

September 4, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 in the Council Chambers. All Council members were present. Also present were Dick Fridley, Don Brass, Clariece Frey, Deb and Greg Jones, Holly Petersen, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

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

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$	66.75
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's	Software	\$	30.00
Active 911	Annual billing	\$	14.00
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$	93.68
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	89.75
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	2167.83
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	172.57
Don's Auto Service.....	Oil Change/Repairs.....	\$	755.86
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	16.47
Total Public Safety.....		\$	3406.91

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	1658.74
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	338.25
Fastenal	Supplies.....	\$	71.25
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	94.67
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$	104.89
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Total Public Works		\$	2297.80

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	86.26
Tractor Supply	Supplies/Plow truck	\$	74.32
Deano's Road Dust Control	Industrial Park Road	\$	611.00
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$	35.98
Larry Craighton Parking Lot Striping.....	Main St/Cross Walk Parking Lines....	\$	550.00
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$	1357.56

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	80.03
Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$	3833.33
Total Culture and Recreation		\$	3913.36

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$	32.76
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	5202.82
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC water`	\$	70.94
Total Community and Economic Development		\$	5306.52

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	42.53
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	270.00
Menards.....	Supplies/Shades	\$	209.86
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	89.22
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$	196.60
Diamond Vogel.....	Exterior painting	\$	100.15
Staples	Supplies.....	\$	105.28
Total General Government		\$	1013.64

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	63.95
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	390.70
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	4.18
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	19.00
Hawkins	Cylinder.....	\$	5.00
Murphy's Heating & Plumbing, Inc	Water Leak Repairs.....	\$	105.28
UPS	Send Samples	\$	12.56
Postmaster	Water Bills/Postage.....	\$	143.83
IAMU	Training.....	\$	115.00
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$	759.50

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

IRWA.....	Training.....	\$	300.00
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$	300.00

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

August Receipts: General \$14022.88; Road Use \$15013.83; Water Utility \$10895.05; Sewer Utility \$6542.47; Local Option \$13340.14; Debt Service \$1151.75; Storm Water \$2366.52.

Holly Petersen was present to request to close of the block of Main Street between Third Street and Fourth Street on Sunday, September 15th from 11:00 to 4:00 for a fund raiser with a band and meal being served outside of the Legion Club. Following discussion, Koob moved to contingently allow for the said block of Main Street to be closed, with proper fencing, license and insurance for the said time for the event. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented a tree removal request for 520 1st St N, for a nuisance tree the property owner would like to take down at his expense. With discussion, Meyer moved to allow for the property owner to remove the said tree. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness also presented a tree removal request for 303 Mulberry. With Council questions, and no one there to answer them, Wentz moved to table this. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Weier stated that with the internet service being down, the Street Finance Report was not complete and asked to table until the next meeting.

Siefken noted he has been in contact with McClure and has made them aware that the City wants to move forward with the stormwater project with the adjustments previously discussed.

Siefken stated that he and Hensley had taken elevation shots of the area to the South of the homes on Westview Drive North and felt there is adequate fall for the drainage there. Siefken noted there are some humps, shrubs and such that may need cleaned up. Deb Jones stated they are concerned with the frontage and the draining as when it rains the water ponds and does not go down right away. With discussion and input from the neighbors, Siefken stated they will look at the elevations and drainage here as well. Jones questioned who is responsible for maintaining ditches. Mayor Flatness stated that the homeowners are responsible for maintaining the ditches and culverts.

Mayor Flatness asked to have a foot print of the “welcome” sign to put into an agreement with the property owner and the City. Siefken will work on getting this.

Siefken told the Council that Precision Cutting had been here and marked the trip hazards on the sidewalks along the business district on Main Street. With seventeen hazards the cost to cut them would be \$800. Mayor Flatness reported that he has talked with NIACOG and we can use our TIF funds collected for a sidewalk improvement plan, but it must be done through an application process within the LMI guidelines. Mayor Flatness felt this could be something for the next budget year, to allocate funds for sidewalk improvements. Council felt this will be a good way to start sidewalk improvements. Koob moved to have Precision Cutting take care of the marked areas at a cost not to exceed \$800.00 on the City property noted. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Koob reported that the pool is closed for the season. Hensley asked about letting the pool drain naturally to help find the leak problem. Koob noted it will be a few weeks before they will be here to re-caulk the seams so that should be fine.

Gauley reported on ideas for the 150th celebration. Koob stated that the Tree Town event has been moved to the initial date of June 13, 2020 and felt that would hinder our event. With discussion, Council feels June 20, 2020 may be better. Meyer asked if there would be any qualms with Fire Department and Rockwell EMT were to take on the street dance. All were in agreement. Gauley asked if there is any dedicated project that any fundraising would go to. Meyer felt it could be all non-profit groups working for their own cause.

Worley noted the trees discussed at the prior meeting. Siefken reported that Nuehring Tree Service stated they could not take down the tree on Walnut Street. Siefken will get bids elsewhere.

Wentz asked about water and sewer for a new home. Siefken stated they are out of the six hundred feet and will have their own septic and well.

Chief Whitney asked to squelch any rumors that he will be retiring anytime soon, noting when the time comes, he will give the City ample notice.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk