

October 2, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 2, 2019. All Council members were present. Also present were Dick Fridley, Wanda Kruse, Mike and Wendy Perrott, Bill and Pat Sheldon, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken and Chief Whitney.

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

Mayor Flatness stated in reference to the alley, east of Third Street between Mulberry Street and Cherry Street and the 33 foot wide Right of Way running north to Mulberry Street, that the Council has stated to be surveyed and all property removed from, there are a number of mature trees. Mayor Flatness asked the Council if they wanted the trees removed from said alley and right of way. Koob felt all the trees should be removed if bring the alley up to code. Meyer stated that if a homeowner plants trees in city right of ways it becomes the cities responsibility. Mayor Stated the abutting property owners are responsible for maintaining said trees. Pat Sheldon stated they had moved their trees and felt the problem was solved. Mayor Flatness noted there were issues and Chief Whitney was called in. Chief Whitney stated that after contacting the City Attorney he was advised that with no definitive lines he should not write fines for anything on the alley. Following discussion, Koob moved to allow all the trees that are currently in the alley and right of way to remain, with anything being placed on the said right of ways by the property owners to be moved. Motion seconded by Wentz. Koob clarified that the trees currently on the alley and right of way and the shed on Sheldon's property are grandfathered in and stay, but anything else goes. Mike Perrott questioned if everything on the North/South right of way is to be removed? Mayor Flatness stated anything the property owners put in the alley and right of way needs to be removed. Motion carried.

Siefken noted there is nothing new on the storm water project at this time.

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$	9.90
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's	Software	\$	30.00
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$	97.70
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	89.70
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	2167.83
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	232.61
Fleet Farm	Chief ammo.....	\$	103.94
Total Public Safety.....		\$	2731.68

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	1662.68
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	159.93
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$	5057.20
Fastenal	Supplies.....	\$	86.10
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$	150.84

John Ries Excavating	Storm Sewer repair	\$	1013.50
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone	\$	30.00
Tom Hensley	Cell Phone	\$	30.00
Total Public Works		\$	8190.25
<u>PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE</u>			
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	40.46
Barco Municipal Products.....	Signs/Traffic Cones	\$	1017.17
West Fork Family Medicine	Random Screen	\$	20.00
Martin Marietta	Rock	\$	1186.53
Health Works	Consortium Fees	\$	200.00
John Ries Excavating Inc.....	Street repairs	\$	1384.81
Martin Marietta	Rock	\$	674.60
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$	4523.57
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>			
Stop and Shop	Gas/Cemetery.....	\$	39.41
City of Rockwell	LGCC water`	\$	28.01
Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$	3833.33
Total Culture and Recreation		\$	3900.75
<u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY BETTERMENT</u>			
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$	32.65
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance	\$	5202.82
Weier's Lawn Service.....	Fall Spraying.....	\$	1200.00
Total Economic Development and Community Betterment.....		\$	6435.47
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>			
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	105.83
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	237.24
M & N Heating	EMT/Police air conditioner.....	\$	576.87
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$	103.33
Staples	Supplies.....	\$	11.99
All Star Pest Control	Season service.....	\$	240.00
Postmaster	Postage	\$	55.00
Total General Government		\$	1330.26
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY WATER</u>			
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	387.59
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$	24.87
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water Test.....	\$	125.00
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Water Permit	\$	95.00
Test America.....	Water Test.....	\$	78.75
Staples	Supplies.....	\$	13.44
UPS	Send Samples	\$	41.39
Postmaster	Water Bills/Fluoride letters.....	\$	349.10
Tom Hensley	Training/Mileage/Room.....	\$	666.87
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$	1782.01
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER</u>			
Fleet Farm	Kerosene	\$	20.01
UPS	Send Samples	\$	11.60

Total Business Utility Sewer\$ 31.61

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

September Receipts: General \$21693.62; Road Use \$14928.28; Water Utility \$9032.26; Sewer Utility \$5631.63; Local Option \$13340.14; Debt Service \$4203.26; Storm Water \$1996.45.

Worley moved to set Trick-or-Treat in Rockwell for Thursday, October 31st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Worley moved to approve the beer and liquor license renewal for Rockwell Area Market. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Siefken stated that he has talked with Ries and will be getting together to get a description of the area for the welcome sign. Mayor Flatness felt that we could pay for the sign with Local Option funds.

Mayor Flatness asked if the Precision Concrete had been here yet. Siefken noted he has not heard from him yet.

Koob reported that the pool is winterized; they are waiting for testing and such to locate the leak yet. Koob also noted the plan for this fall yet is taking out the seams, sandblasting and replacing seams that needed done.

Worley stated he would like to see a car show with the 150th celebration and was asking what the thoughts were for the days to hold this celebration. Meyer felt it could start on Friday evening and continue thru Sunday noon. Meyer noted the Fire Department is Saturday night for a street dance.

Mayor Flatness noted that the flamingo fundraiser for the playground seems to be well received by the community. Koob noted it is going good.

Mayor Flatness reported that he has talked with the new Superintendent at West Fork, Mike Kruger, and feels he is ready to be involved in the community.

Worley asked about the tree to be taken down. Siefken stated Kealing will be here on Monday, as well as Mid American to take down power lines, and get the dead tree removed.

Gauley asked about the drainage on West View Drive South with all of the current rain. Siefken noted there doesn't seem to be a lot of puddling and he has talked with Ries about get some grading done there.

Gauley also asked about nuisance areas. Koob asked if the vehicles at one of the areas could be taken care of prior to winter. Chief Whitney will look into this.

Wentz asked when Heartland will be in town for paving. Siefken stated we are on the list. Siefken also noted we have fourteen patches and will be able to do about six hundred and fifty feet of Main Street.

Koob asked about the brush and mess by the Apartment buildings. Worley felt we need to contact the owner to have him do something about the mess there.

Siefken asked that it be noted that the City tree dump will be closed for now, as it is full and they cannot burn it down with the corn field there.

Siefken reported that during the boring samples in the alley for the storm water project a clay drainage tile was hit. This broke open with a fairly big hole in the alley, and Ries came in to repair this. Siefken noted that this was six feet deep and there are wires and cables along the alley, so we really need to consider all of this when proceeding with the storm water project.

Hensley reported that he had been to hands on training in Ankeny and also the Iowa Rural Water Supply conference in Okoboji for training and CEU's and noted both were great learning opportunities.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk