

January 18, 2023

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Council members present were Meyer, Morrison, Emhoff and Koob, with Worley absent. Also present were Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

Mayor Wentz noted the Finance Committee has met and started the budget process, Council reviewed the Max Property Tax Levy. Emhoff moved to approve the levy for publication and set the public hearing for February 15, 2023 at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented a letter of intent for retirement from Jay Siefken, effective July 7, 2023. Koob moved to accept Siefken's letter of retirement. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Council discussed the process to post the position and will review applicants at the February 1st meeting. Meyer noted that we will need to look at the budget if an amendment will be needed.

Mayor Wentz noted that he had left a message with a nuisance property owner and will check with the County Treasurer in reference to the program for nuisance abatement used prior.

Meyer reported that he has talked with a contact about the purchase of a dump truck that would be a good fit for the City to use for hauling rock and branches and such. Koob felt that we need to get a strategic plan into place for purchasing vehicles and equipment.

Morrison noted the pool board would be meeting following the Council meeting, they will be posting for a manager soon.

Koob asked when the stop signs at Second and Washington will be set, also noted the DOT sign replacement program and felt we should follow through with that again. Koob stated we need to look into the speed signs to put up by the school, Elm Street and Fourth Street, and will look at the Iowa Prison Industry for cost comparison.

Koob also stated that Chief Brunstein needs a new computer that will be law enforcement compatible. Chief Brunstein noted that his body camera needs to be updated, it is unable to store any video he has. Koob asked about a feasible way to store the information. Mayor Wentz will contact Sheriff Pals to see if they can be of any help.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk