

August 7, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 in the Council Chambers. Council members present were Worley, Wentz and Koob. Also present were Janelle Nuehring, Pat Hurley, Dick Fridley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

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

Janelle Nuehring was present on behalf of the Linn Grove Country Club. Nuehring told the Council that the golf course has been accommodating the bridge out, but will be working on replacing it this fall. Nuehring stated they have a lot of local businesses that will be doing as much as they can to help with rebuilding the bridge saving a substantial amount of the cost, but are still doing a fund raiser and asking for assistance with the cost. With discussion, Koob moved to give \$5,000.00 to the Linn Grove Country Club bridge fund project, from Local Option funds, and leave this open to more request when the bridge project is finished. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$	9.90
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's	Software	\$	30.00
Iowa Department of Public Safety	Warrant system	\$	1200.00
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$	99.09
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	89.63
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	2167.83
Dearborn National.....	Life Insurance	\$	34.80
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	326.89
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	22.45
Total Public Safety.....		\$	3980.59

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	1659.53
Dearborn National.....	Life Insurance	\$	69.60
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	245.61
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$	10375.50
Hanig Construction	Intake on 5 th St.....	\$	1463.96
Central Lock and Key	Keys	\$	9.00
Floyd & Leonard.....	Mower repair/Supplies.....	\$	913.99
Gateway	Billing	\$	119.00
Fastenal	Supplies.....	\$	71.25
O'Reilly.....	Supplies.....	\$	21.97
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	45.15
Bell's Fire Stop	Extinguisher service/extinguishers	\$	324.25
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00

Total Public Works	\$	15378.81
<u>PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE</u>		
Menards.....Supplies.....	\$	35.98
Total Public Works Road Use.....	\$	35.98
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
Wellmark Blue Cross.....Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	5202.82
Stop and Shop.....Gas	\$	41.41
Floyd & Leonard.....Mower repair/Supplies.....	\$	23.38
Rockwell Area Market.....Supplies.....	\$	17.46
Rockwell Public Library.....Monthly payment	\$	3833.33
North Iowa Youth Center.....Inflatables.....	\$	870.00
Total Culture and Recreation	\$	9988.40
<u>COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing/Memorial	\$	34.88
City of Rockwell.....LGCC/water`	\$	50.90
Total Community and Economic Development	\$	85.78
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....Monthly billing	\$	107.06
Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing	\$	173.55
Dearborn National.....Life Insurance	\$	34.80
Rockwell Area Market.....Supplies.....	\$	40.26
Mid-America Publishing.....Publications.....	\$	136.92
Marco	\$	18.13
Annual fee.....	\$	18.13
Matt Parrott.....Office Supplies.....	\$	137.50
JCL Solutions.....Cleaning Supplies	\$	156.33
WebWise Solutions.....Web site	\$	15.00
NIACOG.....Annual dues	\$	810.42
Huntbatch Insurance	\$	1344.00
Audit/changes	\$	1344.00
Postmaster.....Postage	\$	55.00
Total General Government	\$	3028.97
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY WATER</u>		
Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing	\$	381.09
Rockwell Area Market.....Supplies.....	\$	35.71
Iowa One Call.....Locates	\$	14.50
Hawkins	\$	5.00
Cylinder.....	\$	5.00
Test America.....Water Test.....	\$	189.00
State Hygienic Lab.....Test.....	\$	19.50
UPS.....Send Samples	\$	22.84
Iowa DNR.....Annual permit fee	\$	210.00
Postmaster.....Water Bills	\$	144.90
Total Business Utility Water.....	\$	1022.54
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER</u>		
Test America.....Waste Water Test.....	\$	163.90
Total Business Utility Sewer	\$	163.90

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

July Receipts: General \$6898.17; Road Use \$10725.32; Water Utility \$8583.28; Sewer Utility \$5894.42; Local Option \$13135.70; Debt Service \$343.42; Storm Water \$2161.55.

Chief Whitney explained the ISICS Radio System with the county moving to a frequency that is state wide, and there is no cost to the City for this. With discussion, Wentz moved to participate in the change with the County. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked the Council to revisit the storm water project. Siefken has pipe to show the sizes and more information, but would like to have a full Council with the discussions.

Mayor Flatness presented tax abatement from James Prince for new construction on a residential property. Worley moved to approve the application for tax abatement by Resolution 2019-12 for the new construction to be forwarded to the County Assessor Office. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented a section of Iowa Code in reference to sidewalk responsibilities of the property owner. With some discussion Council will table this for review and thoughts on sidewalk improvements.

Siefken had a quote from Larry Craighton to re-stripe the city parking lines for \$500.00. Wentz moved to have Craighton do the re-striping of city parking for \$500.00. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob asked about the drainage that had created issues last spring. Siefken noted that the dirt pile has been moved and other work will be done.

Koob noted the electrical line to the proposed city welcome sign would be trenched in and felt we could reimburse the property owner for the cost and monthly billing. With discussion Council felt an agreement of some type needed to be in place for current and future use.

Mayor Flatness expressed KUDOS to Chief Whitney and all that helped with the National Night Out. Chief Whitney stated it went very well! Chief Whitney noted with everyone stepping up to help where needed thanked the Council and Fire Department for their part and all that was donated for the event.

Koob asked about vehicles in a yard being registered. Chief Whitney will check on these. Koob also asked about a nuisance area. Chief Whitney has talked to the property manager. Mayor Flatness also asked about nuisance areas that have been discussed. Chief Whitney stated they are aware of the code and what need to be finished.

Koob reported on the Linn Grove Recreation, noting the motor has burned out on the big slide; it has been taken in to be fixed, hoping it is under warranty. Koob also stated the seams will be caulked this fall and the fence is finished, all the cameras are installed and the closing date will be September 1st with some limited hours during the last week of August with school in session.

Hurley asked about the new playground equipment. Koob noted they have just received a donation from Sukup Manufacturing, are working on more grants and accepting donations. Mayor Flatness stated they would like to see this playground a reality by next summer.

Koob also noted the Chicken BBQ is August 11th!

Wentz asked about the issues with the tractor pulls and fireworks. Chief Whitney noted the supplies and equipment were confiscated after a warning only to be returned with fines.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk