

PUBLIC NOTICE

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JUNE 16, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Council members present were Koob, Gauley, Meyer and Worley. Also present were Tom Hensley and Jay Siefken.

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

Worley moved to approve the Library report as presented. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously. Weier also noted that as the Director is taking over the responsibility of paying the bills, she has discussed with their board about having the allocation the City gives to the Library used for their payroll, to keep just the payroll with in the city account. Council was in agreement.

At 7:05 p.m. Koob moved to open the public hearing for the City of Rockwell 2020-2021 budget amendment. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

With no oral or written comments or objections, Meyer moved to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved by Resolution 2021-9 to approve the City of Rockwell 2020-2021 budget amendment as presented. Motion seconded by Meyer. Roll call vote: Ayes; Gauley, Meyer, Worley and Koob. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that we did not have any sealed bids presented for the purchase of the lot on Main Street. Koob suggested we put a "for sale" sign up and see if we get more interest. Mayor Flatness noted he will look into that. Siefken noted that by conditional use request the Board of Adjustment could grant use of the lot.

Koob moved to approve the tobacco permit renewal for BSJ Investments Inc/Jonesy's Stop N Shop. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated there are a number of trees identified that need to be taken down with several trees in the cemetery. Siefken noted another tree on Southview Drive as well. Hensley noted that we only have verbal bids from one tree service. Siefken also stated that we do not have concrete bids for tree removal as they do not have enough workers to do all of the ground work. Council agreed to table tree removals until more information is available.

Siefken noted the speed limit signs he has ordered. Flatness noted that we can set speed limits under the Home Rule as the Council discussed setting signs. Koob moved to set the West bound lane of Madison Street at Quince to Fifth Street at 45 miles per hour and from Fifth Street to First Street at 25 miles per hour. With the East bound lane being 25 miles per hour from First Street to Fifth Street and 45 miles per hour to Quince and then resuming to 55 miles per hour. Motion seconded by Worley. Mayor Flatness stated we would need to notify the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office of the set speed limits. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness also noted the

Engine Break signs. Worley moved to post the signs on Madison Street and Elm Street. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented a plaque with Certificate of Recognition for the town of Rockwell on the 150th anniversary of its founding presented by State Senator Amanda Ragan and State Representative Sharon Steckman.

Worley stated that things are falling into place for the celebration: breakfast is starting at 8 a.m., parade at 10:00 starting on East Main Street, the rock hunt will be in the afternoon for the kids and the street dance Saturday night. Worley noted the car show at the school on Sunday with a vendor fair and a food truck. Koob thanked Gauley and Worley for their work on this event!

Mayor Flatness reported that he and the Public Safety Committee had interviewed an applicant for the Police Chief position. Worley felt he was a good candidate. Mayor Flatness stated they will be in contact with him within a few days. Koob asked about getting the equipment for the car as the time line on ordering is eight to ten weeks out. Mayor Flatness noted that Mason City Ford is still holding a car for us as well. Following discussion, Koob moved to order the equipment to up fit a car as specified prior. Motion seconded by Worley. Mayor Flatness noted that Cerro Gordo County has allocated \$2,000.00 for radios for Police and Fire Departments. Motion to order equipment carried unanimously.

Gauley asked if we have a quote from the Electrician for the work at the Police garage. Hensley noted we have not got a quote from them. Koob stated it will be a bulb change out.

Koob reported that the pool has been very busy, the guards are doing a nice job and all is going well. Mayor Flatness asked about swimming lessons. Koob stated they are private and a signup sheet is at the pool and will be done as guards have time.

Koob asked if the hydrant at First and Elm is finished. Siefken noted he still needs a riser for it.

Koob noted he had been approached about filling a private pool, by the Fire Department, outside of the City limits. Siefken stated that we sell bulk water for \$30.00 per thousand gallons.

Siefken stated that we need rock and grading for Industrial Park road and Quail going out of town, the County will do this for us and charge their fees. Worley also noted rock needed by the bus barn at the street edge. Worley and Siefken will look into this. Mayor Flatness asked about shouldering along B60. Siefken stated that is included in the bid for the work.

Koob asked about having the state put a sign up on First Street South stating local traffic only, with the detour traffic that is not local could be fined for using this as a detour. Hensley asked if there could be an arrow with a detour sign to help direct vehicles better.

With no further business, Gauley moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

*Michael Flatness, Mayor
Lorna Weier, City Clerk*