

Council Proceeding's
Regular Meeting
April 3, 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 Rd. at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Cox, Council Member Bennett, Cramton, Grzywacz, Joaquin, and Wasner

Absent: City Council has 1 vacant seat

City Officials

Present: Police Chief Krause, Fire Chief Mercure, Treasurer McCoy, Attorney Pelland, and City Clerk Oney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-067-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's agenda as presented.

**Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried**

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items not on Agenda)

David Tamson
14854 Garfield
Allen Park

Mr. Tamson stated that he represents the local area of Boy Scouts of America. We are requesting the use of Mercure Park for a 1-day activity for the local Cub Scouts, that would be grades K-5. They request the use to be from Sunday-Monday. We would set up safety ropes for the BB range and Archery range on Sunday and then come in on Monday and set up the rest of the activity areas and then Monday evening they would tear everything down. Mr. Tamson stated that they have a strict set of standards that they must follow from the National Boy Scouts of America. They do have qualified range officers that have to be recertified every two years. Mr. Tamson stated that he is National Camp School trained, and they will also have four supporting staff members who are National Camp School trained. Mr. Tamson is requesting that the City Council consider waiving the rental fee of the park. They do charge a nominal fee for this activity day, but the funds collected cover supplies for the day.

Mr. Tamson stated that they expect 60-80 participants. They will have a break for lunch, which will be about an hour to an hour and a half so they can eat lunch at the different locations we have around town.

The event will be closed to the public, but they do not have a problem with sharing the park with the public. They will have leaders that are wearing identifying shirts so they can tell who is who. Of course, the mayor and city council are welcome to come and observe. They did try and do a 3-day event last summer but there was some reorganization on the council level that was out of Mr. Tamsons control and that event was cancelled.

Council Member Wasner asked what the dates would be.

Mr. Tamson stated that setup would be June 23rd and the actual event would be June 24th, that is a Sunday, Monday. The normal day camps that run with this are through the week so they like to get them used to that schedule.

Council member Wasner asked if there were any other rentals for the park during that time.

Mayor Cox stated that he has penciled them in for this date already so they would not book anyone else.

Council Member Joaquin asked if this was an overnight event or just during the day.

Mr. Tamson stated that it is a daytime only event. They will come in at 7:30 AM to set up, the participants will arrive at about 8:30 – 9:00 AM, and then they will start cleaning up and be out of the park by about 3:00-3:30 PM.

Council Member asked how many additional adults/leaders would be in attendance.

Mr. Tamson stated that he will be bringing probably around 12 adults. This is a cub scout event, so it is family orientated. They would have to be escorted by a den leader or a family member that would be there during the day with them.

Council Member Wasner asked if there would be anyone at the park overnight on Sunday to secure the setup.

Mr. Tamson stated that they will be roping off boundary lines and safety zones for the shooting sports and then Monday they will setup everything else. The most anyone would be able to take would be ropes and stakes.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if they would be requiring any additional staff from Rockwood.

Mr. Tamson stated no.

Mayor Cox asked if they had done this in the past.

Mr. Tamson stated that they have not done this in Rockwood, but they have used Carlton before. They are trying to keep this in the southeast area and hopefully get some participants from the Monroe area.

Council Member Wasner stated that if it matters the last time this came to council it was approved.

Council Member Joaquin asked if this would be held here in Rockwood moving forward.

Mr. Tamson stated that ideally, if they can get people to come and things go well, Rockwood has the perfect size park for this activity, and they would like to stay here.

Council Member Wasner asked that if the public were to drive through would they be disrupting any activities going on due to there only being one way in and one way out.

Mr. Tamson stated that the activities are set up on either side of the road with sections marked off for crossing. Mr. Tamson passed a map of where the different activities would be with the shooting area at the bottom of the snow hill and the backdrop being the wooded area and the other activities would be across the road with a designated area to cross over.

Council Member Wasner asked if there would be enough parking.

Mr. Tamson stated that the parking that is currently available would be more than sufficient, and they would be able to park on one side of the road and walk back to the activity area if needed. This event occurs, rain or shine, so he would prefer all parking to stay off the grass.

Mr. Tamson also stated that they have a \$1,000,000 liability policy.

M-068-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to waive the permit fee and allow the Boy Scouts of America to host a daytime activity at Mercure Park on June 23rd and June 24th.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Todd Taylor
23421 Candace Drive
President of the Gibraltar/Rockwood area Rotary

Mr. Taylor wanted to come and introduce himself to the new administration. Mr. Taylor stated that the Rotary Club likes to fund things/hand out money for the betterment of the community. The City of Gibraltar has always welcomed them with open arms but they have not had the same from the last Rockwood Administration. Mr. Taylor stated that they participated in the kids day at the park last year and found it a little unsettling that the Police Department and the Dispatchers Union did not have any seed money. This year the Gibraltar/Rockwood Rotary would like to present a check to the Police Department in the amount of \$500.00 and to present the Firefighters Association with a check in the amount of \$250.00.

Mayor Cox thanked Mr. Taylor and the Rotary Club for their generous donation.

Mayor Cox asked Mr. Taylor to explain what the Rotary Club does.

Mr. Taylor stated that they are a community-based organization. They have 14 members; 4 members reside in Rockwood and the rest reside in Gibraltar. You do not have to live in the community to be a member of the rotary, you can work or go to school in the area. They do fundraisers and give that money back to the communities, primarily most of the donations go to the schools. They sponsored a total of 15 families last year for Christmas, they donated to the Gibraltar Beautification Committee etc.... Mr. Taylor stated that he believes that they helped with one of the Pavilions in Mercure Park several years ago.

Mayor Cox thanked Mr. Taylor again.

Council Member Joaquin asked when the Rotary Meetings are held and are they public.

Mr. Taylor stated that they are public and that they meet on the first and third Monday of each month at the Rockwood V.F.W. Hall on West Jefferson in Brownstown Twp. They start at 6 PM. Mr. Taylor stated that they have a website

and Facebook page where they would post any changes in dates or times of meetings.

Council Member Joaquin asked what the requirements are to belong to the Rotary Club.

Mr. Taylor stated that simply wanting to give back to their community qualifies them. They have dues of \$15.00 per month.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items on Agenda)

None

ACTION AGENDA

M-069-24 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:

Police Chief Krause had no formal report.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Mercure discussed the purchase of Adapters and Holders, Annual Contract for ESO Software and Grant writer fee, Compress Maintenance, Department Physicals, and February Monthly Report.

M-070-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the purchase of adapters and holders from MacQueen Equipment in the amount of \$625.68.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-071-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the payment of \$2,283.09 to The AccuMed Group for the annual maintenance fee for the ESO electronic patient report software.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-072-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to approve the payment of \$3,188.00 to JW2 Fire Consultants for the regional grant for hoses and radios.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-073-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to approve the payment of \$665.44 to West Shore Fire for the quarterly air sampling and yearly maintenance for the SCBA compressor.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-074-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the payment of \$6,050.00 to Bio-Care for annual department physicals.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-075-24

Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to receive and file the Fire Department Monthly Report for February 2024 as presented.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

No Formal Report

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

No formal report

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

Barb McCoy

Representative for the Rockwood Historical Society

Mrs. McCoy stated that they are having their Annual Spring Tea on April 21, 2024 at the Rockwood Community Center. The tickets are \$25 each, a round table which seats 6 people is \$135, Children ages 3-12 years are \$10 each. Fancy Hats and dresses are encouraged.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if this was open to the public. Residents and Non-Residents.

Mrs. McCoy stated that this is open to anyone that is interested.

Mayor Cox stated that this will be the 40th anniversary of the historical society. It was established and opened in 1984.

Council member Joaquin stated that he knows nothing about this and would like it if Mrs. McCoy expanded further this.

Mrs. McCoy stated that “Spring Tea” comes from the tradition of the British and they serve different kinds of tea and homemade desserts.

ADMINISTRATOR’S REPORT

No Formal Report

ATTORNEY’S REPORT

No Formal Report

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Cox requested a motion to approve the hire of a new City Administrator.

M-076-24	Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to hire Victoria Trush as the City Administrator with a potential starting date of February 18, 2024
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