VILLAGE OF ROCKDALE

Board Meeting Minutes of

February 6, 2024

I. Call to Order

Village President Mr. Wyke called to order the regular meeting of the Rockdale Village Board at 7:00 p.m. on February 6th, 2024, at the Village Municipal Building, 79 Moen Avenue, Rockdale, Illinois.

II. Roll Call

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Mr. Wyke asked for a roll call. Trustee Mr. Lorenc was present along with Mr. Pirc, Mr. Scheidt, Mr. Cooling, Mr. Barnes and Mr. Stadler. Also present in person were Police Chief Mr. Robert Dykstra, Village Attorney Mr. Mike Stiff, Public Works Superintendent Mr. Angelo Proia and Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski.

III. Approval of Previous Minutes

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Village Board meeting minutes from January 16, 2024, as written. Mr. Cooling made a motion to accept the minutes as written with a second by Mr. Scheidt. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

IV. Visitors

None.

V. Bills and Claims.

Village President Mr. Wyke asked the Clerk if the two checks listed in error for the purchase of the 1417 Kinsey property had been deleted out of the system. The Clerk confirmed these two checks were not issued and deleted. Mr. Wyke then asked for a Motion to approve the Bills & Claims with the changes. Mr. Stadler made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

VI. Clerk's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Clerk's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Scheidt made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

VII. Treasurer's Receipts

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Receipts as submitted. Mr. Lorenc made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Mr. Cooling made a Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Stadler. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays 0 absent.

IX. Building Permits

Mr. Wyke noted the permits issued as a Frontage Road location, 2100 Moen Avenue (Waste Management), and 618 Meadow Avenue. The Clerk identified this location as being red-tagged for remodeling the interior without a permit.

X. Communications

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any Communications. Nothing at this time.

XI. Old Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any Old Business. Nothing at this time.

XII. New Business

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for any new business. The Trustees had no new business. Mr. Stiff asked for the Board's approval to deviate from the stated agenda so Chris Ulm from Strand could address the items related to Strand and then leave. There being no objection, Mr. Stiff provided background and information on what was listed as Item C on the agenda, a Resolution Approving Task Order No. 24-02 with Strand Associates, Inc. for Design Engineering and Bidding-Related Services for the Meadow Avenue Water Main Replacement Project and the Village-Wide Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) Project. Mr. Stiff asked Mr. Ulm to step to the podium and answer any additional questions.

Mr. Wyke then asked for a Motion to accept Resolution 843 regarding Strand Task Order 24-02 which will be amended to remove the Geotechnical Services, which will lower amount to be paid to Strand. The Village will be provided with a quote from a Geotechnical company with which the Village will contract directly, thereby avoiding the standard mark-up from Strand. Mr. Lorenc made the motion to approve Resolution 843 with a second by Mr. Cooling. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next resolution was similar. It is a Resolution Approving Task Order No. 24-03 with Strand Associates, Inc. for Design Engineering and Bidding-Related Services for the Kinsey Avenue Water Main Interconnect with the City of Joliet Water System. Mr. Stiff again asked Mr. Ulm to go into greater detail regarding this task order. Mr. Wyke then asked for a Motion to approve Resolution 844 regarding Strand Task order 24-03, with Mr. Cooling making the Motion and Mr. Scheidt seconding the motion. The Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mr. Stiff continued with the next agenda item, A Resolution Approving an Agreement by and between the Village of Rockdale and 1898 & Co., A Part of Burns and McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc. to Provide a Water Revenue Sufficiency Analysis and Rate Study. Mr. Ulm procured the proposal. The company has done rate studies for many of the area municipalities which are going to be part of the Grand Prairie Water Commission. Mr. Ulm will be providing them with all of the cost-related data to be used in calculating how the rates will need to increase over the coming years to pay for the capital improvements to the water system and stay in the black. Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to approve Resolution 845 with respect to the agreement with Burns and McDonnell, with Mr. Stadler making the Motion to approve with a second by Mr. Lorence. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next item was A Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Proposal from Environmental Group Services, Ltd. in the amount of $1,500.00 for the performance of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment of the property located at 1407 Kinsey Avenue pursuant to the Purchase Agreement for the property previously authorized and approved by the Village Board on December 19, 2023. Mr. Stiff explained that the purchase agreement only allowed the Village so much time to obtain the Phase I and the company was estimating that it would take several weeks so the Village President approved the work, which has been completed with a clean result. This Resolution essentially ratifies the earlier approval and will allow the Clerk to pay the invoice in the amount of $1,500.00. A Motion to approve Resolution 846 was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

The next agenda item was A Resolution Approving the Layne Company Proposal to replace the 12" 200HP 460V 4P submersible motor on Rockdale Well #2. Mr. Stiff asked Assistant Director of Public Works, Mr. Proia was asked to speak before the Board and give a brief explanation and background behind this resolution to help the Board with their important decision-making process. From this, Mr. Wyke then asked for a Motion to accept Resolution 847 regarding the Layne proposal to repair the pump motor with Mr. Cooling making a Motion to accept with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Mr. Stiff moved to the next agenda item which is the re-visiting of the Ordinance Amending Chapter 50 (Offenses And Miscellaneous Provisions), Article Iv (Offenses Affecting Public Health, Safety And Decency) Of The Rockdale Code Of Ordinances To Establish A Division 3. - Rules And Regulations Of The Village Of Rockdale Regarding Unscheduled Intercity Buses. Mr. Stiff explained that there are two options with the main Ordinance; one that includes the $500.00 Administrative Tow Fee and one that is essentially the same only with the $500.00 Tow Fee removed. The former would also require passage of a companion Ordinance amending the Administrative Tow Fee Section of the Code. Chief Dykstra prefers the Ordinance without the Administrative Tow Fee. The Board agreed. A motion to approve Ordinance 1147 regarding amending Chapter 50 without the Administrative Tow Fee was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 0 nays and 0 absent.

Finally, Mr. Stiff presented a draft Resolution Declaring the Village of Rockdale not to be a sanctuary village for undocumented immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers. After a discussion regarding the pros and cons, the Board determined to table the Resolution indefinitely with the idea that if it becomes necessary in the future, it can be brought back before the Board. The motion to table was made by Mr. Lorenc with a second by Mr. Pirc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nay and 0 absent.

XIII. Department Business

Public Works Superintendent Mr. Proia reported that the old Polly's Garage located at 1655 S Larkin has now been connected to the Village water and sewer system. Mr. Proia has been working to gather proposals to permanently abandon Well Number 3 near Larkin Avenue. There will be updates.

Police Chief Mr. Dykstra shared the recent police activity and arrests for the past two weeks.

Theft of a semi-trailer from Romeoville ending up on vacant property in Rockdale located at 132 Harris Drive.

A Fifteen-year-old juvenile was reported missing to the Rockdale Police after a family argument. Thankfully, an Officer from Rockdale found him safe and sound and returned him to his family.

An Officer spotted Sereatha Moss from Rockdale who currently has an active outstanding warrant for failure to appear. She was transported to the Will County Adult detention facility.

A Twenty-nine-year-old Rockdale resident was arrested for driving under the influence after a traffic investigation involving damage to a parked vehicle on Moen Avenue. Both Vehicles were towed.

After a traffic stop a man was arrested for driving while his license was suspended. The vehicle was towed.

A failure to appear arrest took place at a Kinsey address for a person who had a warrant issued last year. He was taken to the Will County Adult detention facility.

Joeseph Perez-Salazar was arrested for Aggravated domestic battery on a female. A knife was used in the dispute causing harm to the alleged victim. He was held without bail.

A Network Security assessment with the State is taking place to remain compliant with the State of Illinois.

Finally, Officer David Svehla tendered his resignation.

Meetings with IDOT and the Rockdale Fire District took place recently to discuss response details during the I-80 highway construction project.

Village Engineer Mr. Dan Malinowski shared an update on the Guzman Property on Moen Avenue. As discussed in the past, the site has been eroding soil material onto Moen Avenue pavement, drainage structures, and the stream. Mr. Malinowski presented comments to the submitted design concept that he believes will direct runoff to the east instead of onto Moen Avenue. Mr. Malinowski received the revision on January 12, 2024. The design implements the diversion channel and infiltration basin that is being recommended. The owner also indicated that he has purchased a street sweeper and would consider using it during their site construction. Mr. Malinowski also summarized his two paged meeting outline discussion AT&T and others.

Village Attorney Mr. Mike Stiff talked with Mr. Malinowski detailing the old Polly's garage property and what the next steps would be regarding a fee in lieu of retention costs that need to be paid by the property owner.

The closing on the 1407 Kinsey property purchase is still on track for late March. The Phase I came back clean, the updated title commitment looked good and the survey is in process.

Meetings have taken place regarding a possible request to increase the number of tavern licenses to allow a new tavern in the Mansard Room Building. Carlos Nunez and his plans for a new tavern will be coming before the Board for discussion in the near future. The primary concern at this point is the adequacy of parking. Mr. Wyke urged the Trustees to drive over to the Mansard Room themselves to view the parking, which is partly on-sit and partly "leased" from Anzelc Welding.

Mr. Stiff sent a letter to the owner of 124 Meadow Avenue with respect to the request for a building permit to repair the fire damage from last October. Following a Village appraisal, it was determined that the property suffered a casualty loss which was more than 50% of its value at the time of the fire, so the Village will only permit the property to be brought into compliance with the Village Zoning Code as a single family dwelling.

A business license application is still under review for the Schwarz Logistics business on Mound Road at the old mining equipment property. Mr. Stiff, Dan Malinowski, and Mr. Wyke met with the owner and the issue will be brought back before the Board following further discussion about site improvements.

XIV. Public Comment

None.

XV. Special Business

None.

XVI. Adjournment

Village President Mr. Wyke asked for a Motion to adjourn the meeting. A Motion was made by Mr. Barnes with a second by Mr. Lorenc. Motion carried 6 ayes, 0 nays, 0 absent.

The next Village Board Meeting will be Tuesday, March 5th, 2024.