

Council Proceeding's
Regular Meeting
May 1, 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: None

City Officials

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Cox added 3 items to this evening's agenda.

M-091-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's agenda as amended.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was given to Aimee Mercure, the new City Council Member, by City Clerk Oney

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items not on Agenda)

None

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None

ACTION AGENDA

M-092-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's action agenda as follows.

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Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

RPEORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS

Police Department:

Chief Krause discussed the Dispatcher Resignation and Recognition of Lt. Mercure

M-093-24

Motion by Wasner/Bennett to accept the letter of resignation of Madelynn Fioritti effective May 2, 2024, with regrets.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Chief Krause stated that Lt. Mercure responded to the accident that happened at the intersection of Huron River Drive and Fort Street. Lt. Mercure along with other fire personnel that arrived on the scene performed CPR in the vehicle and continued outside of the vehicle until he was able to be transported. As far as Chief Krause knows, the gentleman is still alive, it was a medical incident that caused the accident but that does not take away from the fact that Lt. Mercure's actions were instrumental in this gentleman being alive today. Lt. Mercure will be receiving a Life Saving Award from the police department.

Council Member Joaquin asked how many dispatchers does that leave us with in rotation.

Chief Krause stated 3.

Council Member Joaquin asked if he had officers filling in on dispatch.

Chief Krause stated that he does but he does not want to get into numbers right now. Dispatch is getting busy, but again they can only do so much. They had a burnout situation about 9 months ago and it is getting to that again. He does have officers filling in when they can, but meetings need to happen soon.

Council Member Cramton asked how many dispatchers should be on staff.

Chief Krause stated that full complement is 7 dispatchers. Since COVID-19 it has been next to impossible to find either qualified applicants or sometimes applicants in general that do not have a criminal background. You must go through a criminal background check and drug test. People do not want to

work the hours that are needed. A lot of the time they are applying for a second job and only want to work 8-16 hours a week. Unfortunately, in this job that is very difficult for them to maintain proficiency.

Fire Department:

Chief Mercure discussed the March Monthly Report and Firefighter Recognitions.

M-094-24 Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to receive and file the Fire Department Monthly Report for March 2024.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Chief Mercure stated that the department was very busy last week. They responded to the Mass-Casualty incident at the Swan Boat Club on April 20, 2024.

Chief Mercure wanted to recognize the following members of the Rockwood Fire Department for their actions during the mass casualty event.

Capt. Kristen Baumia, FF/EMT Chris Paszek, FF/EMT Don Sparks, EMT Sarah Sparks, and FF/EMT Kris Weimer.

These members along with myself responded to the horrific incident as a mutual aid call for Berlin Twp Fire Department. The professional manner they conducted themselves in is very commendable given the magnitude of the situation. Three of us transported two patients to Henry Ford Wyandotte Hospital while the other three remained on scene helping with other patients. These types of incidents are talked about and preplanned but when it happens, you don't know how people will react, especially when there are

children involved. Our members as well as everyone on scene did a tremendous job.

Chief Mercure stated that they had another incident the following day, April 21, 2024. They received a call for a male becoming unresponsive. Just prior to our arrival the patient went into cardiac arrest. CPR was initiated by Lt. Joswiak and the other crew members assisted when they arrived. Flat Rock Fire Department was called immediately once CPR was started for ALS support. They along with our crew were able to get the person's heart going again and as of April 23rd he was still recovering in the hospital.

Chief Mercure would like to recognize the following members of the Rockwood Fire Department for their actions on this call as well.

Capt. Kristen Baumia, Lt. Kris Joswiak, and FF/EMT Don Sparks

Chief Mercure also wanted to recognize the following members of the Rockwood Fire Department for the incident that Chief Krause was talking about. This patient had an extensive medical history before this. They shocked him twice on scene before Flat Rock arrived to assist. EMT Sarah Sparks assisted in transport to the hospital with Flat Rock.

On scene were Lt. Kris Joswiak, FF Joe Scheafer, and EMT Sarah Sparks.

Council Member Grzywacz asked why we were not ALS Certified and is this something that could happen.

Chief Mercure stated that the call volume is not there to support it. ALS is very daunting, just knowing medications and drug interactions and the low call volume to remember all of that stuff would be more jeopardizing. Plus, we have Flat Rock and Brownstown. Chief Mercure stated that 90% of the EMS calls do not require ALS and if it does, they call for help.

Treasurer's Report:

No formal report.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Director Boron discussed the hiring of summer help.

Ethan Baugh has worked with us through the PREP Program for the last 4-5 years. This program is through the Feds and helps prepare kids 14-25 years old for the work field.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if one worker was enough.

Director Boron stated that one is usually good. He has had two before, but Ethan does such a great job that he is all they need.

M-095-24 Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to approve the re-hire of Ethan Baugh for summertime help with one month being paid by the city and the duration paid for by the PREP Program

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

None

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

No formal report

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No formal report

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cox discussed the contract renewal for the Police Chief, IGA – Wayne County, Mercure Park Improvements, Deputy Treasurer vacancy.

M-096-24 Motion by Wasner/Cramton to approve the Police Chief contract renewal.

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Council Member Mercure

Motion Carried

M-097-24 Motion by Mercure/Joaquin to approve the request to apply for a grant from Wayne County Parks Division in the amount of \$2,976 to be used at Mercure Park to 1) Replace an 18 – inch 3D bronze POW plaque for the current Memorial Wall at a cost of \$1,800, 2) Add 60 tons of crushed limestone man sand for the ballfields at a cost of \$900, 3) Two pet waste stations at a cost of \$276.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if this was our first year receiving this.

Mayor Cox stated yes.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if we anticipated this to be available in the future.

Mayor Cox stated that we are all working very hard to receive more funds.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-098-24

Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to formally acknowledge a vacancy to the appoint position of Deputy Treasurer

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Grzywacz wanted to excitedly announce that the new administration is holding a Rockwood Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 27, 2024, at 10:00 AM. There will be a lot of festivities at Mercure Park including a classic car show, music, food trucks, helicopter rides (\$40), free hot dogs and chips (while supplies last), and the opportunity to meet your local veterans.

Mayor Cox stated that we will start on the east side of the city, so we do not have to worry about train traffic. The parade will line up on Lamont St., turn right onto Huron River Drive, turn right on Fort Street, and then turn right into Mercure Park.

Council Member Grzywacz also wanted to announce the City-Wide Garage Sale starting May 31st, June 1st, and June 2nd. Permits are \$2 and are available at City Hall

ADJOURMENT

M-099-24 Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to adjourn this evening's Council Meeting at 7:19 PM

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

City Clerk, Colleen E. Oney

Mayor, Troy A. Cox