

November 15, 2023

Mayor Wentz called to order the Rockwell City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Council members present were Worley, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Also present were Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

Property Tax Liens were presented to be filed with the County Treasurer for delinquent utility billings:

Motion by Morrison to approve Resolution 2023-9. Seconded by Worley. Roll call vote; Ayes: Worley, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Morrison to approve Resolution 2023-10. Seconded by Emhoff. Roll call vote; Ayes: Worley, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Motion by Morrison to approve Resolution 2023-11. Seconded by Emhoff. Roll call vote; Ayes: Worley, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated a concern with garbage pickup. With discussion Council, it was stated that by City Code all Rockwell residents would have the contracted refuse pickup and it should remain that way.

Mayor Wentz also noted concerns with the shoulder stripes on Elm Street. Laudner will talk with the County to see if we can have them do this on the next go round.

Meyer moved by Resolution 2023-12 to approve the 2022-2023 Financial Report. Motion seconded by Worley. Roll call vote; Ayes: Worley, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Morrison asked about the prior discussion with burning yard waste. With Council discussion, there has not been a good solution.

Meyer asked about the funding for street work with the project being set back. Laudner will check on the start time for the project and also the cost to go on with First Street South.

Emhoff noted that the Fire Department is going to give the City one of the water tank skids, this will need to be in a pickup for use and feels we should keep the red pickup to keep this in. Laudner stated that this would be the only way to accept the skid, if it can stay in a pickup. Meyer stated he would support the guys with what they need to do their job, but does not want to

spend money on the pickup. All were in agreement to accept the skid and keep it in the red pickup.

Meyer asked about the REDC and the repayment from Graham if we can collect the amount due through the other business he owns. Weier will check with Attorney Berry about this.

Laudner stated that the cemetery had been mulched and asked if all were good with that for now. Council felt this was good.

Laudner reported that Steve Brush, with Van Wert Company, was here to discuss re-metering and the delay, they now have secured a new ultrasonic meter they would like to have us put in. They will have the meters mid December and start the installs in January.

Laudner reported that they have helped Dahley take down thirteen trees!!

Chief Brunstein thanked Laudner and Roberts for getting the stop signs up!

Chief Brunstein noted concerns with getting the security camera set on Mid American utility poles, with paperwork and payment to get this in place, then the cameras will be installed.

Chief Brunstein stated the computer in the Police car does not serve its purpose and has looked at another options. Council will discuss this at the next meeting.

Weier noted that the Chamber is losing their garage for can collection and counting, they are looking for another place to do this.

Weier reported that she attended the budget workshop and there will be changes in the upcoming budget forms and procedures.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk