

May 6, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020. Council members present were Gauley, Meyer, Worley, Wentz and Koob via Zoom. Also present were Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken, Chief Whitney and Travis Fisher via Zoom.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$ 9.90
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff	Monthly Software	\$ 30.00
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$ 106.27
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 89.05
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...\$	2390.03
Dearborn	Quarterly Life Insurance	\$ 34.80
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 129.81
Don's Auto Service.....	Police car service	\$ 1515.31
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 4305.17

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 2023.06
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 123.36
Huber Supply Co.....	Annual lease.....	\$ 100.00
Floyd & Leonard Auto Electric	Mower Battery/Miscellaneous	\$ 144.31
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Tom Hensley	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 4450.73

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 142.05
Cerro Gordo County Engineer	Shouldering, Grading, Rock	\$ 2855.21
Martin Marietta	Rock	\$ 1684.49
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 4681.75

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$ 29.10
Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$ 3833.33
WebWise.....	Annual hosting	\$ 240.00
Total Community and Economic Development		\$ 4102.43

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 105.01
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 411.01
Counsel	Quarterly Billing	\$ 47.05
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$ 172.55
Total General Government		\$ 735.62

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 390.71
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...\$	5736.11
Dearborn	Quarterly Life Insurance	\$ 34.80
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 20.48
O'Reilly.....	Supplies/generator.....	\$ 82.57
Sensus	Annual Support	\$ 1715.95
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 39.60
Hawkins, Inc	Chemicals.....	\$ 2612.05
Postmaster.....	Water Bills	\$ 143.50
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 10810.57

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste water Test.....	\$ 134.98
UPS	Ship Waste water Test	\$ 27.65
Fleet Farm	Kerosene	\$ 18.30
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 176.43

STORM WATER PROJECT

McClure Engineering.....	Storm Water Project.....	\$ 13858.82
McKinney Excavating, Inc	Storm Water Project/pmt 1	\$ 127612.17
Total Storm Water Project		\$ 141470.99

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

April Receipts: General \$98507.28; Road Use \$12150.32; Water Utility \$9000.12; Sewer Utility \$5472.98; Local Option \$14337.80; Debt Service \$25081.81; Storm Water \$2097.94; TIF \$1917.84.

Wentz moved to approve the Library financial report. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented the bids for tree removal for the tree discussed on Fourth Street North, Cutting Edge Tree Service at \$5,000.00 and Dahley Tree Service at \$3,500.00. Worley moved to accept the bid from Dahley Tree Service for \$3,500.00 to cut down the tree, grind the stump and back fill. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness also presented a tree removal request from Elm Street West. Wentz stated he had looked at the trees and felt they are budding out and look good. Mayor Flatness asked to have Worley also look at the trees and table this until the next meeting. Wentz also noted the stump from the tree that had been taken down in a storm. Siefken stated that this stump can be removed.

Mayor Flatness presented a tree removal request from 520 4th Street North for two small, dead volunteer trees that the property owner would like to remove himself. Wentz approved the request to allow the property owner to remove the two said trees. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated he had forwarded the City Attorneys recommendations on the contract with Router 12 to them for review and they would accept the recommendations to the contract. Mayor Flatness stated we still need to have the opinion from the water tower maintenance company.

Siefken updated the Council on the progress of the storm water project stating that McKinney has a good start on the project and it is progressing well. Mid American is getting the gas lines moved and have been hooking up the new services; Rockwell Coop Telephone is prepared for the switch, and McKinney will be back on site to continue.

Mayor Flatness asked for opinions about the 150th Celebration. Meyer stated the Fire Department was able to secure the same weekend for next year with the band. Mayor Flatness noted the West Fork band director did not feel he could put together a band for marching. Gauley also had talked to others that wanted to participate and were uncertain about participating. Following discussion, Koob moved to postpone the 150th Celebration until the third weekend of June 2021. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented a contract from Mosquito Control of Iowa for the upcoming season of spraying at a cost of \$5,850.00, the same as the previous year. Wentz moved to approve the contract with Mosquito Control of Iowa. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted that Janelle Nuehring has applied for a grant through America Farmers Grow Communities with Bayer Monsanto that will be for the new playground. Mayor thanked Nuehring for her application.

Wentz asked about the embargo and traffic situation. Chief Whitney noted he has been out and trying to keep watch on the embargo street. Mayor Flatness noted the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's speed sign was good to have out there and great full to them for allowing us to use this. Gauley asked about the golf cart use. Chief Whitney felt he has clipped that. Koob asked to have Chief Whitney watch on First Street with the stop signs as residents are still noticing that vehicles are not stopping.

Koob reported on the swimming pool, they had found two broken pipes under the decking. They have contacted a local contractor to cut the cement and have a company that will come in to repair the pipe. Koob noted that at this time they have no open date and are waiting for more guidance from the CDC. Koob stated the ultimate goal is the safety of the patrons and the employees. Koob noted the seams have been replaced and done and paint ordered to finish this. Koob stated they will be switching the contract for chemicals to as needed for this season.

Mayor Flatness also noted he has talked with the Lions Club in reference to the tractor pull and the club will be discussing this the first of June to determine if this will be able to take place this July.

Chief Whitney stated he does not feel comfortable with hosting the National Night Out event this summer, so will postpone to next year.

Koob noted the Landfill will not be taking hazardous materials until further notice.

Meyer asked if the large garbage pickup is still set for May 16th. Mayor Flatness stated yes the pickup is still set for the curbside pickup on May 16th.

Wentz questioned if the North Iowa Fair will be held. Mayor Flatness noted this has not been determined yet.

Mayor Flatness thanked the employees for the extra work with the storm water project, the street embargo along with the COVID situation.

Mayor Flatness stated the next meeting will be as usual with Zoom available on May 20th.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk