

**JANUARY 19, 2022**

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Council members present were Koob, Worley, Meyer, Emhoff and Morrison via phone. Also present were Micayla Blunk, Tammy Walker, Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken and Chief Brunstein.

Koob moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as amended. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to approve Resolution 2022-2 naming First Security Bank and Trust as the official depository for City funds and set the maximum amount of deposit at \$1,750,000.00. Motion seconded by Worley, with all ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Tammy Walker and Micayla Blunk were present to discuss issues with a nuisance notice and asked to have a few more days to get stuff out of the yard. Walker stated that the house should be condemned. Koob moved to pause the fine amount and allow until January 24, 2022 to have the nuisances cleaned up, if not cleaned up by then the fines will start and accrue up to the \$750.00. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein asked the Council about purchasing door hangers that could be used to serve notices. Koob suggested seeing if the new business on Main Street could make these.

Chief Brunstein also told the

Council that Attorney Berry approved the release form to use with the lock kit and jumpstart. Worley moved to approve the form for use as approved by Attorney Berry. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein noted that the intoximeter is not working properly and will need to be sent in to find if it is repairable or will need to be replaced. Koob stated this is a needed item and moved to send it in to have it repaired or replaced. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein stated that he has received a new AED and asked about putting the previous one at City Hall. Koob asked if it could be here and used during the summer at Linn Grove Rec.

Chief Brunstein also noted that Electronic Engineering had just installed the gun rack in the car and it does not hold his gun, so it will need to go back.

Chief Brunstein discussed with the Council about allowing ride along in the Police car, he mirrored the Sheriff Office's release form that would have to be filled out prior. Koob felt it would be good to add this to the Police Policy Chapter 21. Worley moved to add policy as presented. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that he would like to implement a right-of-way permit to give a paper trail and know what is going on when someone is working on trees, sidewalks, rock, and such within the right-of-

way. Koob asked how we would educate residents that they need a permit. Siefken noted that City Code states what can be done and that could be put into a permit, noting we are asked about things like this a lot times and word would get out that a permit is needed. Mayor Wentz noted a permit could be presented at the next meeting for approval. Koob also noted sidewalks as in repair and adding sidewalks to areas.

Weier noted it is time for budget request. Mayor Wentz stated the Library is asking for an increase of \$19,000.00 in their budget. Siefken had a quote for work on the maintenance shed improvements. Weier asked for a quick finance committee meeting following the meeting.

Koob asked Siefken about the address changed discussed prior. Siefken noted he has not contacted the resident, but is not sure that the property is for sale now.

Koob reviewed the financials from the past year for Linn Grove Recreation, noting a lot of repairs were done and equipment purchases. Koob noted that he had written grants to help cover some of the cost and the Chicken BBQ fund is used for upkeep and equipment as well. Mayor Wentz thanked Koob for his work and time on the pool board. Mayor also thanked Meyer for his work and time on the pool board.

Meyer reported on the Public Safety Committee noting he and Worley attended the Community Fire Service meeting. Meyer stat-

ed the board had hired a consultant to review the service agreements, funding, valuations, population and budgeting for the Rockwell Volunteer Fire Department. Meyer noted the formula used to meet the department's budget needs with levies from the townships and the City was discussed and the City has paid a minimal amount for years and in following with this formula we need to budget more to continue the support of our fire department. Worley also noted that some townships were unaware of the need and some give more than asked of them. Meyer noted that service agreements will be sent to each entity with the budget information. Worley stated that volunteer department had raised \$100,000.00 with grants and fundraising to purchase equipment they need. Worley also stated the board approved the purchase of a mini-pumper truck. Meyer noted the department responded to sixty-five calls this past year.

Koob noted that Laudner will need to attend the CPO classes when they are offered and work with Worley and Morrison during the pool season. Siefken asked if the manager will also have their CPO license. Koob stated that as a city employee Laudner will be the CPO.

With no further business, Koob moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

*Larry Wentz, Mayor  
Lorna Weier, City Clerk*