

April 3, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. All Council members were present. Also present were Pat Hurley, Sean Hannah, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service	\$ 9.90
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Monthly Service	\$ 70.00
Verizon.....	Police Data/Electronic Payment.....	\$ 41.32
Post Master.....	Certified Mail.....	\$ 34.08
Sunset Law Enforcement.....	Ammunition	\$ 2066.30
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 78.17
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 153.54
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 1223.21
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 3706.52

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1901.34
Absolute Waste Removal.....	January Service	\$ 6601.50
Staples	Maps.....	\$ 5.99
Napa	Supplies	\$ 99.46
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 68.02
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 8736.31

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Frank Dunn Co.....	Patch.....	\$ 949.00
Don's Auto Service	Truck	\$ 38.50
Total Public Works Road Use		\$ 987.50

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Iowa Parks and Rec	CPO.....	\$ 350.00
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 11.19
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$ 361.19

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$ 35.28
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 3058.29
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 3093.57

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 1223.21
Total Employee Benefits		\$ 1223.21

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 36.97
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 468.40
IRS	Fees	\$ 605.04
Jeff Rooney	Memorial Lights/Grant	\$ 1475.76
Mirror Reporter.....	Publications	\$ 510.76

Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	Dues	\$ 762.00
Huntbatch Insurance	Policy Renewal	\$ 53455.00
Country Designs.....	Memorial	\$ 42.80
Total General Government.....		\$ 57356.73

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 58.95
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 527.32
Hach	Tester.....	\$ 297.00
Eurofins.....	Water Test	\$ 38.52
Hawkins	Chlorine Cylinders	\$ 30.00
Plumb Supply	Supplies/Equipment.....	\$ 4.70
K&H Cooperative	Tower/LP.....	\$ 91.05
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 71.44
Van Wert Company	Install Water Meters	\$ 9664.50
Core & Main	Supplies	\$ 198.11
Postmaster	Postage/Fluoride Letters	\$ 258.40
Postmaster	Postage/Water Bills	\$ 222.60
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 11462.59

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test	\$ 34.24
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 3058.29
D & K.....	Supplies	\$ 538.10
UPS	Waste Water Test Shipping.....	\$ 33.36
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 3663.99

Meyer moved to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

March Receipts: General \$18016.40; Road Use \$8732.60; Water Utility \$11307.36; Sewer Utility \$7700.57; Local Option \$16045.08; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$3047.04; Storm Water \$2631.76; TIF \$0; EMS \$190.01; Library Benefits \$633.37; Property Ins \$633.37; Police Benefits \$253.35; Emergency Management \$40.86; ARP \$0.

Koob moved to set the public hearing for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Budget for April 17, 2024 at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented wage increases submitted by the Library Board for the Library employees with increases for McManigal at \$1.90; Scholl \$1.63; Cahalan \$1.16. Following discussion, Meyer moved to approve the raise increase starting April 1st. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz opened sealed bids for the Cemetery mowing. Koob moved to accept the bid from Fessler's at \$615.00 per mowing and \$300.00 for a spring cleanup and \$300.00 for up to three fall cleanups. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein asked the Council about closing Main Street and Washington Street from Third Street to Fourth Street for training and removal of the Rockwell Legion Club. Koob moved to approve the closures of the street during the training and take down of the Legion Club. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein approached the Council about pursuing a part-time officer to cover his vacation time and help with security at events in the community. Chief Brunstein stated he has someone

in mind that is certified and willing to work part-time with no benefits at \$28.00-\$30.00 an hour. Chief Brunstein noted we would need to provide some uniforms, vest, radio and such. Koob moved to table this and allow for the Public Safety Committee to look in to this and bring it back to the Council. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Koob asked about the large item pickup. Weier noted it is May 11th.

Hurley asked about the nuisance properties in town. Mayor Wentz stated that action is in place for these. Emhoff noted another area for Chief Brunstein to look at. Koob also asked about another nuisance property.

Koob asked what the outcome was when Visu-Sewer was here to check the manhole. Laudner reported that they pulled out a board and some shop rags and Visu-Sewer jetted the line.

Koob asked about delinquent bills and stated that they need to be shut off and if curb stops don't work, fix them.

Meyer reported that he had attended the 911 Board meeting and the Emergency Management Board meeting.

Ditsworth asked who is responsible for the trees in the city right of way. Mayor Wentz stated that the abutting home owner is responsible for the maintenance of the trees in the city right of way, unless they are diseased and dying.

Laudner asked the Council what they want to do with the old blue dump truck. Meyer suggested an auction or sealed bid.

Laudner stated that he has talked with Bill Nuehring about the crosswalks and repairs the City needs to make on sidewalks and he will be getting a bid to us for the work needed.

Laudner reported that he will be at a CPO training and a Waste Water training next week and Roberts will be at the two day CPO training.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk