

Council Proceeding's
Regular Meeting
March 6, 2024

The Regular Council Proceedings 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 Members Bennett, Cramton, Grzywacz, Joaquin, and Wasner

Absent: Council currently has one vacant seat

City Officials

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mayor Cox requested a moment of silence in honor of Council Member Maureen Farmer who passed away on February 28, 2024

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cox added an item to the mayor's report.

M-042-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's agenda as amended.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items not on Agenda)

Glen Farmer
20050 Lezotte

Mr. Farmer wanted to thank the City of Rockwood, the fire department, and the police department for coming to their aid.

Shelly Breitenbach
22153 St. Stephens

Mrs. Breitenbach stated that she has been in Rockwood her whole life. Since she has been semi-retired, she's noticed that things around the city do not look like they used to. We used to have a beautification committee and she was wondering if we could bring that back. Mrs. Breitenbach stated that she knows we do not have any money but if we ask our local stores if they would be willing to donate, we could get a few things started and maybe progress from there.

Mayor Cox stated that one of his goals coming into this office was to create a beautification committee. Mayor Cox also stated that he believes that Council Member Grzywacz is on board as well.

Council Member Wasner stated that we did have a beautification committee at one point but the husband and wife who oversaw the committee ended up doing things on their own.

Council Member Grzywacz wanted to thank Mrs. Breitenbach for coming and expressing such a desire to volunteer. So many other cities wish they had people to step up and volunteer, thank you for coming.

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items on Agenda)

None

ACTION AGENDA

M-043-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin 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 SCBA Flow Test.

M-044-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve Municipal Emergency Service to run the flow test on the SCBA as required by NFPA standards with a cost not to exceed \$615.00.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Chief Mercure stated that he is currently applying for 2 different grants. One is a regional grant, it's the AFD Systems Firefighter Grant that would provide hoses and radios, equipment that cost about \$190,000.00, our share of that would be 10% which is required to apply for it. The other grant is to purchase a new engine which would cost about \$900,000.00 and our share would be about 5% on that

grant. We won't find out if these grants will come through until around August-October.

Mayor Cox stated that he appreciates the chief's due diligence in applying for these grants.

Council Member Wasner wanted to thank the Fire Department for inviting him and his wife to a wonderful dinner honoring the firefighters. The Fire Department does a great job for the city.

Mayor Cox also wanted to extend his appreciation to the invite in honoring the Firefighters of Rockwood.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer McCoy has no formal report.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW Director Boron had no formal report.

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

None

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Pelland discussed the Amendment of Ordinance Chapter A276 Fees and/or Permits, Amendment of Ordinance Chapter 126 Licensing of Businesses, Amendment of Resolution Chapter A 275 Licenses, second reading of Chapter 176 Amendment as listed on 2/21/24, and Second Reading of ordinance to amend section 109-2 and 109-6 as listed on 2/21/24.

M-045-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to approve the first reading of Amended Ordinance Chapter A276 fees and/or permits.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-046-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the first reading of Amended ordinance of Chapter 126 – Licensing of Businesses

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-047-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the amended Resolution – Chapter A275 – Licenses

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-048-24 Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to approve the second reading of Chapter 176 amendment as listed on 2/21/24 agenda.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-049-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the second reading of ordinance to amend sections 109-2 and 109-6as listed on 2/21/24 agenda.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cox discussed the purchase of a computer tower for remote access, Appointment to Zoning Board, and Appointment to Planning Commission.

M-050-24 Motion by Wasner/Cramton to approve the purchase of a Quad-Core CPU Tower for VPN remote access purposes with the amount not to exceed \$1,400.00.

Ayes are unanimous.
Motion Carried

Council Member Joaquin asked if this would allow others to remote-in as well.

Mayor Cox stated that it is a computer tower. If they are given the VPN then yes, they can remote-in.

M-051-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the appointment of Brandon Grzywacz to the Zoning Board of Appeals

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Member Grzywacz

Motion Carried

M-052-24 Motion by Wasner/Cramton to approve the appointment of Tom Mercure to the Planning Commission.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Mayor Cox requested a motion to acknowledge that the city council has a vacant seat.

M-053-24

Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to formally acknowledge a vacant seat on City Council

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Council Member Grzywacz asked how many more seats are available for either the ZBA or Planning Commission?

Mayor Cox stated that he thinks we are at a total of 5 for the Planning Commission but he thinks that we still need a few for the ZBA. He will check as soon as he gets back in the office.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Member Wasner stated that at the last meeting Mayor Cox stated that our Treasurer Barb McCoy did quite a bit of extra work putting together/amending the purchasing agreement, Council Member Wasner wanted to make sure that something was being put in her file to recognize that.

Mayor Cox stated that he is working on a couple of employees right now to make sure their files are updated with the acknowledgement of their hard work and commitment to the City of Rockwood.

Council Member Grzywacz wanted to let the community know that back in December 2023 we had workshop about the master plan for the city. We spoke about conducting a survey about what the residents of Rockwood want to see in

the future. We are in the process of compiling a list of questions now to send out in a survey form that the community could be involved in answering. The Council Members are working on going through these questions now and hopefully a survey will be released soon.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Wasner stated that there are four things he knows about Maureen Farmer. She loved her husband Glen, she loved her family, and she loved the City of Rockwood, she will be missed.

City Clerk Oney stated that the February Election went very smoothly. She wanted to thank everyone that found the time to come and vote. Clerk Oney appreciates all the election workers that volunteer their time to make elections in this city possible. She would especially like to thank the new election workers for joining the team. Clerk Oney stated that we have two more major elections this year, one in August and one in November, and she is always looking for extra hands to help. If anyone is interested, they can come to City Hall and fill out an application.

ADJOURNMENT

M-054-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to adjourn this evening's council meeting at 7:18 PM

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

City Clerk, Colleen E. Oney

Mayor, Troy A. Cox