

March 4, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers on Wednesday, March 4, 2020. All Council members were present. Also present were Ryan Malek, Brian Hermann, Tom Gauley, David Severin, Amber Hurley, Pat Hurley, Dick Fridley, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

Worley moved to approve the minutes of the February 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the February 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

|                                   |  |            |
|-----------------------------------|--|------------|
| Electronic Engineering.....       | Monthly Service.....                   | \$ 51.75   |
| Cerro Gordo Count Sheriff .....   | Monthly Software .....                 | \$ 30.00   |
| US Cellular.....                  | Police Phone.....                      | \$ 95.17   |
| Adam Wedmore .....                | Police Supplies/CPR certification....  | \$ 345.35  |
| Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn..... | Monthly billing .....                  | \$ 89.13   |
| Wellmark Blue Cross.....          | Monthly premium health insurance ...\$ | 2390.03    |
| Stop and Shop .....               | Gas .....                              | \$ 231.98  |
| Total Public Safety.....          |  | \$ 3233.41 |

PUBLIC WORKS

|                                 |                       |            |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Mid American Energy.....        | Monthly billing ..... | \$ 2003.97 |
| Stop and Shop .....             | Gas .....             | \$ 120.70  |
| Absolute Waste Removal.....     | Monthly Billing.....  | \$ 5057.20 |
| Mason City Overhead Door .....  | Shop Doors.....       | \$ 835.20  |
| O'Reilly.....                   | Supplies.....         | \$ 112.14  |
| Menards.....                    | Supplies.....         | \$ 57.22   |
| Mason City Ford .....           | Repairs .....         | \$ 273.31  |
| Star Auto body .....            | Repairs .....         | \$ 607.14  |
| Radiologist of North Iowa ..... | Dr .....              | \$ 19.00   |
| Fleet Farm .....                | fuel .....            | \$ 19.00   |
| Jay Siefken.....                | Cell Phone .....      | \$ 30.00   |
| Tom Hensley .....               | Cell Phone .....      | \$ 30.00   |
| Total Public Works .....        |                       | \$ 9148.04 |

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

|                                  |  |            |
|----------------------------------|--|------------|
| Wellmark Blue Cross.....         | Monthly premium health insurance ...\$ | 5736.11    |
| Stop and Shop .....              | Gas .....                              | \$ 256.01  |
| Stellar .....                    | Plow truck .....                       | \$ 452.37  |
| Total Public Works Road Use..... |  | \$ 6444.49 |

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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|-------------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| Rockwell Public Library ..... | Monthly payment ..... | \$ 3833.33 |
| HRS, LLC .....                | Surveying .....       | \$ 1500.00 |
| Mid American Energy.....      | Monthly billing ..... | \$ 31.89   |

Total Community and Economic Development .....\$ 5365.22

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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|---|--------------------------|-------------|
| Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....             | Monthly billing .....    | \$ 105.83   |
| Mid American Energy.....                      | Monthly billing .....    | \$ 739.43   |
| Post Master.....                              | Box Fee .....            | \$ 94.00    |
| Tyler Business Forms .....                    | Checks.....              | \$ 311.00   |
| Mid-America Publishing.....                   | Publications.....        | \$ 447.54   |
| Huntbatch Insurance .....                     | Property Insurance ..... | \$ 31064.00 |
| Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities ..... | Member Dues.....         | \$ 663.00   |
| Office of Auditor of State .....              | Examination Fee .....    | \$ 1200.00  |
| Total General Government .....                |                          | \$ 34624.80 |

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| Mid American Energy.....          | Monthly billing .....    | \$ 444.27 |
| Stop and Shop .....               | Gas .....                | \$ 10.41  |
| NuWay-K&H.....                    | Fuel .....               | \$ 76.41  |
| Eurofins.....                     | Water Test .....         | \$ 31.50  |
| Hawkins, Inc .....                | Chemicals.....           | \$ 5.00   |
| Postmaster .....                  | Water Bills .....        | \$ 143.50 |
| UPS .....                         | Ship Water Test.....     | \$ 26.36  |
| Jay Siefken .....                 | Clothing Allowance ..... | \$ 106.99 |
| Total Business Utility Water..... |                          | \$ 844.44 |

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

February Receipts: General \$10674.33; Road Use \$8007.36; Water Utility \$8641.21; Sewer Utility \$5933.48; Local Option \$12899.85; Debt Service \$531.23; Storm Water \$1959.48; TIF \$988.76

At 7:05 p.m. Koob moved to open the public hearing for the maximum property tax levy. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Weier stated this is a new form with the budget process and this levy is proposed to offset cost associated with the Emergency Management and employee benefits with new library personnel. Hurley asked about the 6.66% increase on his property taxes for this. Mayor Flatness explained that we have shortfalls with the property taxes being less than prior and this is an option for communities to offset this. Following discussion, Worley moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Meyer moved to adopt Resolution 2020-6 approving the maximum property tax dollars for the City of Rockwell budget 2020-2021. Motion seconded by Gauley. Roll Call vote: Ayes: Worley, Gauley, Wentz, Meyer and Koob. Motion carried unanimously.

At 7:10 p.m. Wentz moved to open the public hearing for the FEMA Flood Plain Ordinance changes. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness presented Ordinance 1-2020 which general provisions states: this Ordinance shall apply to all areas having special flood hazards within the jurisdiction of the City of Rockwell. For the purpose of this Ordinance, the special flood hazard areas are those areas designated at Zone A on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for Cerro Gordo County and Incorporated Areas, City of Rockwell, Panel 19033C0355D, 0360D, dated March 4, 2020. Siefken noted that these changes are sent by the state to stay in the FEMA Flood Plain program. Following discussion, Meyer moved to close the

public hearing. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously. Koob moved to adopt Ordinance 1-2020. Motion seconded by Gauley. Mayor Flatness called for a roll call vote: Ayes: Worley, Gauley, Wentz, Meyer and Koob. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented Resolution authorizing and approving a certain Loan Agreement, providing for the issuance of \$1,635,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose and Refunding Bonds, Series 2020 and providing for the levy of taxes to pay the same. Wentz moved to adopt Resolution 2020-7 approving the loan agreement and authorizing the issuance of the general obligation corporate purpose and refunding bonds, series 2020. Motion seconded by Worley. Mayor Flatness called for a roll call vote: Ayes: Worley, Gauley, Wentz, Meyer and Koob. Motion carried unanimously.

Ryan Malek of Router12 told the Council about his wireless telecommunications service. Malek is requesting to lease space on the North water tower for equipment to give Router12 service to residents in Rockwell. Siefken asked Malek about the antennas that he is asking to put on the tower. Malek stated there would be two round dishes, less than three feet in diameter, and possibly four sector antennas that are one by two feet, noting they would mount to the cat walk. With discussions Mayor Flatness asked to have time to do more research. Wentz moved to table the Router12 request. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked Severin if he had any updates on the cable with the storm water project. Severin noted that until they see where the gas line is going they won't be able to tell exactly where they will be able to put the cable. Severin stated that this is a main artery with cable and fiber that is going to take some planning. Mayor Flatness asked to have a meeting set up as soon as can be with MidAmerican, McKinnis and the Telephone Company to figure out the time line.

Mayor Flatness stated we would table the North Iowa Fair Association letter.

Mayor Flatness asked for Council review of the changes in the personnel policy in reference to the vacation schedule. Wentz stated he had a concern with the verbiage and asked to change the way this is written. With said changes made, Wentz moved to approve by Resolution 2020-4. Motion seconded by Meyer, with roll call vote: Ayes: Worley, Gauley, Wentz, Meyer and Koob. Motion carried unanimously.

Koob moved to set the public hearing for the 2020-2021 budget for the City of Rockwell for March 18, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Koob reported on the pool board meeting noting that applications are available on the city web site, the caulking will be worked on in April, weather permitting, and they are on the list with the company to do the pressure testing when the weather is going to stay good.

Worley noted he has not made contact with a location for the city sign and has thought about different locations.

Gauley asked if the library has filled the position they have. Mayor Flatness noted we have not heard that this has been finalized yet. Gauley stated they have done a fantastic job in the library,

it looks great.

Gauley also stated she would like to have a meeting for the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. With discussion, a date was set for March 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Mayor Flatness asked the Council to review the packet from North Iowa Council of Governments noting the updates and verbiage to state code that may affect the city code.

Worley asked what was being done at the Rockwell Area Market today. Mayor Flatness stated that after some contacts were made, the canned goods that were left in the store were donated to the food pantry that is set up in Sheffield, so something good was being done.

Gauley asked about the list of stop signs and replacement for the grant opportunity. Mayor Flatness noted that Chief Whitney has given him some signs that need replaced, we have not heard anything from the state yet about the grant funding.

Gauley also noted she had a complaint about the garbage at the apartments on Fourth Street. Siefken will notify the owner.

Wentz asked if they have enough cold mix ready to repair the streets. Siefken stated they have been working on this and have done Elm Street as well as some other pot holes.

Mayor Flatness reported that the radio for Chief Whitney will be ready at Electronic Engineer and they are working on headphones for the Fire Department as well.

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

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Michael Flatness, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk