

Council Proceeding's
Regular Meeting
September 4, 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, Treasurer McCoy, Administrator Trush, Attorney Pelland, and City Clerk Oney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-200-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's agenda as presented

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items not on Agenda)

Amy Conway
Gibraltar School District
Superintendent

Shawn Stirling
Gibraltar School District
Director of Finance

Amy and Shawn explained the Non-Homestead Operating Millage Renewal Proposal and the Sinking Fund Renewal and Restoration Proposal that will be on the November 5, 2024, Ballot.

Mayor Cox stated that the Knights of Columbus is requesting the approval of the tootsie roll drive on October 11th, 12th, and 13th at the intersection of Huron River Drive and Fort St.

M-201-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to allow the Knights of Columbus to hold their annual tootsie roll drive on October 11th, 12th, and 13th from 9 AM to 6 PM

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

PUBLIC DISCUSSION (Items on Agenda)

None

ACTION AGENDA

M-202-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve this evening's action agenda as presented.

A. Council Minutes – August 21, 2024

B. Accounts Payable

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT

Police Department:

Police Chief Krause had no formal report

Fire Department:

Fire Chief Mercure had no formal report

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer McCoy had no formal report

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

DPW had no formal report

CONSIDERATION ITEMS

None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Trush discussed Intra-Fund Transfer for additional consolidation expenses

M-203-24 Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the transfer of \$1,814.00 from line item 101-301-706 to line item 101-301-940 and 101-301-799 as presented on the transfer form

Council Member Grzywacz asked if Wyandotte Alarm is the only one that was able to do this service.

Administrator Trush stated that they are the ones who installed the alarms, so everything goes through them. We would have to redo the whole alarm system if we were to go with another company

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Pelland discussed the Amendment to Ordinance – 212-11 and Ordinance 126-6

M-204-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the first reading of amended ordinance 212-11

Council Member Grzywacz asked what the next step in this. She knows there will be a second reading, but will it be published.

Attorney Pelland stated that it will be published on the city website and at the next meeting we will have the second reading, and the amended ordinance will be in effect.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

M-205-24

Motion by Wasner/Mercure to approve the first reading of amended ordinance 126-6

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

Mayor Cox wanted to remind everyone that because of the holiday, they have one extra day for trash to be out.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Cox wanted to recognize Mr. James Herzog for his 87th birthday and would like to wish him a happy birthday. Mr. Herzog was treasurer for over 40 years and has served the city in some capacity for over 50 years.

Mayor Cox discussed the Letter of Engagement – Continental Real Estate Solutions

Mayor Cox wants to get the ball rolling on getting the 60-acre vacant land near 21293 Russell Road appraised.

Council Member Wasner asked if he was looking to split that land up.

Mayor Cox stated that before we can sell it, we need to get the fair price per acre

Council Member Grzywacz asked if the cost of this could be recovered in the sale of the property

M-206-24

Motion by Wasner/Bennett to approve the signing of the engagement letter between the City of Rockwood and Continental Real Estate Solutions LLC for the fee of \$1,700.00 to appraise the vacant 60-acre land near 21293 Russell Rd.

Council Member Wasner asked if the city was under a current agreement with the other real estate companies that have signs up on this property

Mayor Cox stated that he has not heard anything from them. He stated that he will reach out to them again tomorrow to make sure. He knows that there are different plots, and the frontage property of course would be more valuable to the city.

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Bennett stated that there is a problem with Silica Sand. Residents are complaining and you can see that there is a problem with them losing some of the product onto the road.

Mayor Cox stated that he just spoke with the operations manager, Chad, last month. What we are seeing is sand from the tires from the trucks coming in and out. There is not much that we can do about it at this time other than they will have to stay on top of it to keep it from coming on to the street.

Council Member Grzywacz asked if there was a cleaning schedule that they would be willing to commit to.

Mayor Cox stated that DPW Director Boron does use the sweeper there.

Council Member Mercure asked if there was something that they could do on site.

Mayor Cox stated that they have put in grates to try and knock off the dirt from the tires. They have protocols in place. But Huron River Drive is not their responsibility.

Council Member Joaquin stated that it is their responsibility if they are dumping it there.

Mayor Cox stated that they are not dumping it, it is coming off the tires while they are driving. It would be like anyone driving down the road and it was coming off their tires.

Council Member Joaquin stated that if it comes off his car it is his responsibility.

Mayor Cox asked if something came off his car if he would go and clean it up.

Council Member Joaquin stated that if someone had a complaint about something falling off of his car and it was causing problems and it is a safety issue, he absolutely would go clean it up.

Mayor Cox stated that he does not think that they will come out and clean Huron River Drive. They have talked about other solutions, but we have not heard back from them yet.

Council Member Wasner asked if the street sweeper would not fix the issue.

Mayor Cox stated that they do use it, but it just pushes it around it does not suck it up.

Council Member Wasner stated that at one time Silica Sand was cleaning it with a sweeper.

Mayor Cox stated that he did not know that.

Council Member Wasner stated that Silica Sand helped with the purchase of the street sweeper that is shared with the City of Gibraltar. He does not know if there was a condition that we assume the clean up of sand that comes off the trucks.

Mayor Cox stated that he will talk with Director Boron and Chad and see where that stands.

ADJOURNMENT

M-207-24 Motion by Wasner/Bennett to adjourn this evening's council meeting at 7:32 PM

Ayes are unanimous.

Motion Carried

City Clerk, Colleen E. Oney

Mayor, Troy A. Cox