

January 8, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in the Council Chambers. All Council members were present. Also present were Justin Miller, Dick Fridley, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$ 9.90
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's	Software	\$ 60.00
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$ 109.17
Rick Whitney	Clothing Allowance	\$ 101.10
CJ's Auto	Tires	\$ 350.00
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 89.13
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 289.63
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$ 19.36
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 1028.29

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 1650.93
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 162.64
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$ 5057.20
Landfill of North Iowa.....	Annual Membership Dues	\$ 1767.15
Floyd & Leonard.....	Pole Saw.....	\$ 452.72
Fastenal	Supplies.....	\$ 37.34
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 159.28
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$ 67.28
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone/Kerosene.....	\$ 47.15
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$ 190.49
Total Public Works		\$ 9592.21

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 254.10
Don's Auto Service	Dump Truck	\$ 246.45
Titan Machinery.....	Skid Loader.....	\$ 1897.09
Stellar	Plow repairs	\$ 25.04
Martin Marietta	Rock	\$ 824.74
Cerro Gordo County Engineer	Haul rock/maintain road	\$ 1007.00
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$ 11.99
Napa	Parts.....	\$ 42.86
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 4309.27

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$ 3833.33
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Cemetery.....	\$ 35.32
Total Community and Economic Development		\$ 3868.65

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 42.27
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 520.57
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$ 63.13
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$ 215.31
Cerro Gordo County Auditor.....	Election Expense.....	\$ 861.72
Matthew Berry	Attorney Fees	\$ 1113.85
Storey Kenworthy	Office Supplies.....	\$ 133.25
Postmaster	Postage	\$ 55.00
Five Star.....	Ice Melt	\$ 25.65
Cerro Gordo County Treasurer	Taxes	\$ 112.00
Total General Government		\$ 3142.75

DEBT SERVICE

UMB	Fees	\$ 250.00
Total Debt Service		\$ 250.00

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 63.95
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 366.45
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$ 19.73
NuWay-K&H.....	Fuel	\$ 99.26
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 5.50
John Ries Excavating.....	Repairs	\$ 260.00
Midwest Pipe Supply	Supplies.....	\$ 68.99
Plumb Supply.....	Supplies.....	\$ 256.36
Hawkins, Inc	Chemicals.....	\$ 5.00
Eurofins/Test America	Water Test.....	\$ 31.50
UPS	Send Samples	\$ 24.87
Postmaster	Water Bills/fluoride letters.....	\$ 343.00
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 1544.61

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ...\$	8126.14
Eurofins/Test America	Waste Water Test.....\$	163.91
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 8290.05

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

December Receipts: General \$20970.56; Road Use \$9063.87; Water Utility \$7943.47; Sewer Utility \$4843.22; Local Option \$13737.53; Debt Service \$3985.26; Storm Water \$1894.01; TIF \$60.26

At 7:05 Koob moved to open the public hearing to approve the plans and specs for the storm water project. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Justin Miller of McClure Engineering reviewed the plans, specifications and form of contract for the storm water project. Miller stated the completion date is set for November 27th. Following discussion Wentz moved to close the public hearing at 7:17. Motion seconded by Worley, roll

call vote Aye; Koob, Meyer, Wentz, Gauley, Worley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that the bid opening was held at 10:00 a.m. and the low bid was from McKiness Excavating with section one and two \$822,345.00. Koob questioned if there is an error that pays that cost. Miller stated if the contractor has an error with extra work required the contractor would be responsible. Gauley questioned the utilities in the alley. Siefken noted that Mid American will be moving the gas line at their expense, and the fiber optics may be far enough to the north. Miller noted that Mid American will need to be notified that the project is going forward and the gas line will need to be moved. Following discussion Wentz moved by Resolution 2020-1 to approve the plan and specs for the storm water project. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Koob moved by Resolution 2020-2 to accept the low bid from McKiness Excavating for \$822,345.00 to do the storm water project. Motion seconded by Worley, roll call vote Aye; Worley, Gauley, Wentz, Meyer, Koob. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated he feels this will be a good asset for the community and thanked everyone for their work towards getting this project started. Miller noted he will get the paperwork and contract ready to send out.

Mayor Flatness noted that we should not need to bond for the additional \$220,000. Worley moved to not hold the public hearing as scheduled for February 5th for the additional funds. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that all Council committees will remain the same for the coming year.

Mayor Flatness noted the storage of the minutes and records for the city and felt they should be more protected and questioned if they should be stored differently or digitized. Council discussed this and more research will be done.

Gauley asked if there has been anything done with the REDC building. Mayor Flatness noted it may be sold.

Worley asked about the grocery store. Mayor Flatness stated the store is officially closed and in a litigation process for the funding. Worley asked if the water should be turned off. Siefken will look into this. Koob asked about the ice machine outside, Chief Whitney will look at this.

Meyer stated that he felt we could put a permanent stop sign at Second and Washington for the consistency and safety of the school kids. With council discussion, Worley will talk to the school about leaving the portable sign out all of the time. Gauley asked to have Chief Whitney's presence to make sure citizens are stopping at these signs. Chief Whitney noted it is a \$330.00 fine for failure to stop.

Worley reported that he has discussed the replacement of the West Fork Nation sign on the entrance sign and will talk with a property owner in reference to a welcome sign.

Koob thanked the guys for a great job on snow removal, the streets look good.

Siefken reported on problems with the furnace in the maintenance building and had a bid from M & N Heating to replace for \$1,995.00. Gauley moved to have M & N Heating replace the furnace. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk