

**Council Proceeding's
Regular Meeting
September 2, 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, Attorney Pelland, City Administrator Trush, and Treasurer Barb McCoy

PLEDGE OF ALLIGANCE

2.) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

M-191-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve Agenda.

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

3.) PUBLIC DISCUSSION (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA): None

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- Hassan Bazzi- Dearborn Heights. He is friends with the owner of Rockwood Plaza. Mr. Bazzi was speaking on behalf of the owner. The owner wrote a letter stating that he could not be there tonight due to a family emergency. He stated that he understands that change can be scary, and he also understands that council has a job to do. He asks that the council table the vote until next council meeting, when he will be available to be here.
- Council spoke and said they have all done their research and do not feel his presence is necessary for them to make a vote. They all would like to decide tonight on the rezoning of the plaza.
- Deon, owner of 7/11 at 22475 Huron River Drive- apologized for not making the previous meeting, he was not aware. He

thinks that the rezoning of the plaza and having another gas station would be detrimental to the other two gas stations the City of Rockwood currently has.

- The maintenance of having a gas station is a lot of work, he is concerned because of the current state that the Rockwood Plaza is in.
- If the owner of the plaza cannot maintain that property, how is he going to maintain the property of a gas station.
- Chief Hill talked about the deer survey that is now out and will be available until November 1, 2026. Any resident can scan the QR code or go online and fill the survey out. The survey is very important, and residents should fill it out, this helps the DNR and others decide on what we can do in the city for the overpopulation of the deer.
- Chief has posted the survey online and is also going to pass out flyers to local businesses.
- Someone in the audience asked if other surrounding cities do not do the survey, will Rockwood be able to do this on its own.
- Chief stated that the DNR will investigate everything once they have gathered all the information and they will provide us with a recommendation. It will be the city's responsibility to take care of the deer issue.

5.) ACTION AGENDA

M-192-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the Council Minutes – A. August 19, 2026, and B. Accounts Payable.

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

6.) REPORTS OF THE CITY OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENTS

- A. Police Department- None
- B. Fire Department- None
- C. Treasurer's Report- None
- D. Clerk's Report- None
- E. Department of Public Works: None

7.) CONSIDERATION ITEMS

A. Board of Review- Motion to approve the appointment of Jordan Barry

M-193-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the appointment of Jordan Barry to the Board of Review

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

B. Housing Commission Appointment- Donna Pattison

M-194-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve the appointment of Donna Pattison.

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

C. Rezoning Recommendation from Planning Commission- Rockwood Plaza

- Mayor Cox: Stated that we are here to decide on the rezoning of Rockwood Plaza. He has worked hard to push for updates on the current Plaza since it is the main focus in the city. As a council, decisions cannot be made based on Facebook comments, out cries and rumors. Mayor has spoken to many people regarding the rezoning and has done his own research.
- Councilperson Cramton: Has been living in the city for over 20 years. He stated that we need think of economic development and how this would create jobs within the city. It would also create additional tax revenue and help the current property. It would be a good change.
- Councilperson Grzywacz also wants development within the city but also states that we want the development to follow the masterplan and have it done responsibly.
- Councilperson Robertson believes that everyone is frustrated at the current state of the Rockwood Plaza. While everyone on council has a vote, we are still bound to follow a set of laws. Anything we decide must mix and adhere to the masterplan.
- Councilperson Johnson noted that traffic would increase. He also feels that a revisit to the masterplan should take place. He is looking at long term effects that the City of Rockwood could face with the rezoning.

M-195-26 Motion made by Mercure/Cramton to approve the Rezoning of Rockwood Plaza from a B2 to B3.

Nayes- Grzywacz, Cox, Slavin, Mercure, Robertson, and Johnson
Ayes- Cramton
Motion Failed

8.) ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. OPEB Actuarial Roll Forward – Watkins Ross

M-196-26 Motion approved by Mercure/Robertson to approve OPEB Actuarial Roll Forward- Watkins Ross

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

B. Liberty Vote- Invoice for \$520.00

M-197-26 Motion made by Mercure/Robertson to approve Liberty Vote invoice for \$520.00

Ayes were unanimous
Motion Carried

9.) ATTORNEY'S REPORT - None

10.) MAYOR'S REPORT

A. Updates

- Music in the park last Thursday went very well. We had good music, food and a great turnout. The band was excellent, no final numbers yet.
- Touch a Truck- This was another great event and the turnout was fantastic. The weather was great and there were over 50 different vehicles from state and local agencies, different businesses, helicopters, buses and different service vehicles.
- The America 250 flags will come down after Labor Day. They will be available on a first come first serve basis. We will be giving them away; we are not sure how many as we have to look at what is salvageable.
- DPW did a great job and stayed late during our events, we would like to give a really big shoutout to them and everything they do.

11.) OLD BUSINESS

- Pickleball courts are open and ready to be used, they have been filling up

12.) NEW BUSINESS

- Pickle Ball Game- Police vs Fire---- can we make this happen

- City Wide Garage Sale is September 11-13th. Permits are \$2.00 and are available until Wednesday, September 9th at noon.
- We also still have board positions available if anyone is interested

13.) ADJOURNMENT

M-198-26 Motion to adjourn made by Mercure/Robertson. 7:41pm

Ayes were unanimous

Motion Carried

Clerk, Amy Castellenas

Mayor, Troy Cox