

May 1, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 01, 2019. Council members present were Worley, Gauley, Meyer and Koob. Also present were Justin Miller, Janelle Nuehring, Mrs. Djuren, Mrs. Andersen, A.J. Andersen, Travis Fischer, John Follmuth, Deb Behr, Todd Henricks, Jeremy Poole, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

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

Mayor Flatness introduced A.J. Andersen as the Mayor for a Day. Mayor Flatness stated that A.J. is the other participant from West Fork that was chosen from the essays written for the Mayor for a Day contest, sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities. Mayor Flatness noted that A.J. and Mrs. Djuren had spent the morning touring the facilities and learning a little about the City Government and operations. A.J. read his essay and Mayor Flatness presented him with the Proclamation claiming him as Mayor for a day!

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering	Monthly Service.....	\$ 9.90
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's	Software.....	\$ 30.00
US Cellular	Police Phone	\$ 106.90
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 88.95
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ..	\$ 2167.83
Dearborn National.....	Life Insurance	\$ 34.80
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 2438.38

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$ 1637.59
Absolute Waste Removal	Monthly Billing.....	\$ 4125.60
Total Public Works		\$ 5763.19

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Zach Laudner	Snow removal	\$ 170.00
Martin Marietta	Rock	\$ 730.28
Frank Dunn Co.....	Patch mix	\$ 799.00
Cerro Gordo County Engineer	Snow removal	\$ 33.47
Hiway Truck Equipment	Repairs.....	\$ 50.25
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Jay Siefken.....	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Total Public Road Use.....		\$ 1843.00

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$ 3833.33
Mid American Energy	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$ 29.81
Total Community and Economic Development ..		\$ 3863.14

DEBT SERVICE

Bankers Trust.....	Pool Bond	\$ 60527.50
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 40.96
Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$ 587.43
Dearborn National.....	Life Insurance	\$ 34.80
Mid-America Publishing	Subscription	\$ 80.00
M&N Heating	Furnace repair	\$ 171.10
Iowa Alcohol Beverages	Re-turn/Sent in error	\$ 300.00
Total General Government		\$ 1214.29

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 63.95
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ..	\$ 5202.82
Dearborn National.....	Life Insurance	\$ 69.60
Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$ 412.47
Sensus.....	Software support	\$ 1715.95
Hawkins.....	Cylinder	\$ 5.00
Postmaster.....	Water Bills	\$ 144.20
Jay Siefken.....	Clothing	\$ 241.62
Total Business Utility Water		\$ 7855.61

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Test America.....	Water/Sewer Test.....	\$ 28.93
Midwest Supply	Supplies	\$ 122.00
Menards	Supplies	\$ 49.28
UPS	Send Samples.....	\$ 57.31
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 257.52

Koob moved to approve the bills for payment as presented. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

April Receipts: General \$99621.71; Road Use \$5714.69; Water Utility \$7645.47; TIF \$1504.75; Sewer Utility \$5265.67; Local Option \$12899.85; Debt Service \$28457.59; Storm Water \$1916.38.

Gauley moved to approve the Library Report as presented. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Janelle Nuehring was present on behalf of the Linn Grove Country Club board. Nuehring thanked the Council for the financial support in the past and was asking for the same support for this season. Nuehring also told the Council about the bridge that was damaged this spring when the ice went through. Nuehring noted that they have been very fortunate with local businesses offering services to help with the replacement, but will need additional funding for this project. Meyer moved to allocate up to \$5,000.00 from Local Option funding for the watering of the Linn Grove Country Club greens. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously. Council agreed that the course is an asset to the community and will look at the budget numbers this next month to see if there is a way to financially help with the bridge replacement. Nuehring stated that it takes a community, and thanked all for the support.

A resident was concerned about a plugged culvert. Siefken stated that he had checked on the culvert in question and it is clean, so the water should flow fine. Siefken also noted that it is the property owners responsibility to keep culverts and ditches maintained.

Mayor Flatness stated that the bids for the storm water project had been opened this morning and allowed Justin Miller, with McClure Engineering to follow up with the bid tabulations. Miller stated that the bids came in higher than the initial estimates were. Miller stated Rognes Bros. Excavating of Lake Mills, IA had the low bid with the total of section one and two at \$1,111,142.00.

Miller explained to the Council their options;

1. Move forward with bid – Section 1 only
2. Move forward with bid – Section 1 & 2
3. Reject all bids, rebid – Section 1 & 2
4. Reject all bids, redesign & rebid – Section 1 & 2

Meyer asked what the cost will be for McClure to redesign and rebid the project. Miller stated that he would not anticipate it costing more than \$5,000. Meyer also questioned the cost for bonding and time lines for the resolution for bonding and the cost of the bond issue. Koob questioned the rock boring oversite. Miller stated that when Siefken asked about the rock they coordinated the bore samplings, and this has increased the price for rock excavation. Meyer stated that we are really in a pickle now and this is a big job for the city and an important project, and feels that we need to do this project. Following discussion, Meyer moved to table this until the next meeting to find out more about the timeline on bonding, what the cost are to the city at this time for bonding and see design drawings with the project modified through section 1 and 2, with cost and payments remaining, and the additional cost for the modification process. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted that folks are working on the nuisance areas that have been sent letters and Chief Whitney will follow up on these. Koob noted an area and the mess from burning rubbish. Chief Whitney will check on this. Gauley asked about other areas that have not been sent letters. Mayor Flatness will look at this.

Mayor Flatness had a bid for removal of a tree in the alley. Siefken noted the tree is budding out and felt the tree committee should look at it. Koob also felt we should have a second bid.

Siefken reported to the Council about an issue at the lagoon with ground water drainage and has Ries Excavating out there to locate and repair the problem, and it is much worse than thought. There will be about 120 feet of tile replaced.

Siefken also noted the street work for the upcoming budget year and has talked with Heartland Asphalt about the bad streets. They recommend digging the area out and put in rock and in the fall a layer of asphalt. Siefken noted that the Industrial Park road is in bad condition from frost boils and has a plan to repair the road when it dries out.

Mayor Flatness noted that we will be amending the 2018-2019 budget.

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

A.J. stated the meeting is adjourned.

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk