

**Council Proceeding's
Regular Meeting
July 15, 2026**

The regular meeting for the City of Rockwood was called to order by Mayor Troy A. Cox in the Council Chamber located at 32409 Fort Rd., at 7:00 p.m.

1.) ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Cox, Council Members Crampton, Grzywacz, Johnson, Mercure, Robertson, and Slavin.

City Officials

Present: Police Chief Hill, Fire Chief Mercure, City Administrator Trush, and Treasurer Barb McCoy

Absent: Attorney Pelland

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

2.) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-151-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve agenda.

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

3.) PUBLIC DISCUSSION (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)

- Sarah Rupert: SMART- Sarah wanted to know if this transit would be coming to the downriver communities and would there be a route through Rockwood.
- Councilman Slavin mentioned that council did vote on this and opposed
- Mayor Cox mentioned how this proposal will be on the August ballot, and people will need to get out and vote regarding this proposal.
- Flat Rock held a presentation with Wayne County regarding the proposal.
- Mike Reed wanted to have an update on the deer situation within the city.

- Chief Hill stated that he became part of the Southeast Collation Group as a board member. As of right now, everyone will be getting a survey- August 1st. The SCG will be sending out a QR code that residents can scan and answer questions regarding the deer population. The survey will also ask those residents that have property if they would allow their property to be used for harvest/call location. It will be narrowed down by zip code/jurisdiction.
- August/September the police will send drones up to take a look and see where the deer are at and what the population looks like in different areas of the city.
- Waiting to see if other cities, Flat Rock and Brownstown, are also having issues with the deer population. Taking care of the problem in one city is not going to help the overall problem, we will need multiple neighboring cities to also join in so that the problem can be handled. The earliest anything would happen would be hunting season of 2027, possibly 2028.
- Councilwoman Grzywacz asked about cost. There is no cost for the survey that is handled by the collation. There would be a cost for the harvest/call, this could range from \$10-\$15k.
- Councilwoman Grzywacz asked Chief Hill to find out what other cities would be interested in this.
- Mr. Reed would like the ordinance that does not allow hunting in Rockwood to be reviewed.

4.) PUBLIC DISCUSSION (ITEMS ON THE AGENDA)

5.) ACTION AGENDA

M-152-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the Council Minutes – A. July 15, 2026, and B. Accounts Payable.

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

6.) REPORTS OF THE CITY OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS

A. Police Department
1. Department Report- June 2026

M-153-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve Department Report- June 2026

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

A. Police Department

2. Purchase patrol vehicle and upfitting- not to exceed \$60,000.

M-154-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the purchase of the police patrol vehicle and upfitting not to exceed \$60,000.

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

- Councilwoman Grzywacz asked if we would be without a patrol car for a little while. Chief Hill did explain that the Ford Explorer was in and on the lot, the dealership was just waiting to hear from the city. We would down a vehicle for a little while.
- Chief Hill would like to trade the Chevy Tahoe in. He spoke with the dealership, and they will give us \$18k for the trade in. This is money we are not guaranteed if this goes to auction. The \$18k is close to fair market value.
- There is charter language regarding sealed bids for city vehicles, however there is a provision to the language that allows trade in of city vehicles.
- Councilwoman Grzywacz asked if this has ever happened where we have traded in a city vehicle. Chief Hill said he has heard yes, but he does not know when or where.
- Councilwoman Grzywacz stated she would like to follow the charter language and put the vehicle up as a sealed bid.
- It was stated that if we do put the vehicle up for bid that we do not know where it will go. They do not want to put an unsafe vehicle out for bid.
- Councilman Cramton asked Chief Hill what the blue book number is, Chief Hill responded with \$19-\$20K, Chief Hill stated we are right around the blue book price at \$18k.
- We broke up the motion into two- 1. Being the purchase of the new police vehicle (M-154-26) and 2. The trade in of the current Tahoe.

A. Police Department

3. Trade in of the Chevy Tahoe to Gorno Ford for the trade in amount of \$18k

M-155-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the trade in of the Chevy Tahoe to Gorno Ford for the amount of \$18k.

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

B. Fire Department

1. Department Report- June

M-156-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the Fire Department Report for the month of June.

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

- Chief Mercure wanted to make sure that everyone knew there was a second fire at the same location as the week before, but these fires were unrelated. Everyone was safe.

C. Treasurer's Report
1. Second Quarter 2026 Financial Report

M-157-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the Second Quarter 2026 Financial Report

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

E. Department of Public Works
1. Purchase Water Meters- \$16, 481.40

M-158-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the purchase of water meters at \$16,481.40

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

- Councilwoman Mercure asked why so many at one time. DPW Director Bobby stated that he orders 30-40 at a time, and we have about 20-30 currently dead and needing replaced.
- Councilmen Slavin asked about a timeframe for the meters being replaced. DPW Director Bobby stated that himself and the DPW team have about 40% done, it can take a few years. He is hoping to have the dead meters replaced by 2030, however it is a process and could take longer. The cost of the meters is \$600 per meter. They are giving municipalities a break due to the cost of the meters, DPW just needs to have a percentage done a year.

E. Department of Public Works
2. Purchase Pocket Pro Reader- \$1,724.44

M-159-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve purchase of Pocket Pro Reader- \$1,724.44

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

7.) CONSIDERATION ITEMS

A. Resolution to accept 33rd District Court Financial Audit

M-160-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the resolution to accept 33rd District Court Financial Audit

Ayes- Grzywacz, Johnson, Mercure, Robertson, Cox, Cramton
Nayes- Slavin

B. 2025 Sewer Bond Tax Refund

M-161-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the 2025 Sewer Bond Tax Refund for \$2,012.25

Ayes- Johnson, Mercure, Robertson, Cox, Cramton, Grzywacz
Abstain- Slavin

8.) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

9.) ATTORNEY'S REPORT

10.) MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Updates

- Openings for boards- Zoning, Board of Reviews, and Compensation Board. Applications can be found online at the city website; they were posted on Facebook as well as inside City Hall.
- The money from the state budget for the police car was finalized by the Senate. The Governor still must sign, hopefully we know soon.
- Planning commission meeting- it was brought to council. Council received a packet with a lot of information for them to review.

11.) OLD BUSINESS

- Councilwoman Grzywacz asked Chief Hill about Fawns. Chief Hill instructed everyone to leave the fawns alone, do not feed them, touch them or try to pick them up. The mother will hide the fawns, leave and then come back for them later.

12.) NEW BUSINESS

- Early Voting will take place starting July 25th and run until August 2nd. Saturday and Sunday's will be from 10:00 am-6:00 pm and Monday-Friday will be from 8:00 am- 4:00 pm. Voting will take place at Rockwood City Hall, second floor.

13.) ADJOURNMENT

M-162-26 Motion to adjourn made by Mercure/Robertson. 8:00pm

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

Deputy Clerk, Kaitlyn Burger

Mayor, Troy Cox