

Council Proceeding's  
Regular Meeting  
November 6, 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, Mercure, and Wasner

Absent: Council Member Joaquin

City Officials

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Cox requested a motion to excuse Council Member Joaquin from this evening's meeting

**M-245-2024** Motion by Wasner/Bennett to excuse Council Member Joaquin from this evening's meeting

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**M-246-2024** Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to approve this evening's agenda as presented

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**PUBLIC DISCUSSION** (Items not on Agenda)

Kelsey Langton – Grand Daughter of Robert and Gail McCloud

1611 Indian Trail  
Carleton, MI

Ms. Langton stated that her grandparents live at 22116 Silver Creek Ln. She expressed her concern about the condition of Silver Creek Park. She believes that the play structures are a liability and that we should be asking for more support from the county to improve our parks.

Mayor Cox stated that the park money comes from the county and is based on location and size of the community. We only receive about \$3,000.00 per year for park upgrades. He does agree that the parks need more attention and is willing to work with Ms. Langton on applying for more grants to improve the local parks.

Jacqueline Lancina  
5931 S. Huron River Dr

Mrs. Lancina stated that there are local grants that we can apply for also.

Council Member Wasner stated that there had been some vandalism at that park some time ago. Is this still going on? And what time of day does this happen?

Gail McCloud stated that this happens at different times of the day. Sometimes there are teenagers there during school hours.

Mayor Cox stated that the Chief is here today, and he will make sure that there is more frequent patrol in that area.

Mrs. Lancina stated that there are a lot of littles in their subdivision, and someone is going to get hurt badly on the playground equipment.

Mrs. McCloud also asked about the sidewalk repairs. She stated that before they used to fix the sidewalks and attached the repair bill to the yearly taxes. Mrs. McCloud stated that the sidewalks in her neighborhood are so bad that she has a hard time walking her granddaughter in a stroller.

DPW Director Boron stated that he did \$14,000.00 in sidewalk repairs last year.

#### **PUBLIC DISCUSSION** (Items on Agenda)

None

#### **ACTION AGENDA**

**M-247-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve action agenda items

- A) Council Meeting Minutes – October 16, 2024
- B) Accounts payable

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

## **REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS**

Police Department:

Police Chief Krause discussed the DMA Dues, DCC Dues, and Tire Purchase – Belle Tire

**M-248-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to pay the Annual DMA Dues in the amount of \$9,178.88 funded from the Mutual Aid account

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-249-24** Motion by Wasner/Bennett to pay the Annual DCC Membership dues in the amount of \$5,215.83 to be funded from the Membership and dues account.

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-250-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the payment of \$720.00 to Belle Tire for replacement tires on the Tahoe, to be funded from the repair and maintenance fund.

Council Member Wasner asked how old the Tahoe was

Chief Krause stated that it is 2023 and this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> or third set of tires

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

Chief Krause stated that he has been working with attorney Pelland on getting restitution for the memorial tree damage. We should receive full restitution by the end of this week, which is what it is sounding like.

Council Member Wasner asked if there would be criminal charges later down the road?

Chief Krause stated that it will be up to the prosecutor's office

Attorney Pelland stated that we really cannot talk about the charges at this time.

Council Member Grzywacz asked about the hiring of a records clerk.

Chief Krause stated that he has had a few applicants but he is waiting for the municipal office to be put back together. Right now, there is nowhere to train a records clerk. He has also put in a word with DCC to see if we can get some applicants from Michigan Works program.

Mayor Cox stated that City Hall is still under construction.

Council Member Grzywacz and Mercure both asked if there was any idea when it would be back not normal.

Administrator Trush stated that the electrician was in today and the cubicles are going back together. There is no hard date that it will be finished though. We are hoping within the next couple of weeks. They will be wax floors this coming week. There is progress its just slow.

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Mercure had no formal report, but he did want to remind the residents that there is no leaf or brush burning allowed in Rockwood. We also are not allowed to blow the leaves in the street.

Chief Mercure stated that the AFG grant notification, and it will open back up November 11-December 20. So, he will be submitted for that again.

The fire hose has been ordered so hopefully that will be in soon. He did have someone inquire about the old fire hose, he was notified that there may be a charge for it and he seemed to be fine with that.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer McCoy discussed the Resolution to join – Michigan Class Investment Pool Fund

**M-251-24** Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve investing into the Michigan Investment Pool Fund

Council Member Grzywacz stated that she did some research on this and if you look at the website, it shows the daily yields, going back one year. The percentages are a little higher than presented, showing you how stable the yields are.

Treasurer McCoy has talked with several municipalities that are currently doing this, including Flat Rock, and they all have good things to say about it. Also, we can pull funds within 24 hours if needed, we do not have to wait for it to mature.

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

Department of Public Works:

No formal report.

### **CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

None

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Trush discussed the Intra-fund Transfer for DCC Dues and the Annual Payment to Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund.

**M-252-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the intra-fund transfer as presented

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-253-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve payment to the Retiree Healthcare Trust Fund in the amount of \$20,000 in accordance with the CAP submitted to the State of Michigan Community Engagement and Finance Division

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

Council Member Grzywacz asked Treasurer McCoy if the Michigan Investment Pool would take place of the current CD's

Treasurer McCoy stated that the current CD will Mature in February 2025. She was thinking about maybe keeping both of them but decreasing the amount invested in the CD. That is her thought process right now.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

None

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Cox discussed the Proclamation – National American Indian Heritage Month and the Veteran's Day Breakfast

**M-254-24** Motion by Wasner/Bennett to proclaim November as National American Indian Heritage Month

Council Member Grzywacz asked if this is something that needs to be renewed yearly

Mayor Cox answered yes

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-255-24** Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to submit payment to River Village Restaurant with the amount not to exceed \$1,000.00

Council Member Mercure wanted clarification on how we were pulling in donations

Mayor Cox stated that we are currently keeping an RSVP list. We have the breakfast set up for 80-100 people. Anyone that would like to join their veterans for breakfast are asked to donate \$10 with the proceeds going to the American Legion in Wyandotte for a handicap restroom.

Council Member Wasner asked what the current number was.

Mayor Cox stated that we have about a dozen signed up so far.

Council Member Grzywacz stated that this event was advertised and promoted prior to an official council vote for the approval of spending what appears to be potentially \$1,000 of tax payers money. She found the manner in which this was orchestrated to be problematic. If a situation like this arises in the future, she will be voting no to maintain the integrity of the "Open Meetings" act, chambers, and due process of voting. However, she pleased with the administration in honoring, recognizing, and serving the veteran population of our city, it is long overdue

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Cox requested a motion to go into closed session

**M-256-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to go into closed session to discuss compensation at 7:33 pm with roll call vote

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

Mayor Cox requested a motion to come out of closed session

**M-257-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to come out of closed session at 7:46 pm with roll call vote

Present: Mayor Cox, Council Members Bennett, Cramton, Grzywacz, Mercure and Wasner

Absent: None

**Motion Carried**

**M-258-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve Item 14A as discussed in closed session

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-259-24** Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve Item 14B as discussed in closed session

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Council Member Grzywacz asked if we were still offering the medical bracelets

Administrator Trush stated that she believes that Natalia has a list.

Council Member Grzywacz stated that they are planning a gathering at the Brewer Building to help seniors obtain and register medical id bracelets. There was about 8 people that were originally interested this and hopefully some that go to the community center will come as well

Council Member Grzywacz wanted to thank the Chapman PTO for inviting all of us to their trunk-or-treat.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Council Member Grzywacz wanted to let the residents know that the recycling days have been revised as follows; November 13, 27 and December 11, 26. There was an error on the original calendar.

Council Member Grzywacz has been speaking with Coach Pehote who is in charge of the Student Council at Carlson Highschool. She talked to him about having a relationship with student council. Coach Pehote stated that they try to do a mock council meeting once a year but in the years past

with some administration and COVID, they have not been able to do it. He did say that they will be having a meet and greet luncheon with their student council and are inviting us to have a discussion with them. The date will come later.

Council Member Grzywacz wanted to remind everyone of the Beautification Committee Meeting tomorrow at 6 pm in the community room.

Council Member Grzywacz also wanted to let everyone know that they are taking donations of outdoor Christmas lights.

Mayor Cox stated that Mrs. Tiffany Reece has asked if her kids could come and say the Pledge of Allegiance for us on November 20<sup>th</sup> and December 4<sup>th</sup>. We told her that it would be ok.

He also wanted to state again the Veterans Breakfast for the Veterans and their spouse on November 11, 2024 at the Community Center from 8am-11am

Mayor Cox stated that the new senior van is ready all we need now is new plates and insurance and then it will be ready.

Mayor Cox stated that he did meet with Silica Sand, and they cleared all of the sand from Huron River Dr. DPW Director Boron stated that they should be able to keep it sand free. They will run the street sweeper once a month.

Mayor Cox wanted to thank Silica Sand, especially Chad, they did not have to do this or use their own equipment, but they did because they want to be great community partners. It is appreciated.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if there was an update on a Christmas tree.

Mayor Cox stated that there is a lovely resident in Rockwood that owns a landscaping business, and they are donating a 9 ft cut tree. It will be cut down on the week of November 23<sup>rd</sup>. We just need to decide where to put it and decorate it.

Council Member Grzywacz stated that she talked with some residents that were part of a tree light ceremony in Rockwood years ago and they said that they put it on the corner of Fort.

No one can remember a Christmas tree lighting in Rockwood.



**ADJOURNMENT**

**M-260-24**      Motion by Wasner/Bennett to adjourn this evening's council meeting at 7:54 pm

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

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**City Clerk, Colleen E. Oney**

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**Mayor, Troy A. Cox**