

October 18, 2023

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Council members present were Morrison, Meyer and Worley. Also present were Elliot Sheriff, Ben Schalder, Sean Hannah, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

Elliot Sheriff asked the Council about trees on the city right of way, abutting his property, that are a nuisance and the condition is deteriorating rapidly. Meyer felt if the tree is not dying and just needs cleaned up we would not want to take it down. Laudner noted the Ash tree that is on the list to come down and Dahley will be starting the process again tomorrow. Laudner will have Dahley look at the tree in question. Sheriff left the meeting.

Ben Schalder has purchased 819 Main Street East, stated that the private septic field may need replacing and was asking about hooking into city sanitary sewer. Laudner stated that by City Code if the property was within 150 feet we would bring the sewer to their property, but in this case it is a much farther distance. Council discussed options for Schalder noting he would be responsible for getting to the sewer main. Schalder left the meeting.

Chief Brunstein had updated information and quotes for the cameras and placement. With discussion, Meyer felt this could solve some issues and we could weigh out the difference of having a second officer. Meyer so moved to approve the purchase and installation of the cameras at a cost of \$19,290.00, with monthly service fees and some electrical work additional. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the Code updates, accepting the changes and noting in the use of ATV's and UTV's the speed within the City should be set at the posted speed limits. Morrison moved to set the public hearing to approve the 2023 Code updates for Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Wentz asked about the food pantry that was to be put up here, noting no one has heard anything yet.

Weier reported that she had talked with Ahlers & Cooney in reference to using TIF funds for the improvements at the Century Homes, noting this should be a good project for the LMI funds, with an income survey and project agreement. Peters has started the survey already.

Laudner reported that the pool has been winterized. Morrison noted there is still some winter clean up to do there yet.

Mayor Wentz noted he had a call from the Barkema Trust about the plans for the Memorial updates at the cemetery.

Laudner stated that Dahley Tree Service will be starting work on Thursday, noting Roberts and himself will be helping with the cleanup of the trees. Laudner asked about the funds for the work. Weier noted we had put a little more towards trees this year. Morrison moved to allow

\$15,000.00 for the tree work being done now. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein noted the LED stop signs have been ordered. Chief Brunstein also noted that the new body camera is here, he needs to get it hooked up to his computer.

Chief Brunstein also noted a couple of nuisance properties.

Weier stated that John Robbins with NIACOG visited with us this week about updating our Comprehensive Plan and the Planning and Zoning Ordinances. We have a contract from 2004 for \$6,200.00 Robbins does not feel that NIACOG can keep that price and it may be up to \$8,000.00 for the process.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk