

January 17, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024. All Council members were present. Also present were Tony Laudner, Sean Hannah, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

On behalf of the Sacred Heart Church Council, Tony Laudner was present to inform the Council that they will be offering the old ball park property for sale. Laudner stated that if the City is interested they will be accepting bids. Koob asked about the location of water and sewer utilities. Zach Laudner stated that we have utilities running along that property and would just have to stub into properties. Council discussed the property valuation and cost involved with the infrastructure. Koob recommended that the REDC should look at this to make a proposal for the property to develop residential lots. Laudner left the meeting.

Weier stated that Absolute Waste Removal has given us a date of May 11th for a large item pickup. Council felt this was too early in the spring for this, Weier will ask if there are any other options available.

Emhoff presented more information on options for a sign at Highway 65 and Elm Street. Koob felt we should have an easement from the property owners for the area. Emhoff will have more information for the next meeting.

Mayor Wentz stated he attended the Emergency Management meeting, they discussed the budget, at this time the City of Rockwell would be paying \$3,042.00 for the 24-25 fiscal year.

Koob noted with budget time he talked with Laudner about what equipment would be next for replacement, they discussed the Case tractor. Meyer asked about using a blade for the pickup, and will look at cost to replace the pickup and have a blade. Meyer also noted the repairs and valves the guys are working on along with the meter replacements and asked about purchasing a pro-press for their use. Ditsworth asked them to bring back prices. Mayor Wentz asked to set a finance committee meeting for January 25th.

Laudner reported that the tires on the skid loader have not held up well, he has talked with the distributor about this.

Roberts stated that the tires on the pickup need replaced, CJ's quote was at \$180.00 each. Koob moved to replace the tires on the Ford pickup with CJ's for \$720.00. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein stated there have been some issues with a couple of the security cameras and placement that Astra is working on, due to some power issues they would like to put cameras on the Library building. Koob felt we should have cameras going East and West on Main Street. Koob also stated that there are East and West cameras on Elm Street and feels we should leave them both at that location. Koob noted that there has been some discussion about adding cameras to the Industrial Park area as well. Chief Brunstein asked to allow Astra to drill into the

Library for power and to add a camera there and now that they are ready, leave the camera on Elm Street and have another camera for the Nursing Home location. Ditsworth moved to purchase two additional cameras for the Main Street location and the Nursing Home. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein noted that National Night Out is in August and asked for Council members to be on the planning committee, and set a meeting for March 19th at 5:30.

Weier noted concerns with the surface of the tennis/pickle ball courts. Council will look at this.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk