Gordo County has discussed work to be done on Pheasant Avenue, they will be adding a foot to each side of the road and asked about the City and if we would be extending the street width as well. Koob noted that we will need to do something with First Street at some time.

Weier stated that a resident has asked about having a place for them to get together to play BINGO and such, any ideas for local venues and activities welcome.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk