Council Proceeding's
Regular Meeting
April 17, 2024

The Regular Council Meeting for the City of Rockwood was called to order by Mayor Troy A. Cox in the Council Chambers located at 32409 Fort St. at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present:	Mayor Cox, Council Members Bennett, Cramton, Grzywacz, Joaquin, and Wasner
Absent:	Council has 1 vacant seat
City Officials Present:	Police Chief Krause, Fire Chief Mercure, Treasurer McCoy, Attorney Pelland, DPW Director Boron, and City Clerk Oney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cox added 1 item to the agenda in the Mayor's Report

M-078-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's agenda as amended.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items not on Agenda)

Matt Sype – Engineer for Charles E. Rains

Mr. Sype came in to give an update on the crumbling cement on Candace Dr.

Mr. Sype stated the pitting/scaling (top surface of cement pops off) is happening in several different communities, beyond the ones that his company takes care of. They are having the same problems that we are. There has been a lot of research and investigation into why this is happening. They have taken samples to the lab and the cement has been crushed and analyzed to see where the breakdown might be. The tests are all coming back that it is good cement. The Federal Government mandated to decrease the carbon footprint of the cement industry and limit or cut out some of the materials all together. They thought that it would just be an even swap. What they are finding out is that each region has a similar problem, but the cause is different raw materials that they must use now, the different regional climates etc…

Mayor Cox asked if Candace Dr. was done before the winter hit.

Mr. Sype stated that it was. He does not think that it was properly cured, no matter how long it set afterwards we still would have this problem.

Mayor Cox stated that he was told that the salt might have something to do with it as well.

Mr. Sype stated that salt can affect it some but from the analysis that was done, salt does not seem to play a huge factor in it. Mr. Sype stated that they are trying like crazy to come up with a solution, they are already 1 month behind on getting cement down for this season. This is being investigated, the carbon that was reduced by making the changes to the mix was equivalent to taking 1.75 million cars off the road. We are headed in the right direction; we just need to figure out how to do it. While our region is struggling one-way, other regions are struggling another way.

Mayor Cox stated that we are anticipating our HUD grant to come through and have a lot of roads fixed. Is this problem something that will be handled this year?

Mr. Sype stated that they are hoping they get it straightened out, so it does not happen in the future.

Council Member Joaquin asked if there was a band aid of any sort.

Mr. Sype stated not really. It may be just as well to leave it as is for now. It is just the surface that has been flaking off, the rest of the cement is fine. It's not as pretty as it could be.

Mayor Cox stated that he has a lot of seniors in his neighborhood that ride bikes. He is concerned about rocks popping up and hurting someone.

Mr. Sype stated that we may want to look in to getting a sweeper over there and picking up the loose stuff.

Mayor Cox asked if there was a fix right now to get the top layer off so people can bike ride and such without getting hurt.

Mr. Sype stated that we just need to stay on top of it with a street sweeper when it loosens up.

Mayor Cox asked if there was some kind of warranty on this.

Mr. Sype stated that there is usually a one-year warranty.

Council Member Grzywacz asked what the short- and long-term consequences would be if we did nothing. What is Allen Park doing to rectify their situation?

Mr. Sype stated that Allen Park is not doing anything right now. As far as a surface treatment, there is not a plan yet.

Council Member Grzywacz stated that surface treatment would be short term, what would the long-term consequences be if we did nothing? Would it get worse?

Mr. Sype stated that according to the report, no, once it gets past the surface point it will stop chipping off.

Council Member Cramton asked if it would be worse two years from now.

Mr. Sype stated that according to the report, it should not get worse.

Mayor Cox asked what the estimated thickness is on the top surface?

Mr. Sype stated that it is 1/16”-1/4” according to the report.

Brandon
2025 Candace Dr.

Stated that it doesn’t make sense to say that the whole industry is this way but then you have a different situation over here.

Mr. Sype stated that it varies due to the different regions. It also depends on the quality of cement that is delivered.

Brandon asked how we get good truck loads in here.

Mr. Sype stated quite honestly, we have someone test the cement before its unloaded to make sure that it meets the standards.

Brandon stated that the proper curing is on the company, pouring on hot sunny days, adding too much water to make it float better, working the area too much, all of this is on the company.

Mr. Sype stated that the company that did all of the testing has all of the records for Allen Park. It varied from April to September, temperatures went from 50-85 degrees and the problem was still there.

Brandon stated that the City Administration is going through all of this hard work to get this money and then we spend 750,000 dollars on cement that starts crumbling.

Council Member Cramton asked that if we put the new roads in and something happens within 14 months, then what?

Council Member Grzywacz stated that it looks like the breakdown didn't start until after the one-year mark.

Mr. Sype stated that the only way that we are going to get this covered under warranty in that year period is to prove the fault of the contractor. Nothing is really implicating the contractor. They are working with 4 or 5 of them that are having the same problem.

Council Member Joaquin asked what the difference was in using asphalt for the street vs. 15 inches of concrete.

Mr. Sype stated that it depends on the season and the economy. Cost wise it goes back and forth.

Council Member Joaquin asked about longevity.

Mr. Sype stated that concrete would have more longevity. Theres more integrity. The key with asphalt is to have a very stable base, concrete is a little more tolerant.

Council Member Joaquin asked if there was a significant cost difference between the two.

Mr. Sype said again, it varies from season to season. Right now, asphalt is probably on the high side.

Council Member Joaquin stated that he noticed over the years they have been using asphalt to cold patch. Is it better to use asphalt to concrete or asphalt to asphalt?

Mr. Sype stated that cold patch is not asphalt. They use a binder called UPM which is a synthetic binder. That's why it sticks much better than just plain asphalt.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items on Agenda)

None

ACTION AGENDA

M-079-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's action agenda as presented.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS

Police Department:

Chief Krause discussed the March Monthly Report

Council Member Grzywacz stated that she noticed and increase in arrest and wanted to know if there is a reason why.

Chief Krause stated that the weather is getting warmer, and people are acting up. You will notice an upward trend in the next few months, as it gets warmer, people just start acting up and then it will go down in the cooler months.

Council Member Joaquin stated that they have been discussing the truck traffic on Huron River Drive.

Chief Krause stated that they have been enforcing the speed limit. He knows that a few stops were made but is not sure if any tickets were issued or not. Chief Krause stated that he personally made a stop yesterday.

Council Member Joaquin wanted to thank him for staying on top of this.

M-080-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to receive and file the Police Departments Monthly Report for March 2024 dated April 5, 2024.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

Fire Department:

Chief Mercure discussed the Ladder Truck Repairs and Ladder Testing

M-081-24 Motion by Bennett/Wasner to approve the payment of $2,620.98 to R & R Fire Truck Repair Inc. for the replacement of the outrigger module on the ladder truck.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

M-082-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the payment of $1,168.95 to CFS Inspections to conduct the annual test on the ladder truck and ground ladders.

Mayor Cox wanted to clarify that this is already in the budget for the Fire Department

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer McCoy Discussed BS&A Training

M-083-24 Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to approve the payment of $1,500 to BS&A for training purposes at City Hall

Mayor Cox asked if it was a zoom training course.

Treasurer McCoy stated that it is a remote training course.

Council Member Joaquin asked if this was for as many people that we can fit in a room or is there a head count?

Treasurer McCoy stated that this is for 15 people which is more than enough to accommodate the office.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director Boron had no formal report.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

Council Member Grzywacz gave a presentation on the survey that will be distributed to the community and available at different locations by scanning a QR code. The survey will take about three minutes with the last question asking what other changes the community thinks or administration and City Council need to address or improve on.

M-084-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to approve the use of the QR code starting 5/1/24 to 7/1/24 for the community survey for the City of Rockwood

Council Member Grzywacz abstains from the motion.

Ayes: Mayor Cox, Council Members Bennett, Cramton, Joaquin, and Wasner

Nays: None

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Weekly had no formal report.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Pelland has no formal report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cox discussed the Vacant Council Seat Proposed Individual, Transition of City Administrators-Start Date and Severance Package proposal for previous administrator, Community Center – Steam Table Repair, and Letter of permission-Beautification Committee.

Mayor Cox invited Aimee Mercure to the podium and introduce herself to the City Council

Aimee stated that she has lived in the City of Rockwood for 29 years, she has raised 3 children who all went to Carlson High School where she was a member of the Booster Club. She worked with her nephew on revamping the signs and landscaping for the city. Aimee stated that she does not have an agenda other than to be more involved in her city and to help out where she can.

Mayor Cox asked the City Council if they had any questions for Mrs. Mercure.

M-085-24 Motion by Wasner/Cramton to approve Aimee Mercure to City Council

Ayes: Mayor Cox, Council Members Bennett, Cramton, Wasner

Nays: Council Members Grzywacz, Joaquin

Motion Carried

M-086-24 Motion by Wasner/Cramton to approve the official start date of Vicki Trush for April 23. 2024

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

M-087-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the severance package offered to Julie Weekly as presented.

Ayes: Mayor Cox, Council Members Bennett, Cramton, Joaquin, and Wasner

Nays: Council Member Grzywacz

Motion Carried

Council Member Wasner asked when Julie Weekly's last day would be.

Mayor Cox stated that her last day will be April 22, 2024

M-088-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to approve D Service Company, LLC to repair the Steam Table at the Community Center with the amount not to exceed $377.00.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

M-089-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the permission letter for the Beautification committee to solicit donations from local businesses as agents of the City of Rockwood.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Grzywacz asked Treasurer McCoy if there were any tickets left for the tea party.

Treasurer McCoy stated that they are still available, and they can get them from her. They will not be selling tickets at the door.

Council Member Grzywacz asked for a reminder on the time.

Treasurer McCoy stated that the doors open at 1:30 and the tea will be from 2 to 4.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Grzywacz stated that the Beautification Committee had their first meeting last week and they have a list of projects to get started. Council Member Grzywacz wanted to thank the city for their support, several council members and the mayor came to the meeting. The next meeting will be May 14th at 6:00 PM, most likely in the community room.

ADJOURNMENT

M-090-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to adjourn this evening's Council Meeting at 7:41 PM

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

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City Clerk, Colleen E. Oney **Mayor, Troy A. Cox**