

November 6, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. Council members present were Koob, Worley, Meyer, and Emhoff. Also present were Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Monthly Service .....	\$ 70.00
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Gun/Equipment .....	\$ 1217.68
Electronic Engineering.....	Quarterly Service.....	\$ 29.70
Astra Security.....	Camera/Monthly Billing.....	\$ 306.54
Axon Enterprise .....	Police Camera/Supplies .....	\$ 923.51
Galls .....	Police Supplies .....	\$ 175.00
Creative Product Source .....	National Night Out Supplies.....	\$ 470.80
Verizon.....	Police Data/Electronic Payment.....	\$ 40.01
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 246.78
Dearborn.....	Quarterly Life Insurance .....	\$ 31.05
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 1223.21
Stop and Shop.....	Gas/September-October .....	\$ 296.85
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety .....		\$ 5061.13

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1885.78
Dearborn.....	Quarterly Life Insurance .....	\$ 62.10
Stop and Shop.....	Gas/September-October .....	\$ 1085.80
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Service/garbage stickers .....	\$ 7687.60
Tractor Supply.....	Supplies .....	\$ 64.19
CJ's Auto .....	Skid Loader Tires.....	\$ 1260.00
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Iowa Lot Stripping.....	Hazard Painted.....	\$ 35.80
Total Public Works .....		\$ 12141.27

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop.....	Gas/September-October .....	\$ 238.34
Mercy One Occupational Health .....	2025 Consortium fees .....	\$ 240.00
General Traffic Controls .....	Supplies .....	\$ 68.64
Barco Municipal Products .....	Signs.....	\$ 536.06
Bergen Incorporated .....	Main Street Repairs.....	\$ 13312.00
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$ 14395.04

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 10.83
Stop and Shop.....	LGR .....	\$ 211.34
Menards.....	Supplies/Pool.....	\$ 33.60
Makenzie Fessler.....	October Cemetery Fall Cleanup.....	\$ 300.00

Total Culture and Recreation.....\$ 555.77

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing/Memorial.....\$ 22.70

Bargen Incorporated .....Main Street Repairs.....\$ 50049.00

City of Rockwell.....Linn Grove CC/Course Water.....\$ 628.61

Dahley Tree Service.....Tree Removal.....\$ 21625.00

Mosquito Control of Iowa .....2024 Season .....\$ 6725.00

Total Community and Economic Development.....\$ 79050.31

**DEBT SERVICE**

UMB .....Payment-Storm Water.....\$ 8347.50

UMB .....Payment-Pool.....\$ 3700.00

Total Debt Service .....\$ 12047.50

**EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

Wellmark .....Health Insurance .....\$ 4281.50

Total Employee Benefits .....\$ 4281.50

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing.....\$ 163.30

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....Monthly billing.....\$ 133.57

Dearborn.....Quarterly Life Insurance .....\$ 34.80

Menards.....Supplies .....\$ 9.98

Mirror Reporter.....Publications .....\$ 398.61

Visual Edge IT.....Copier.....\$ 53.74

SBM.....Oven/Community Center.....\$ 450.00

Tyler Technologies.....Annual Maintenance .....\$ 3314.85

Total General Government.....\$ 4558.85

**BUSINESS UTILITY WATER**

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing.....\$ 353.73

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....Monthly billing.....\$ 58.95

Stop and Shop.....Supplies .....\$ 28.23

Menards.....Supplies .....\$ 11.96

Plumb Supply.....Supplies .....\$ 391.26

Iowa Rural Water Association .....Membership Fees .....\$ 355.00

Iowa One Call.....Locates .....\$ 18.00

Hawkins .....Chlorine Cylinder.....\$ 10.00

NuWay-K&H.....Propane/water towers.....\$ 260.93

Tyler Technologies.....Annual Maintenance .....\$ 3314.84

Mason City Glass Service .....Door/North Tower.....\$ 4499.56

Itron.....Annual Maintenance .....\$ 3498.00

Eurofins.....Water Test .....\$ 77.04

Postmaster.....Postage/Water Bills .....\$ 240.24

UPS.....Water Test Shipping.....\$ 15.51

Zach Laudner.....Medical/Clothing.....\$ 494.25

Van Wert Company .....Meters/Supplies .....\$ 1045.90

Total Business Utility Water.....\$ 14673.40

**BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER**

Wellmark .....Health Insurance .....\$ 3058.29

Iowa-Valley.....Wastewater Class/Jon.....\$ 545.00

UPS.....Waste Water Test Shipping.....\$ 15.51

Total Business Utility Sewer .....	\$ 3618.80
Linn Grove Rec Bills	
Mid American Energy.....September/ October Billing.....	\$ 970.45
Total Linn Grove Rec Bills .....	\$ 970.45

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

October Receipts: General \$218157.55; Road Use \$12212.00; Water Utility \$11841.51; Sewer Utility \$6834.65; Local Option \$22633.21; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$72658.15; Storm Water \$2262.33; TIF \$6782.45.

Koob moved to approve the liquor license renewal for the Linn Grove Country Club. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Weier noted that with the prolonged burn ban the question was asked what could be done with leaves. Koob felt it is a moot point now that burn ban has been lifted.

Mayor Wentz presented the renewal for the employees' health insurance, noting we have a 12.57% increase for the upcoming year. With discussion Koob moved to approve the proposal for the employee health insurance. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Laudner reported that we have expended the \$25,000.00 set for tree removal. Laudner noted we have taken down about seventy-seven trees over these few years and have about fifty-three trees left to remove. Meyer felt it is important to get the trees in the cemetery taken care of. Koob moved to keep moving forward with the tree removal for this season. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Laudner also stated that for expenditures with the American Rescue funds he looked at equipment for the lagoon and the North water tower project that has been discussed. Laudner noted we could leave out a small portion of the tower project to make that about \$65,000.00. With discussion, Emhoff moved to use the remaining funds for the maintenance work at the north tower for about \$65,000.00. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob stated that we need to implement something for sidewalk improvements. Koob also noted that our ordinance states home owners are responsible for sidewalks. Mayor Wentz felt if a map was set with an area around the school, to start with, and have a quote on cost to present to the community and see what happens.

Mayor Wentz stated it is hunting season and asked the Council about hunting in city limits. Meyer stated that firearms are not allowed, it would have to be bow. Emhoff stated that you would have to have the property owner's permission. Meyer noted he would check with the county to see if they are open to allowing bow hunting within the campgrounds.

Council reviewed the golf cart permit, Koob moved to table this and have the corrected permit for review. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that one of the nuisance areas has been cleaned up.

Worley asked about the lights on the bridge on Madison Street. Laudner stated that he has been in contact with someone to try and find the same lights. Koob felt we need to have something on there as it is so dark.

Mayor Wentz asked for Council input, as job changes have made attending meeting difficult for some. All were in agreement to set the meetings for 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk