

October 7, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Council members present were Gauley, Meyer, Wentz and Koob with Worley via phone. Also present were Don and Opal Brass, Molly Viet, Pat Hurley, Justin Miller, Chris Vaughn, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Dick Fridley via Zoom.

Gauley moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Wentz, 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.....	\$ 78.55
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Police Computer.....	\$ 3083.30
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 91.65
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 186.36
Don's Auto Service	Service Police Car.....	\$ 46.85
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance....	\$ 2390.03
Hart Brothers.....	Ammunition	\$ 90.85
Fleet Farm	Ammunition	\$ 90.32
Total Public Safety .....	.....	\$ 9097.81

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 2049.72
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 240.33
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing Sept/Oct	\$ 10114.40
O'Reilly.....	Supplies	\$ 43.55
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Tom Hensley	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works .....	.....	\$ 12508.00

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Mercy One Occupational Health	Consortium Membership Fees	\$ 240.00
Deano's Road Dust Control	Industrial Park	\$ 794.30
Total Public Works Road Use.....	.....	\$ 851.00

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Gas/Cemetery	\$ 32.67
Weier's Lawn Service	Spraying/Cemetery	\$ 1200.00
Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$ 3833.33
City of Rockwell	LGCC Water.....	\$ 1424.04
Total Culture and Recreation .....	.....	\$ 6490.04

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$ 35.90
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance....	\$ 956.05
Total Community and Economic Development.....	.....	\$ 991.95

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 37.67
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Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 168.14
Mid-America Publishing	Publications	\$ 304.56
Lynch Dallas, PC Attorneys	Nuisance Abatement	\$ 990.50
Hewett Wholesale Inc.....	Paper towels	\$ 124.40
Kruger Electric	Police Dept Garage Door	\$ 327.30
Total General Government.....		\$ 6490.04

DEBT SERVICE/STORM WATER

Deano's Road Dust Control.....	Storm Water repairs.....	\$ 183.30
Gary Haugen	Tree replacement	\$ 106.95
Weier's Lawn Service	Storm Water Drainage.....	\$ 1691.25
Nuehring's Lawn & Tree Service	Trim Trees/Storm Water Project	\$ 300.00
John Ries Excavating Inc.....	Storm Water Drainage.....	\$ 21473.85
Martin Marietta	Rock/Storm Water Drainage	\$ 1282.14
McClure Engineering	Storm Water Project	\$ 3880.00
McKinney Excavating, Inc	Storm Water Project/pmt 5	\$ 7410.00
McKinney Excavating, Inc	Storm Water Project/pmt 6	\$ 34641.37
Total Debt Service/Storm Water.....		\$ 70968.86

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 63.95
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 454.33
Stop and Shop	Supplies	\$ 12.00
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance.....	\$ 7170.09
John Ries Excavating Inc.....	Water repairs	\$ 7470.00
Menards.....	Supplies/Tower Repairs	\$ 208.34
Knorr Electric	Supplies/Tower Repairs	\$ 201.45
The Northway Corporation	Supplies/Tower Repairs	\$ 15185.26
Kaman	Supplies/Tower Repairs	\$ 39.60
DNR	Annual Water Use Fee	\$ 95.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 19.80
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water Test	\$ 125.00
Eurofins.....	Water Test	\$ 31.50
Hawkins, Inc	Pump/Chemicals.....	\$ 1279.93
Midwest Pipe Supply	Supplies/Water Repairs.....	\$ 2006.64
Pat Hurley.....	Repair concrete/Water Repairs.....	\$ 152.48
Postmaster	Water Bills/Postage Fluoride	\$ 360.70
UPS	Ship Water Test	\$ 36.64
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 34912.71

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste water Test	\$ 86.78
Tom Hensley	Hotel/Mileage for Class	\$ 417.05
UPS	Waste Water Test	\$ 11.84
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 515.67

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

September Receipts: General \$32830.32; Road Use \$14795.57; Water Utility \$7572.78; Sewer Utility \$4645.62; Local Option \$16421.13; Debt Service Pool \$12384.18; Storm Water \$1936.88; TIF \$0; Debt Service Storm Water \$0; EMS \$482.21; Benefits 1928.89.

Koob asked if everything is ready for Router12. Siefken noted that they have the electrical connections figured out and he will be here next week to work on getting things hooked up.

At 7:05 p.m. Koob moved to open the public hearing for the second reading of the Code 3-3-31. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness read the proposed Ordinance 3-3-31 TRUCK AND TRAILER PARKING LIMITED. Trucks licensed for ten (10) ton or more, loaded or empty, shall not be parked on any public street in the business district or in residential areas. In addition, recreation vehicles or trailers exceeding fifteen (15) feet in length shall not be parked on City streets or right-of-way used for a residential purpose within the City from November 1 to April 1.

An exemption for the November 1 to April 1 restriction would apply to driveways. For this ordinance a driveway is defined as “a short road leading from a public road to a house or garage”. Recreational vehicles or trailers exceeding fifteen (15) feet may be parked in a driveway as long as it is perpendicular to the roadway and not parallel. No trailer or RV shall protrude onto the paved or gravel roadway or block any sidewalks. (Code of Iowa 321.358)

Mayor Flatness opened this to discussion. With no discussion Meyer moved to close the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to waive the third reading of 3-3-31. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Meyer moved to adopt Ordinance 3-3-31 as presented in the first and second reading. Motion seconded by Gauley. Roll call vote; Aye: Gauley, Meyer, Wentz, Koob and Worley. Motion carried unanimously. Hurley questioned if this can be repealed at some point. Mayor Flatness stated that is possible.

Mayor Flatness presented a tree removal request. Wentz stated that he had looked at the trees, they need trimmed, but felt they are healthy. Weier noted the property owner would pay for the removal their selves. With discussion, Wentz asked to table this until Worley has a chance to look at the trees.

Mayor Flatness presented bids for a new pickup, with Mason City Ford at \$28,949.00 and Karl Chevrolet at \$28,448.40. Mayor Flatness noted that we have set money in the budget over several years for equipment purchases and would be able to cover this cost with the reserved funds. Mayor Flatness also noted that this will be several weeks out to have a 2021 ready. Following discussion, Koob moved to approve the bid with Karl Chevrolet for \$28,448.40 for a 2021 standard cab pickup. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Justin Miller, with McClure Engineering, reported to the Council on the Stormwater project stating that following a walk through a couple weeks ago the project is finished. Miller noted the change order that shows the bid verse the actual cost. The project was done at \$132,957.61 less then bid. Mayor Flatness noted that the City took on the street patches that would have been bid in the project and a few other items related to this project that would also come from this

amount. With this, Wentz moved to accept change order #2 from McClure Engineering. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Miller also told the Council there is a two year maintenance bond with McKiness if there are any issues following. Council discussed the finished project and Meyer moved to accept the project as completed. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to allow for payment #6 to McKiness Excavating of the \$34,641.37 following the thirty day period. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness thanked Miller for his work and had conveyed his gratitude to McKiness crew for a job well done.

Weier presented the Urban Renewal Report as due to the Department of Management showing the TIF revenues and expenditures. Weier noted we collected \$6,007 this past fiscal year and have not spent any TIF, leaving have a balance of \$21,039.00. Koob moved to approve the Urban Renewal Report as presented by Resolution 2020-13. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness told the Council he had included in their packets information from the Cerro Gordo County Department of Public Health guidelines for trick or treating. Koob stated that this is outside and we should allow this for the kids. Koob moved to set trick or treating in Rockwell on Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness noted that the Department of Health guidelines are on their website and would ask all to follow these guidelines.

Mayor Flatness stated that Heartland Asphalt has been in town and finishing up on street work and the basketball and tennis courts. Siefken noted they will be back to raise a manhole and that should be it. Hurley noted an area in front of the telephone office that doesn't appear correct. Siefken will check on this. Mayor Flatness asked about the fencing around the courts. Siefken will check on when this will be finished. Koob asked about getting a quote on the area in front of the pool entrance. Meyer felt this would be best done in concrete.

Mayor Flatness stated that with the passing of Ordinance 3-3-31 we are ready to continue with the Codification process which brings the verbiage and any changes up to date in our Code. Koob moved to set a public hearing for October 21, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. to adopt the Rockwell Code of Ordinances 2020. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Jonesy's Stop N Shop. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Don Brass was present and noted the neighbors are wondering what will be going on with the lot recently purchased by them. Siefken noted the building permit process. Vaughn stated that he has someone coming in to survey the property next week. Meyer noted he had done some research and noted a monument in the property to the West; this may be a starting point for surveying.

Koob stated the pool repairs are moving forward with digging the cement out to repair the leak.

Mayor Flatness noted the playground fundraising is still ongoing and the paving of the basketball and tennis courts is a nice improvement to the area. Weier noted the America's Farmers grant sponsored by Bayer Fund, that was submitted by Janelle Nuehring, awarded \$2,500 to the playground funding. Koob noted that there is grant funding for the swing set and would like to get started by putting this in place.

Gauley noted she has talked with most that showed an interest in the 150th celebration and moving it forward to 2021 and gave Worley contact information.

Gauley had questions on Chief Whitney's call for service report. It was noted by Mayor Flatness that this was the calls he took for that time period.

Wentz noted that he had received complaints on the smell in town the other night, he told callers we have nothing to do for this, and they can contact the Department of Health or the DNR if wanted.

Hensley thanked the Council for moving forward with the purchase of a pickup.

Weier noted that the residents on Main Street East are very pleased with the addition of the street light.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk