

June 5, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 5, 2019. Council members present were Meyer, Wentz, Gauley and Worley. Also present were Mike and Wendy Perrott, Tom Gauley, Les Knowles, Pat Sheldon, Wanda Kruse, Danielle Nelson, Tim Nuehring, Travis Fischer, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

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

At 7:05 p.m. Worley moved to open the public hearing for consideration of the 208-2019 budget amendment. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

With no oral or written comments, Meyer moved to close the public hearing at 7:06 p.m. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Gauley moved to approve the City of Rockwell 2018-2019 budget amendment by Resolution 2019-11. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented the liquor license for the Rockwell Lions Club event July 4th-6th. Meyer moved to approve the five day liquor license. Motion seconded by Wentz. With discussion, the dates on the application were questioned; Meyer and Wentz withdrew the motion.

Nuehring thanked the city for their support of this event and all that volunteer and help with it. Nuehring asked for the ATV ordinance to be waived during the event to allow for the pullers and their families to get around town. Mayor Flatness stated that they need to be licensed drivers and street legal. Gauley moved to waive the ATV ordinance during the event on July 4th, 5th, and 6th. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Nuehring also asked to have the noise ordinance lifted for the event as in the past. Meyer moved to waive the noise ordinance for the July 4th, 5th and 6th to cover this event. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

After a call Nelson noted the liquor license should state 14 days. Gauley moved to approve the 14 day Class B Beer including Wine Coolers license for the Rockwell Lions Club. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness stated that the amended application needed to be turned in by noon the next day!

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC WORKS

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$	1982.95
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$	112.54
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	88.95
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	2167.83
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	506.74

Don's Auto Service.....	Repairs	\$	46.60
Cerro Gordo County	Software	\$	30.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$	4935.61

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	1637.51
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	664.04
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$	4125.60
Don's Auto Service.....	Repairs	\$	546.42
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	70.58
Mason City Red Power	Supplies.....	\$	232.00
Cam Spray.....	Supplies.....	\$	128.23
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Huber Supply	Lease	\$	75.00
Five Star	Supplies.....	\$	14.11
Total Public Works		\$	7553.49

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Cerro Gordo County Engineer	Road work.....	\$	98.02
Heartland Asphalt	Rock	\$	790.38
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	110.35
Health Works	Drug Screen	\$	57.00
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$	1055.75

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	93.85
Floyd & Leonard.....	Cemetery	\$	309.85
Weier's Lawn Service.....	Cemetery	\$	70.00
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	19.98
Total Culture and Recreation		\$	503.68

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$	26.06
Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$	3833.33
Total Community and Economic Development		\$	3859.39

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	312.69
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	104.76
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$	500.09
Martin's Flags	Flags.....	\$	69.67
Lorna Weier	Clothing.....	\$	191.53
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	60.22
Staples	Supplies.....	\$	137.44
Postmaster	Postage	\$	55.00
Total General Government		\$	1431.40

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	5202.82
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	380.05
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	77.63

Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$	168.79
Hawkins	Cylinder.....	\$	1219.90
Test America.....	Water Test.....	\$	78.75
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Operator Certification Renewal	\$	240.00
Plumb Supply.....	Supplies.....	\$	175.57
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	45.00
K & W Coatings.....	Tower cleaning, paint touch up.....	\$	800.00
Municipal Supply.....	Repair	\$	475.00
Staples	Supplies.....	\$	22.48
Postmaster	Water Bills	\$	146.30
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$	9032.29

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Test America.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$	192.83
Larson Printing.....	Supplies.....	\$	32.65
Midwest Pipe Supply	Supplies.....	\$	409.00
John Ries Excavating.....	Sewer repairs/Survey	\$	7452.00
McClure	Engineering fees.....	\$	5508.42
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$	13594.90

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

May Receipts: General \$15139.78; Road Use \$12635.90; Water Utility \$10351.12; Sewer Utility \$6464.92; Local Option \$13135.70; Debt Service \$2843.61; Storm Water \$1896.67.

Mayor Flatness presented a request to have trees removed. Wanda Kruse noted that she does not want to take them down at this time, just to trim them. Mayor Flatness noted to dis-regard this document.

Les Knowles also had requested to have a tree removed, since the Council denied taking the tree down, could he do so himself. With discussion, Wentz moved to allow Knowles to remove the tree at his own expense. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented and read Ordinance 1-2019 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKWELL, IOWA, BY AMENDING 6-5-9, 6-5-11, 6-5-12, 6-5-13 AND 6-13-7 PERTAINING TO RATES AND AUTOMATIC INCREASES

Be amended to the following:

6-5-9 WATER RATES. Water shall be furnished at the following monthly rates per property serviced within the City limits:

The first	1,000 gallons -	\$10.81
All over	1,000 gallons -	\$2.70 per 1,000 gallons

The minimum charge shall be \$10.81 per building per billing month.

There shall be an annual increase of two (2%) for water service charges beginning each July.

6-5-11 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES. There shall be collected by the City for its services in collecting garbage, rubbish and recyclables, the following mandatory fees:

(a) The cost of garbage and refuse collection including recyclables collection shall be eleven dollars and twelve cents (\$11.12) per month for one garbage or rubbish collection each week of no more than 33 gallons. The cost of 96 gallon garbage cart shall be fifteen dollars and eight cents (\$15.08) per month. Excess garbage and rubbish may be disposed of with additional tags.

(b) There shall be a charge of \$1.96 per month for landfill services.

There shall be an annual increase of two (2%) for refuse collection charges beginning each July.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84(1))

6-5-12 RATE OF SEWER RENT AND MANNER OF PAYMENT. The rate of sewer rent shall be based upon the amount of water consumed per month as follows:

The first 2,000 gallons or lessor amount - \$9.73 per month.

All over 2,000 gallons - \$2.16 per 1,000 gallons

The minimum charge shall be \$9.73 per building per billing month.

There shall be an annual increase of two (2%) for sewer service charges beginning each July.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84(1))

6-5-13 DETERMINATION AND PAYMENT OF SEWER RENT FROM PREMISES WITH PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS. Users whose premises have a private water system shall pay rent of \$9.73 per month.

The minimum charge shall be \$9.73 per building per billing month.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84(1))

6-13-7 SERVICE CHARGE. Each residential, commercial and industrial account that is billed for one or more City utility services within the corporate limits of the City shall pay a Service Charge of five dollars and ten cents (\$5.10) per month. Exempt from these charges are property owned by a public entity.

There shall be an annual increase of two (2%) percent for service charges beginning each July.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on July 1 and following publication as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of Rockwell Iowa, on the 5th day of June, 2019.

Wentz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance 1-2019 with Meyer seconding, motion carried unanimously.

Gauley moved to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 1-2019. Worley second the motion. With Mayor Flatness taking roll call vote, Ayes: Meyer, Wentz, Gauley and Worley. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated he had completed employee evaluations and when the budget was worked on a 2.65% increase was included and would recommend the Council follow through with such for employee raises. With discussion, Wentz moved to allow a 2.65% raise across the board for employees. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked the Council if they have looked at the alley that was discussed previously. Wentz noted there are a lot of mature trees that appear to be in the alley. Kruse stated she is working to re-do her back yard and needs to get in there with her truck and trailer, so asked that the new trees be moved. Sheldon stated she would like to purchase their half of the alley if that

could be passed. Meyer stated that there are a lot of trees and things on this alley, and the Council will set precedence with what they do now. Siefken stated the alley could be vacated, with a utility easement, and the abutting property owners would pay the expenses to purchase their half of the alley. Following discussion, Meyer moved to have the city survey the alley, when the boundaries are set, everything is removed, gravel the alley and maintain as an alley for vehicle use. Motion died for lack of a second. Mayor Flatness stated the Council needs to make a decision on what to do here. Worley agreed to survey and state this as an alley, but did not feel it would need to be rocked. Nelson stated she did not want the alley to be graveled and have thru traffic, stating she bought her home with the understanding that this was an unmaintained alley and would like to see it stay as it is. Sheldon said she would move her trees and put up a fence, but needs to know where a fence can be placed. Siefken asked if the Council could table this and get prices to survey and look at this more. Council agreed, stating that no one move anyone else's property. Mayor Flatness also noted the noise ordinance and there should be no mowing from 9:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m.

Wentz asked about the nuisance properties. Chief Whitney stated there has been some good progress on several of the properties and asked the Council to also look at these. Mayor Flatness also stated this is mowing season and can become an issue, but of the areas looked at most are being taken care of.

Meyer reported that the Linn Grove Rec committee has been working at the pool, new shading has been installed with grant funding and a great donation from Lemar Industries for the poles used. Meyer noted the pool was used by the school kids the last few days. Mayor Flatness stated the pool looks great and commended the board for a tremendous job done. Meyer noted that Siefken and Hensley have helped a lot too.

Meyer asked about the streets and patching. Siefken stated he will be meeting with Heartland next week and they will be looking at the areas that need attention.

Chief Whitney asked to purchase a membership with the National Night Out organization. Council approved the \$35 membership. Chief Whitney thanked the Council for the pay raise!

Siefken thanked the Council for the raise! As did Hensley and Weier!

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk