

Council Proceeding's
Regular Meeting
March 21, 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 one vacant set

City Officials

Present: Police Chief Krause, Fire Chief Mercure, Administrator Weekly, Treasurer McCoy, DPW Director Boron

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cox requested to add two items to this evening's agenda.

M-055-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's agenda as amended.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items not on Agenda)

Thomas E. March
20011 Candace Drive

Mr. March stated that he is requesting a reversal on the late fees added to his water bill in the amount of \$28.51. Mr. March stated that they wrote the check on 1/19/24 and mailed it in on 1/20/24 and it was not received in the city hall water department until 2/7/24. Mr. March stated that it was nothing he did to make it late like this. Mr. March stated that there is obviously a problem with the post office because it took them 3 weeks from the time the water department mailed the shut off notice and he received it in the mail. He stated that he spoke with his mail carrier, and she told him that they were having trouble. Mr. March stated that in the future they will be dropping it off. Mr. March stated that it would be nice if they could pay it electronically.

Mayor Cox stated that you can pay your bill online. We don't usually make precedence of dismissing fines like that. We have no proof that the post office took 3 weeks. We are diligent about getting our stuff out right away and at this time we are inclined to not wave any fees.

Mr. March stated that even though we got it late from the post office, something out of his control, we are not willing to waive the fees? Mr. March stated that he has a shut off notice with the mail carriers' signature and date stamp.

Mayor Cox stated that the notice that Mr. March has with the mail carriers' signature and postmark on it does not prove when the city received payment on the account. We do not just shut off water to residents, we make calls and give several options to get it paid. If the U.S. Postal service is having a problem, we have no control over that either. We have had no other complaints since the new administration has been in place.

Council Member Wasner wanted to clear up a few things. Council Member Wasner asked Mr. March if he paid the water bill on time. Mr. March stated that his wife made the check out on January 19th, and it was mailed on January 20th, and it was not received or posted until February 7th. Mr. March stated that if

the water clerk had kept the envelope, it would have been proven that he mailed it on time. He is asking for one grace period and if it happens again then “tough luck”.

Mayor Cox stated that we are not waiving any late fees and setting a precedent for other residents to come up and expect the same thing.

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Truman Estates

32980 Truman Road

He stated that they hired a new administrator in their corporate office. Long story short, they mailed the water payment in late, and he is asking for a reversal of \$753.81. We are making a lot of changes to the complex, renovating, providing housing. He asked if the city could help him out in this situation, if not he understands.

Mayor Cox stated that he appreciates his efforts in the renovations, and we want his business in the city but by his own admission, his administrator sent the payment in late, and we are not going to set that precedent at this time.

Mayor Cox read a letter from Alex Garza, Wayne County Commissioner and presented the framed letter to her husband, Glenn Farmer and Family

Dear Council Members,

With a heavy heart, I would like to express my condolences to the Rockwood City Council and all who had the pleasure of knowing Maureen Farmer. This is a true tragedy and loss for the Farmer family and the City of Rockwood.

Ms. Farmer dedicated herself and time to bettering her community and that is something truly worth honoring. With that being said, if there is anything myself or staff can do to help during this time please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,



Alex Garza
Wayne County Commissioner
14th District

M-056-24 Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to take a 5-minute recess.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-057-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to bring the Council Meeting back to order.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items on Agenda)

None

ACTION AGENDA

M-058-24 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 discussed the monthly report.

M-059-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to receive and file the Police Department Monthly Report for February 2024 dated March 2024.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Mercure had no formal report.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer McCoy had no formal report.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director Boron discussed the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades/Change Order.

M-060-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the needed upgrade change order for the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Council Member Grzywacz wanted the DPW Director to explain to the residents where this money is coming from.

Director Boron stated that it is sewer bond money for the CIP upgrades for the sewer plant.

Council Member Grzywacz wanted to make sure that it is not coming out of the General Funds or Taxpayer Money

Mayor Cox stated that the city received a bond for approximately 2 million dollars just prior to COVID and Director Boron has done a great job on holding

on to that money. Bond money does not come out of the DPW Budget or the General Fund Budget. It is strictly coming from the bond.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if this needed another bid? She noticed that the labor and parts are different.

Director Boron stated that it is just a simple change order, these things happen. Technically, it could go out for another bid, but they are there already to change the chains. If it goes out for bid again, we will have to get the engineers involved and everything would have to be re-done. This company is the lowest bid that we originally got.

Council Member Wasner explained that they are already there changing the chains so we should just let them do the sprockets. It would be like going to have your brakes done and while they are doing the job they discover that your shocks are bad, it's already there so you let them do it instead of calling around for shocks.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

CONSIDRATION ITEMS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Formal Report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cox requested a motion to excuse the City Attorney and the City Clerk from this evening's meeting.

M-061-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to excuse the City Attorney and the City Clerk from this evening's meeting for personal reasons.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Mayor Cox discussed the second readings of Ordinance Chapter A276, Ordinance Chapter 126, and Amended Resolution Chapter A275

M-062-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett approve the second reading of Ordinance A276 Fees and/or permits as presented on March 6, 2024, agenda.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-063-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the second reading of Ordinance 126 – licensing of Businesses as presented on March 6, 2024, agenda.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-064-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the second reading of amended resolution A275 licenses as presented on March 6, 2024, agenda.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Mayor Cox asked Council Member Grzywacz if she would like to make the motion regarding the Beautification Committee

M-065-24 Motion by Grzywacz/Wasner to approve the reformation of the Beautification Committee with the following volunteers.

Shelly Breitenbauch, Rosa Curtis, Laura Weiland, Tina Bodner, and Marcie Grzywacz

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Mayor Cox wanted to thank all the volunteers and all the hard work he knows will go into it.

Council Member Wasner asked if they were taking more applicants.

Mayor Cox stated that they are always taking applications.

Council member Grzywacz stated that they are not seeking any funding from the city at this time. However, if you would like to donate supplies or

materials, they would just need to contact one of the members of the committee.

Council Member Wasner suggested that the five volunteers get put their minds together on who would oversee contacting everyone and where they are going to meet etc... Also, to remind them that they cannot represent the city without having city approval.

Council Member Grzywacz stated that she had some questions about that. She knows that other cities have council member liaison. How would that work?

Council Member Wasner stated that they should have someone designated to give updates and such, but no one is allowed to solicit donations. They would need permission to do that, if they received money, they would have to have a running account of how it was spent. The person who would be put in charge of this or the chairperson would be the one to report back to the council.

Mayor Cox stated that they cannot solicit donations as an agent of the city. If the committee intends to do that then they need to come to the city council and request it and it needs to be approved by the city council.

Council Member Grzywacz stated that April 8th will be the first meeting in the Community Room at 6:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Grzywacz wanted to thank Chief Krause for his prompt response in the audio concerns in council chambers.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

M-066-24

Motion by Wasner/Bennett to adjourn this evening's council meeting at 7:36 PM

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

City Clerk, Colleen E. Oney

Mayor, Troy A. Cox