

August 7, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. All Council members were present. Also present were Sean Hannah, Larry Craighton, Jon Roberts and Zach Laudner.

Emhoff moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for approval:

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Monthly Service .....	\$ 35.00
Electronic Engineering.....	Quarterly Service.....	\$ 29.70
Astra Security.....	Camera/Monthly Billing.....	\$ 306.54
Verizon.....	Police Data/Electronic Payment.....	\$ 40.01
Casey's.....	National Night Out .....	\$ 240.00
RKB Inflatables .....	National Night Out .....	\$ 835.00
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 78.32
Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 83.22
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 1223.21
Dearborn Group .....	Quarterly Life Insurance .....	\$ 31.05
Amazon .....	Tent/Supplies.....	\$ 488.47
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety .....		\$ 3420.52

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1897.55
Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 800.57
Menards.....	Supplies .....	\$ 7.15
Plumb Supply .....	Tools.....	\$ 698.00
Metal Storm Mfg.....	Repair Mower .....	\$ 433.15
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 3058.29
Dearborn Group .....	Quarterly Life Insurance .....	\$ 62.10
Harbor Freight .....	Supplies .....	\$ 3.19
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works .....		\$ 7020.00

**PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE**

Martin Marietta .....	Rock .....	\$ 197.57
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$ 197.57

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 23.05
Dahley Tree Service.....	Tree Removal .....	\$ 2600.00
City of Rockwell.....	Linn Grove CC/Course Water.....	\$ 59.99
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 2683.04

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 4281.50
Total Employee Benefits .....		\$ 4281.50

**CULTURE AND RECREATION**

Stop and Shop.....	Pool .....	\$ 188.20
Plumb Supply .....	Supplies .....	\$ 27.00
Makenzie Fessler.....	July Cemetery Mowing.....	\$ 2460.00

Total Culture and Recreation.....\$ 2675.20

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 177.85
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 37.25
Dearborn Group .....	Quarterly Life Insurance .....	\$ 34.80
Hunbatch Insurance .....	Workers Comp/Liability Audit.....	\$ 2305.00
WebWise Solutions.....	Annual Domain .....	\$ 22.00
Visual Edge IT.....	Billing.....	\$ 49.92
Staples.....	Supplies .....	\$ 118.44
Mirror Reporter.....	Publications .....	\$ 297.63
Total General Government.....		\$ 3042.89

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 458.19
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 58.95
Stop and Shop.....	Water Test .....	\$ 3.00
Truex Electric .....	Tower Repairs .....	\$ 975.00
Core & Main .....	Supplies .....	\$ 210.46
Iowa One Call .....	Locates .....	\$ 20.70
Hawkins .....	Chlorine Cylinder.....	\$ 30.00
Postmaster .....	Postage/Water Bills .....	\$ 240.24
UPS .....	Water Test Shipping.....	\$ 15.51
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 2012.05

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Stop and Shop.....	Waste Water Test .....	\$ 6.00
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test .....	\$ 105.93
UPS .....	Waste Water Test Shipping.....	\$ 33.00
Total Business Utility Sewer .....		\$ 144.93

LINN GROVE RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	July Billing .....	\$ 2155.94
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	July Billing .....	\$ 90.74
North Central Mechanical Services.....	Repairs.....	\$ 593.36
Pitzenberger.....	Lifeguard Class .....	\$ 100.00
Grosfillex.....	Chairs-grant funding.....	\$ 8904.39
Thatcher Pools & Spas.....	Repair Broken Valves .....	\$ 5308.25
Total Linn Grove Recreation .....		\$ 17152.68

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

July Receipts: General \$13023.88; Road Use \$12186.28; Water Utility \$11776.55; Sewer Utility \$7981.70; Local Option \$22563.41; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$1553.18; Storm Water \$2557.36; TIF \$0; EMS \$96.85; Library Benefits \$322.85; Property Ins. \$1322.8515.52; Police Benefits \$129.14; Emergency Management \$20.82; ARP \$0.

Mayor Wentz asked for discussion on the noon and six siren as it was brought up as a concern prior. Ditsworth stated he was not in favor of eliminating this as it is used by parents for children to know when to be home and such. Worley agreed, but certainly doesn't blame anyone living so close to wanting it eliminated. With discussion, Council felt the noon and six siren should remain.

Koob moved by Resolution 2024-7 to approve the 2023-2024 Street Finance Report. Motion seconded by Meyer. Mayor Wentz took roll call vote: Aye; Koob, Worley, Meyer, Ditsworth

and Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz asked for Council input on fees to charge for City employees to do nuisance clean up. With discussion, Council would like guidance from City Attorney.

Mayor Wentz noted concerns with burrowing animals from the cemetery moving into abutting yards. Laudner will look into some solutions to try and cost for said.

Laudner presented quotes for the First Street striping, Main Street East bike lane striping as well as the parking and cross walks needed throughout town. Koob felt that we have put a lot into First Street we need to follow through with proper striping, and so moved to accept the total bid from Iowa Lot Striping at a cost of \$8,925.06. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Laudner broke down the work to be done on the North side of Madison Street with the re-shaping of the ditch for better drainage, stating the cost is \$4,000.00. With discussion, Emhoff moved to have Ries Excavating do the work for \$4,000.00. Motion seconded by Worley. Koob asked if this includes the seeding and everything. Laudner will follow up on this. Motion carried unanimously.

Laudner reported that he checked for a second quote on the door for the North tower, Mason City Glass purchases the doors from Doors Inc. to install, so this was the best option. With discussion, Koob moved to approve the bid with Mason City Glass for the steel door at \$4,499.56. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Laudner approached the Council about purchasing an IPad for use with the water meter reading app as well as the other apps used by himself and Roberts. Council agreed, Laudner will look at Verizon as we already have cellular service there.

Laudner reported on the First Street project, with the issues on a section of the street, the cost will be \$6,000-\$10,000 more for the extra layer of asphalt put down. Laudner asked the Council about the shoulder and areas along the edging. Council discussed, will look into options. Koob moved to table the First Street project until figures are in. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Laudner asked which plow blade the Council approved for purchase. Meyer stated the XT blade. Koob reported that he had looked at the drainage around the Furbush property and feels some work needs to be done there. Laudner will look into this.

Emhoff noted a repeat nuisance area. Weier will send a letter.

Koob asked for Council input for a possible grant application with the REAP program. Council was in agreement to try for a bathroom facility by the playground.

Laudner asked about nets for the volleyball and tennis courts. Council directed to purchase tennis nets.

Worley noted the annual Chicken BBQ is this weekend.

Mayor Wentz noted a spot for repair on Elm Street, by the rail tracks.

Emhoff noted junk cars in a yard. Council asked to have Chief Brunstein check on these. Emhoff also noted residents have expressed concerns about Chief Brunstein patrolling town when on duty.

Weier noted kudos to Chief Brunstein and the Council members for another great National Night Out event.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk