

November 4, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. Council members present Gauley, Meyer, Wentz and Koob with Worley via phone. Also present were James Roberts, Tom Hensley and Dick Fridley via Zoom.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$ 9.90
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$ 96.59
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 91.65
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 138.49
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ...\$	2390.03
Dearborn	Quarterly premium life insurance ..\$	34.80
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 2761.46

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 2059.69
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 207.80
Menards.....	Supplies/Tower	\$ 16.48
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Tom Hensley	Cell Phone/Clothing	\$ 78.10
Public Works.....		\$ 2392.07

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Mercy One Occupational Health	Screen charges	\$ 57.00
Fastenal	Supplies	\$ 38.15
Northland Manufacturing, Inc	Repairs to tractor blade/bucket	\$ 1050.00
Public Works Road Use		\$ 1145.15

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Gas/Cemetery	\$ 32.67
Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$ 3833.33
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 3866.00

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$ 32.49
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ...\$	756.05
Total Community and Economic Development		\$ 988.54

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 101.86
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 119.59
Dearborn	Quarterly premium life insurance ..\$	34.80
Lynch Dallas, PC Attorneys	Nuisance Abatement	\$ 374.60
Matthew Berry	Legal fees	\$ 1296.00
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications	\$ 117.30
NIACOG	Code Update.....	\$ 800.00
Iowa League of Cities	Budget Workshop	\$ 25.00
Staples	Supplies	\$ 25.95

Counsel	Quarterly Contract Usage	\$ 44.91
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 56.59
Total General Government		\$ 2987.66

DEBT SERVICE POOL

UMB Bank.....	Bond Interest Payment.....	\$ 8363.06
Total Debt Service Pool		\$ 8363.06

DEBT SERVICE STORM WATER

Dorsey & Whitney LLP	Legal Services GO Bonds	\$ 9500.00
UMB Bank.....	Bond Interest Payment.....	\$ 14895.37
Total Debt Service Storm Water		\$ 24395.37

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 290.53
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 9.66
Dearborn	Quarterly premium life insurance	\$ 69.60
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 183.35
Truex Electric.....	Tower Repairs	\$ 2760.20
Municipal Supply	Supplies	\$ 1427.60
Service Tech of Central Iowa	Hydrant Repairs	\$ 369.13
Culver Hahn	Tower Repairs Supplies	\$ 169.27
Midwest Pipe Supply	Supplies	\$ 116.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 21.60
Eurofins.....	Water Test	\$ 31.50
Hawkins, Inc	Chemicals.....	\$ 10.00
Postmaster	Water Bills	\$ 148.75
UPS	Ship Water Test.....	\$ 25.14
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 5632.33

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste water Test.....	\$ 105.05
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$ 7170.09
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 7275.14

Koob moved to approve the bills for payment, with the omission of the Creative Products billing. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

October Receipts: General \$101348.22; Road Use \$8985.45; Water Utility \$10242.82; Sewer Utility \$5262.16; Local Option \$15990.89; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$45283.97; Storm Water \$2000.75; TIF \$0; EMS \$1768.89; Benefits 7075.64.

Mayor Flatness asked for comments on the tree removal request, noting that he had looked at these trees and felt they just needed cleaned up. Meyer also felt they are healthy trees, and so moved to deny the removal request and have the trees pruned. Gauley asked Roberts why he wanted to remove the trees. Roberts stated that the trees have lost some big branches and with them operating a daycare in their home, they have concerns with branches falling and not wanting someone to be hurt. Wentz also felt that pruning would be sufficient, and we should start with that, and seconded the motion. Motion carried. Roberts said that would be ok for now. Koob asked how soon this could be done and asked to have two quotes for the work.

Wentz stated he had looked at the tree on Southview Drive that has been requested to have removed, and noted that it is a big tree but did not see anything wrong with it. Gauley also did

not notice anything wrong with the tree. Wentz moved to table this tree request and have it looked at and recommendations given. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Hensley will contact Nuehring Tree Service and Dahley Tree Service for quotes and recommendations.

Mayor Flatness presented the 2019-2020 Annual Finance Report. Weier stated this is required by the Department of Management every year showing our actual revenues and expenditures as compared to the budget. Following discussion, Koob moved to approve the 2019-2020 Annual Finance Report by Resolution 2020-14. Motion seconded by Wentz. Roll call vote: Ayes; Gauley, Meyer, Worley, Wentz and Koob. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that budget time is fast approaching and had asked for the Council to come with some long term planning, goals and projects that would be beneficial to operations and the community. Following sharing and discussing ideas Mayor thanked the Council and employees for all of the great input and we need to prioritize and put into action and budget for these future needs and improvements.

Mayor Flatness noted that the property on Main Street is still in the process of being abated and the Council needs to consider what we will do with this if acquired. Koob felt that best action would be to clear the lot, then sell.

Mayor Flatness reported that the bridge work on Hwy 65 is getting closer to completion and hopefully before the end of this month. Mayor Flatness also stated that he has talked with the State and during the bridge work to the South, the official detour could be B60, they will document the road way and when the detour is over they would repair as needed. Koob asked about flashing stop signs for the East/West traffic as vehicles do not seem to stop there. Mayor Flatness noted that the DOT will help with signage on the detour as well as some enforcement.

Gauley noted some campers and trailers still parked on the right-of-ways. Mayor Flatness stated that Chief Whitney has made some contacts with this. Gauley also noted semis on Fourth Street South.

Wentz asked if Heartland would be doing the work on the basketball court before winter. Hensley noted there is a plan, but not sure when it will be done.

Koob reported on the work at the pool and noted the electrical work was inspected and is being done to code, the pipes are fixed and will be backfilled, there are a few small items to be taken care of now to be ready for the upcoming season.

Koob stated that donation letters will be sent out for the playground, with hopes of having funds set so they can get started in the spring.

Gauley asked if the former grocery store has been sold. Wentz stated there is an auction sign posted there now.

Koob noted that the street work looks great and asked about dirt on the edging on Arthur and Monroe. Hensley stated he has started this, but it will take time.

Koob asked about the exterior lights on the north part of the building and the light on the flag.

Hensley noted the exterior lights on the north have not worked and he will check the flag lights.

Koob also noted the property that the County Department of Health has been involved with, they will be following up on this.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk