

Council Proceeding's
Regular Meeting
June 19, 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, Mercure, and Wasner

Absent: None

City Officials

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-127-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's agenda as presented

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items not on Agenda)

None

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None

ACTION AGENDA

M-128-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's action agenda as follows.

1. Council Meeting Minutes – June 5, 2024
2. Accounts payable

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS

Police Department:

Police Chief Krause discussed the Monthly Report – May 2024, Dispatcher Resignation, and Request to pay Actron Invoice.

M-129-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to receive and file the Police Department Monthly Report for May 2024 dated June 10, 2024.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-130-24 Motion by Wasner/Mercure to accept the letter of resignation from Dispatcher Kari Neal, effective June 21, 2024, with regrets.

Chief Krause stated that she has worked the lions share of hours to help keep dispatch running and he cannot thank her enough for her time.

Mayor Cox would like to personally thank Keri for all the work that she has put in for the City of Rockwood

Chief Krause stated that she averaged 110 hours / pay period.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-131-24 Motion by Bennett/Joaquin to approve the payment to Actron Systems in the amount of \$621.00, for replacement of the lock mechanism in the jail, to be funded from the equipment fund.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Mercure discussed the Fire Department Monthly Report

M-132-24 Motion by Wasner/Mercure to receive and file the Fire Department Monthly Report for May 2024

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

No Formal Report

Department of Public Works:

No Formal Report

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

None

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Cox requested a motion to go into closed session

M-133-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to go into closed session at 7:05 PM

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-134-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to come out of closed session at 7:31 PM

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Administrator Trush discussed the MML Liability and Property Pool Proposal, CDBG Subrecipient Agreement, Request for Hire, Request for Resolution for IGA Wayne County Parks Division

M-135-24 Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the proposal from the MML Liability and Property Pool and authorize payment in the amount of \$83,517.00 upon contract review and approval by the City Attorney, payable from the Insurance Liability account #101-101-807

Council Member Grzywacz stated that she spoke with the administrator about this. How do we know that this is the best rate for the city or if this is the best coverage/fit for the city? We do not have a comparison or cast a net to speak to any other insurance companies at all and this is concerning.

Council Member Joaquin stated that in the future, he knows that we are on a deadline right now, should go out to bid and explore more options when it comes to large contracts such as this one.

Council Member Wasner asked if there are other companies that do this.

Administrator Trush stated that she would have to do some research. She knows MML and that is who we have always used. That does not mean that there are no other options out there.

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

Nays: Council Member Grzywacz

Motion Carried

M-136-24 Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to approve 2 subrecipient agreements for CDBG between the Charter County of Wayne and City of Rockwood for the funding of a new senior van and annual senior services funding.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-137-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to approve the hire of Office Clerk with an amount not to exceed FY25 budgeted amount.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-138-24 Motion by Mercure/Joaquin for a formal resolution approving the inter-governmental agreement with Wayne County Park Division

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Pelland had no formal report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cox discussed the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate and Water & Sewer Rates

M-139-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the appointment of Andrew Ross, 32067 Liparoto, as an alternate for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Council Member Grzywacz stated that she did not see an attached application.

Mayor Cox stated that he spoke with Mr. Ross over the phone and discussed his qualifications at that time. He may have dropped off an application, he would have to check with the clerks.

Council Member Joaquin asked if the mayor would mind sharing Mr. Ross's qualifications.

Mayor Cox stated that he has been in the mortgage business for 20 years and he wants to get more involved with his community. He originally wanted to be part of the planning commission, but we already have enough people for that board.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Council Member Grzywacz stated that per the workshop meeting there were a couple of questions asked about whether we are getting what we pay for. There is a report online (CCR website consumer providence) at rockwood.org, this is an annual report. The other discussion was that this increase is based on the cost of business, we are not making a profit.

M-140-24 Motion by Joaquin/Cramton to approve the increase in water rates from \$7.66 per thousand (1,000) gallons to \$8.01 per thousand (1,000) gallons effective July 1, 2024.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-141-24 Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the increase in sewer rates from \$6.47 per thousand (1,000) gallons to \$8.09 per thousand (1,000) gallons, effective July 1, 2024.

Council Member Grzywacz stated that her main concern is presenting this information to the residents. The mayor stated in the workshop that he would prepare some information for the residents on how this increase would affect them, what is their bill going to look like, perhaps comparison with other cities. There will be other documentation coming out to explain the increase. We have to make a decision now due to the expiring contract this month.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Mercure wanted to recognize Carefree Lawn Service for their donations to the Beautification Committee. They donated 13 yards of soil, 19 perennials. They were very gracious to do this, and she just wanted to say thank you.

Council Member Grzywacz also wanted to state that the Beautification Committee also accepted donations from 2 Lowe's stores, 36 flowers, 60 bags of mulch, spray paint, zip ties, and other various supplies.

Council Member Mercure stated that Shelly Breitenbach has really put in a lot of work to get this committee off to a good start.

Council Member Grzywacz also wanted to thank the city administrator for compiling a log sheet for Steven's disposal & recycling for homes that were missed on trash pickup days.

Council Member Joaquin asked the residents to make sure that they have already picked up the trash on your street before you call.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Grzywacz showed a water pamphlet that the council approved several meetings ago explaining the need for updating our system, the need for new fire hydrants and meter readers and it also explains a little about why sewer rates are rising. This pamphlet will be distributed by volunteers going door to door.

ADJOURNMENT

M-142-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to adjourn this evening's Council Meeting at 7:54 PM

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

City Clerk, Colleen E. Oney

Mayor, Troy A. Cox