

October 2, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Council members present were Koob, Worley, Meyer and Emhoff. Also present were Jason Dick, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Postmaster .....	Mailing .....	\$	1.50
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Monthly Service .....	\$	35.00
Astra Security.....	Camera/Monthly Billing.....	\$	306.54
Verizon.....	Police Data/Electronic Payment.....	\$	40.01
Galls .....	Police Clothing Allowance .....	\$	195.27
Creative Product Source .....	National Night Out Supplies.....	\$	323.24
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$	1223.21
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Total Public Safety .....		\$	2154.77

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$	1908.10
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Service .....	\$	6937.60
CJ's Auto .....	Tire Repair .....	\$	60.00
Menards.....	Supplies .....	\$	168.48
Tractor Supply.....	Parts/Repairs.....	\$	124.18
Cerro Gordo County Extension .....	Registration .....	\$	45.00
John Ries Excavating.....	Repairs/Storm Water.....	\$	2700.00
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Total Public Works .....		\$	12003.36

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$	3058.29
Mason City Red Power.....	Parts/Repairs.....	\$	1322.20
NAPA .....	Parts/Repairs.....	\$	162.13
Deano's Dust Control .....	Industrial Park .....	\$	975.00
Martin Marietta .....	Rock .....	\$	353.55
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$	5871.17

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City of Rockwell.....	Linn Grove CC/Course Water.....	\$	1222.22
Abbie Emhoff .....	Main Street Flowers.....	\$	300.00
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$	23.98
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$	1546.20

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Makenzie Fessler.....	September Cemetery Mowing .....	\$	615.00
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Weier's Lawn Service.....	Spray Cemetery.....	\$ 1300.00
John Ries Excavating.....	Remove Buildings.....	\$ 2500.00
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$ 4415.00

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 215.78
Staples.....	Supplies.....	\$ 91.45
Hewett Wholesale.....	Community Center Supplies.....	\$ 93.65
Mirror Reporter.....	Publications.....	\$ 275.63
Total General Government.....		\$ 676.51

#### BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 490.26
Iowa DNR.....	Annual Water Use Fee.....	\$ 115.00
Van Wert Company.....	Meter Installation.....	\$ 1350.00
Core & Main.....	Supplies.....	\$ 3128.00
John Ries Excavating.....	Repairs.....	\$ 1675.00
Iowa One Call.....	Locates.....	\$ 27.90
Hawkins.....	Chlorine Cylinder.....	\$ 10.00
State Hygienic Lab.....	Water Test.....	\$ 137.50
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 92.00
Verizon.....	iPad/Service.....	\$ 886.27
Postmaster.....	Postage Fluoride Letters.....	\$ 273.02
Postmaster.....	Postage/Water Bills.....	\$ 240.80
UPS.....	Water Test Shipping.....	\$ 14.60
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 8440.35

#### BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

UPS.....	Waste Water Test Shipping.....	\$ 16.26
Clear Lake Sanitary District.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$ 46.50
Visu-Sewer.....	Vac Siphon.....	\$ 880.00
Visu-Sewer.....	Televising.....	\$ 29052.35
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$ 523.25
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$ 30518.36

#### LINN GROVE RECREATION

Hewett Wholesale.....	Concession Supplies.....	\$ 234.25
Thatcher Pools.....	Repairs.....	\$ 743.13
Thatcher Pools.....	Winterize.....	\$ 539.98
Total Linn Grove Recreation.....		\$ 1517.36

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

September Receipts: General \$13901.56; Road Use \$17014.16; Water Utility \$11967.92; Sewer Utility \$7569.48; Local Option \$18910.20; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$1691.71; Storm Water \$2486.65.

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

Mayor Wentz reviewed with the Council the proposal from ROI Energy for the lighting upgrade in all city buildings. Following discussion, Koob moved to accept the proposal from ROI

Energy at a cost of \$19,330.00 for the lighting upgrade. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Laudner presented quotes for work to cut and reseal cracks on Quince Ave at \$9,660 and Main Street from Quince Ave to Oak Street at \$49,380. Following discussion, Meyer moved to have the work done with payment from Road Use Tax, \$9,660 and Local Option Community Betterment funding, \$49,380. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Laudner stated that Ries Excavating would remove the dilapidated buildings at the cemetery for \$2,500. Worley moved to have the buildings taken down. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Weier noted that there had been an issue with the oven in the Community Center kitchen. With discussion Council felt best to purchase a new electric oven.

Chief Brunstein presented ideas for a golf cart permit, noting most towns around have a permit, this allows for all to be given the rules and code for golf cart use in the city limits and fines can be imposed when rules and code are not followed. Koob noted that the fine is \$135 for operating a cart under age 16. Koob felt that having the carts registered is a good idea and will help with enforcing the code that is already in place. Chief Brunstein will put together a permit form.

Jason Dick came in to follow up on the prior discussion with the City allocating local option funds for the work on clearing the dilapidated building on Main Street. Koob moved to commit \$10,000.00, a year, to the REDC from local option, Community Betterment funds, for a period of ten years, to be given to the Legion Club for their improvements on Main Street. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein stated he will be issuing citations for nuisance properties.

Koob asked about a residents drainage issues discussed prior. Laudner noted that there is a culvert that needs repairs.

Koob asked if someone would take the responsibility of the City webpage. Mayor Wentz stated he would do this.

Mayor Wentz stated that he will be meeting with the West Fork 7<sup>th</sup> grade about local government and will implement the Mayor for a Day essay contest again.

Mayor Wentz welcomed the Wandering Brew to Main Street with their store front opening this week!

Emhoff asked about incentives for the unused buildings on Main Street. Koob felt we need to follow up with the nuisance codes to help encourage improvements.

Meyer noted the Cerro Gordo County Conservation, at the Linn Grove campground, had issues with a resident and their dog in the park.

Emhoff noted she did not find anyone for brick work, for an estimate even!! Emhoff also noted

the grant for tree replacement, she will look into.

Chief Brunstein noted that he has been in contact with Emhoff for the Thanksgiving meals again this year.

Chief Brunstein stated the new hand gun, that he had previously discussed, is here. Chief Brunstein noted the ammunition is different then what he currently had, but can return and exchange that. Chief Brunstein noted training next week and questioned the return of the current weapon. Koob stated that as the current weapon was purchased through the County he should be able to trade back with them. Koob moved to purchase the new hand gun at a cost of \$1,458.00 with the current gun trade in and the ammunition return and purchase for the Police Department. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

With no further business, Koob moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk