

Council Proceeding's  
Regular Meeting  
September 18, 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 (7:12 pm), Treasurer McCoy, Administrator Trush, Attorney Pelland, and City Clerk Oney

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Cox added items for the DPW, Administrator, and Fire Department

**M-208-24** Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's agenda as amended

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

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

Barb McCoy  
Representative for the Rockwood Area Historical Society  
23253 Astrid Ln

Mrs. McCoy wanted to announce the Rockwood Area Historical Society Spaghetti Dinner that will be held at the West Jefferson Bar and Grille (Formerly known as Big Al's) 34927 West Jefferson, Rockwood, MI 48173 on Saturday, September 28, 2024, from 4pm-7pm.

Tickets are available at the door. Tickets are \$10/Adult, \$6 for kids ages 5-12, and kids 4 and under are free. There is a cash Bar, Silent Auctions, and a 50/50 raffle.

Mrs. McCoy also stated that there will be a “Haunted Caboose” that will be hosted by the Rockwood Area Historical Society at the museum on October 12, 2024, between 5pm and 8pm. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. There will be storytelling from some of the pioneers from this area, crafts and goodie bags for the kids as well as refreshments.

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

None

### **ACTION AGENDA**

**M-209-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve this evening’s action agenda items as presented.

- 1) Council Minutes-September 4, 2024
- 2) Workshop Minutes-August 29, 2024
- 3) Accounts Payable

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

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

Police Department:

Police Chief Krause discussed the August Monthly Report and the Return of training funds to the State of Michigan.

**M-210-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to receive and file the Police Department Monthly Report for August 2024 dated September 4, 2024

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-211-24** Motion by Bennett/Wasner to authorize the return of \$10,139.64 in dispatcher training funds to the State of Michigan

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

Council Member Wasner asked if there were any prospects on a new officer

Chief Krause stated that the search has had a little set back but he does have some things in the works

Fire Department:

Chief Mercure was called out this evening

Mayor Cox discussed the August Monthly Report, Request for approval of online training membership, Asset Disposal Request, and Approval for Fire Prevention Material Purchase.

**M-212-24** Motion by Wasner/Grzywacz to receive and file the Fire Department Monthly Report for August 2024

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-213-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the payment of \$2,271.80 to Vector Solutions for online training membership.

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-214-24** Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the asset disposal request for the utility truck and old fire hose

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-215-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the purchase of Fire Prevention Materials for Capman School and Champions Early Center

Council Member Grzywacz asked how this how this is distributed.

Council Member Mercure stated that they have a presentation at the schools, and they are handed out then.

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

Council Member Wasner stated that with asset disposal, in the past we would check with the smaller communities up north, if we cannot sell it, we would donate it to them. Maybe we can look into that again.

Mayor Cox stated that he would let Chief Mercure know and reach out to them.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer McCoy discussed the Budget Amendment 25-6 and 25-7.

**M-216-24**                      Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the Budget Amendment 25-6 as presented

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-217-24**                      Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the Budget Amendment 25-7 as presented

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

Director Boron discussed the sale of the 2001 Dump Truck

Council Member Grzywacz asked if there was a plan to replace the truck.

Director Boron stated that he already replaced it about 2 years ago.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if the funds from the sale would go back to the DPW budget

Director Boron stated that the funds would go back to the DPW budget. He stated that the starting bid will be \$20,000.00. The bids will be silent bids by envelope. The truck will be set on the side of the road for about 2 weeks.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if there was another process for this or is this typical.

Director Boron stated that it has been done this way for at least 19 years.

Council Member Wasner asked if this would affect the snow plowing this winter.

Director Boron stated that he does not even use it.

Council Member Mercure asked how the hiring process was going.

Director Boron stated that they just put the notice for hiring out.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if this was a third person. What happened to the other part-time person that was just hired.

Director Boron stated that He worked for 2 days and was supposed to back the next week, but he was in a motorcycle accident. He will not be able to work for a while.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if he was looking for full-time or part-time.

Director Boron stated that it is getting toward the end of the season so he will be looking for a full-time employee. He stated that they are a little behind. They have court workers that come in on the weekends to help. They have had a lot of water main breaks.

**M-218-24**                      Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to approve the sale of the 2001 Dump Truck

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

Mayor Cox asked Fire Chief Mercure if he had anything to add to his report.

Chief Mercure stated that he was able to answer any questions that anyone may have.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if there was a grant that we could apply for to help with the fire prevention materials

Chief Mercure stated that there probably is, and he will check in to it. However, the larger communities would get those funds first.

Chief Mercure also stated that he was going to try and take a different approach with the sale of the utility truck. He is going to try and sell it for more of a historical piece due to the age of the vehicle.

Council Member Wasner stated again that we may want to look in to donating the old fire hose to some of the smaller communities up north.

Chief Mercure stated that he will definitely look into this.

### **CONSIDERATION ITEMS**

None

### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Administrator Trush discussed the Approval to pay ICON Restoration and Resolution for MDOT Signatories

**M-219-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the payment to ICON Restoration of Southern Michigan in the amount of \$37,175.56

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-220-24** Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the resolution to authorize Mayor Troy Cox and City Administrator Victoria Trush as the designated signatories for MDOT/local agency maintenance contracts

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Pelland discussed the second reading of amended ordinances 212-11 and 126-6

**M-221-24** Motion by Wasner/Joaquin to approve the second reading of amended ordinance 212-11

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-222-24** Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the second reading of amended ordinance 126-6

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

None

### **CLOSED SESSION**

**M-223-24** Motion by Wasner/Bennett to go into closed session at 7:18 pm with roll call vote

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

**M-224-24** Motion by Mercure/Wasner to come out of closed session with roll call vote at 7:42 pm

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Cox stated that he has been in contact with U.S. Silica management, and he is working with us to help clean up. He expressed that he wants to be good business partners and is trying to make improvements to stop sand from blowing around. They installed a truck wash so that the sand can be rinsed off the trucks before they leave. They are also installing some fencing to stop the sand from blowing everywhere. So, improvements are being made.

Council Member Grzywacz asked when they expect to do the fencing and where will it be installed.

Mayor Cox stated that the fencing will be placed at the west side of the property.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if there were any updates on the Christmas Tree

Mayor Cox stated that the gentleman that was going to get it has been sick. He will be going back on the road, and she will get in touch with him soon.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if this would be a temporary placement or a permanent placement.

Mayor Cox stated that he was thinking about it being permanent, but we will address that when we get it.

Council Member Wasner wanted to say that silica has been good about getting things done in the past.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**M-225-24**                      Motion by Wasner/Bennett to adjourn this evening's council meeting at 7:48 pm

Ayes are unanimous.

**Motion Carried**

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**City Clerk, Colleen E. Oney**

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**Mayor, Troy A. Cox**