

April 3, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, 2019. All Council members were present. Also present were Marie Djuren, Brea Weaver, Rachel Weaver, Travis Fischer, C.M. Devine, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

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

Mayor Flatness told the Council that he has had the honor of working with Mrs. Djuren and her 7th grade class, here at West Fork Middle School, with the Mayor for a Day contest, sponsored by the Iowa League of Cities. Mayor Flatness introduced Brea Weaver as being one of the two participants from West Fork that were chosen from the essays written. Mayor Flatness stated that Brea and Mrs. Djuren spent a morning touring the facilities and learning about the City Government and the operations. Mayor Flatness presented Brea with the proclamation claiming her as Mayor for a day!

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering	Monthly Service	\$	9.90
US Cellular	Police Phone	\$	97.24
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	88.95
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ..	\$	2167.83
Rockwell Area Market	Supplies	\$	23.27
Total Public Safety		\$	2387.19

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$	1650.98
Absolute Waste Removal	Monthly Billing.....	\$	4125.60
Rockwell Area Market	Supplies	\$	74.43
O'Reilly	Supplies	\$	29.98
Central Lock	Keys.....	\$	18.00
McClure Engineering	Design Engineering.....	\$	20425.00
Jay Siefken.....	Cell Phone	\$	30.00
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone	\$	30.00
Total Public Works		\$	26383.99

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ..	\$	5202.82
Tractor Supply co.....	Plow Supplies	\$	47.94
Titan Machinery	Repair/Supplies	\$	424.50
West Fork Family Medicine	DOT Screen	\$	20.00
John Ries Excavating Inc.	Haul Snow	\$	6597.50
Total Public Works Road Use		\$	12292.76

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$	36.19
Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$	3833.33

Total Community and Economic Development \$ 3869.52

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....Monthly billing \$ 104.76

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing \$ 950.10

Rockwell Area MarketSupplies \$ 62.34

Mid-America PublishingPublications \$ 333.58

Diamond Vogel.....Library Paint \$ 809.37

Postmaster.....Stamps \$ 55.00

Total General Government \$ 2315.15

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing \$ 439.25

Rockwell Area MarketSupplies \$ 27.85

Test America.....Water Test \$ 31.50

Postmaster.....Water Bills..... \$ 140.35

Postmaster.....Fluoride Letters..... \$ 199.10

Total Business Utility Water \$ 838.05

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

March Receipts: General \$9329.28; Road Use \$9150.28; Water Utility \$8710.11; Sewer Utility \$5349.31; Local Option \$12899.85; Debt Service \$1174.81; Storm Water \$2085.36.

Wentz moved to approve the Library report as presented. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that the bidding process for the storm water project has been set up by McClure Engineering. Bids will be opened here on Wednesday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m. Mayor Flatness noted that anyone is welcome to attend.

Koob told the Council he has been asked about surveying the property where we would like to put the new welcome sign. Council asked to have a cost estimate prior to approving.

Mayor Flatness reported on the nuisance areas and some that have been taken care of as well as calls on others, and noted that the process does take time, but we are actively pursuing the nuisances. Koob noted a van that has been sitting in the right of way for a significant time. Chief Whitney will check on this.

Mayor Flatness presented a Proclamation stating: April 2019 as Keep Iowa Beautiful Month and encouraging our City Council, city staff, teachers and all our citizens, young and old, to undertake personal and organizational efforts that will enhance the cleanliness, health and beauty in our community and state.

Mayor Flatness presented an application for Tax Abatement for improvements made from Brad and Mary Shupe. Koob moved by Resolution 2019-6 to approve the application to be forwarded to the Cerro Gordo County Assessors. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Worley asked Mayor Flatness if there has been any response on the coverage from the flooding damages. Mayor Flatness noted this may take some time to be determined. Mayor Flatness noted that Emergency Management did take back some of the flood buckets and sand bags, we do still have some available if needed by any residents.

Koob noted that the shed at the pool is built and they are working on the guard room, and this is giving a lot of extra storage space as well as protection for the pumps and equipment. Koob stated they will be getting the poles set for the shade panels. Koob stated these projects were partially funded with grants. Koob noted the cleanup day is the first Saturday in May.

Koob reported that they have gotten brochures out to some business for donations for the playground, and have written grants. Mayor Flatness noted the Rockwell Women's Club gave a contribution.

Wentz asked about trees being replaced from the trees that have been taken down in the past year. Koob noted the study on the Ash Borer is showing that the extreme cold this winter may have slowed them down.

Wentz asked about pot holes. Siefken stated they are still working on them. Gauley questioned the area by the bridge on Third Street South. Siefken noted this happens every year.

Meyer felt that it would be important to have as many here as possible for the bid opening.

Koob asked if the south siren was working. Siefken noted he re-set this so the switch is working.

Chief Whitney noted he has been working on donations for National Night Out.

Siefken told the Council he has had a request to work on the drive off of Fifth Street South, and would blade this after the frost goes out if Council approves. Mayor Flatness noted that once the frost goes out it may change.

With no further business, Wentz moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Gauley. Breea stated the meeting is adjourned.

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk