

December 4, 2019

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in the Council Chambers. Council members present were Worley, Gauley, Wentz and Koob. Also present were Jason Baumann, Dick Fridley, 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 approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$	51.75
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$	111.95
Don's Auto Service.....	Police Car.....	\$	18.50
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	89.70
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	2167.83
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	194.01
Postmaster	Postage	\$	6.85
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	14.17
Total Public Safety.....		\$	2654.76

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	1643.67
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	146.16
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$	5057.20
Floyd & Leonard	Supplies.....	\$	54.29
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	25.47
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Total Public Works		\$	6986.79

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	312.38
Stellar	Plow repairs	\$	149.61
Menards.....	Snow Fence.....	\$	220.00
Martin Marietta.....	Rock	\$	1683.83
Deano's Road Dust Control.....	Industrial Park Road	\$	611.00
Heartland Asphalt	Street Work.....	\$	45324.20
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$	48301.02

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	27.02
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$	20.48
Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$	3833.33
Total Culture and Recreation		\$	3880.83

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	30.44
Mosquito Control of Iowa.....	2019 Spraying	\$	5850.00

Total Community and Economic Development	\$	5880.44
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 106.40
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 191.62
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$ 2167.83
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$ 193.42
Total General Government	\$	2659.27
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY WATER</u>		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 327.86
Iowa Rural Water Association	Dues	\$ 275.00
NuWay-K&H.....	Fuel	\$ 374.93
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 19.90
Midwest Pipe Supply	Supplies.....	\$ 619.56
Mid-West Roofing	Repairs	\$ 1041.00
HACH	Chemicals.....	\$ 382.12
Hawkins, Inc	Chemicals.....	\$ 5.00
Eurofins/Test America.....	Water Test.....	\$ 63.00
Postmaster	Water Bills	\$ 143.85
Rockwell Area Market.....	Supplies.....	\$ 19.96
UPS	Send Samples	\$ 12.11
Total Business Utility Water.....	\$	3284.29
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER</u>		
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$ 3034.99
Eurofins/Test America.....	Sewer Test.....	\$ 134.98
Total Business Utility Sewer	\$	3169.97

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

November Receipts: General \$28399.16; Road Use \$11397.62; Water Utility \$12272.23; Sewer Utility \$6180.52; Local Option \$14441.23; Debt Service \$5460.75; Storm Water \$2364.40.

Jason Baumann was present on behalf of the North Iowa Fair Association. Baumann reported on the efforts of the fair board to provide a free fair for Cerro Gordo County and the events they host during the year to offset the cost of doing this. Baumann noted that the County contributes financially and he is asking the communities within the County for financial support as well. Baumann stated that Rockwell is well represented at the fair and asked the Council to consider giving financial support for the fair. Following discussion, Koob moved to allow \$750.00 for the North Iowa Fair Association in support of the fair. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that we need to set a bid letting date and public hearing to approve the plans and specs for the storm water project. Following discussions, Koob moved to set the bid letting for 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 in the Council Chambers. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously. Koob also moved to set the public hearing to approve the plans and specs for 7:05 January 8, 2020. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness told the Council they have a packet with information on the bonding process and payment schedule. Koob asked about the timeline for the bonding process, questioning if we should hold the public hearing to approve the additional \$220,000.00 prior to the bid letting. Weier noted this is the time line that Speer Financial put together along with the McClure schedule for the bid process, but will check with them.

Mayor Flatness discussed the meeting dates for January and with availability of Council it was decided to hold the January meetings on the 8th and 29th.

Mayor Flatness stated that he had talked with the DOT and the County Engineer in reference to the bridge work being done on highway 65 between 150th and 170th Street. This project is scheduled for summer of 2020. Mayor Flatness discussed the detour and what we can do here to make sure we do not have heavy truck traffic during the construction. Mayor Flatness stated we can set an embargo for load limitations, and we have time to consider the best for our community and streets.

Mayor Flatness also noted that there is some funding available for replacing signs. Siefken asked if Chief Whitney would watch for reflective signs as he is on duty at night. Mayor Flatness noted he would have a Resolution ready for the next meeting to apply for the funding.

Mayor Flatness noted that he had looked at the cost of building permits for other communities in the area to compare cost; he felt that everyone is fairly close.

Siefken noted that with the previous talk about adding a street light on Westview Drive North, the Council would need to make a motion to request this of Mid American Energy. With that Gauley moved to have Mid American Energy place a street light on Westview Drive North in a similar area to the light set on Westview Drive South. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Wentz noted an area that maybe of a nuisance. Chief Whitney will take a look at this.

Gauley asked Chief Whitney about an unlicensed car, he noted he has talked with them.

Gauley also asked about vehicles parking on street sides. Koob felt this was the right of way not the traveled portion of the road and it is allowed to park there.

Worley asked about making contact with someone else for a place to put a welcome to Rockwell sign. Council felt this was a good idea. Gauley asked about fixing up the current sign. Worley will check on the West Fork signs.

Worley stated he has ten tables reserved for the 150th celebration the weekend of June 20th. Gauley asked to have anyone interested in being involved with the celebration, with parade entries, events or to help contact her at 641-903-8939.

Mayor Flatness reported that the playground committee had met and they are moving forward with fundraising. Koob noted that all donations are tax deductible.

Worley asked if Heartland had looked at the dip on Third Street. Siefken stated he had talked to them but did not get much back, maybe they will need to put another lift on this next summer.

Gauley questioned the status at the library. Mayor Flatness stated that this discussion would require closed session.

Koob noted that he had phone calls in reference to a comment by Chief Whitney following the theft incidents that had several residents upset. Chief Whitney stated he had called on it and considered it a moot point now.

Mayor Flatness stated that budget time is just around the corner and asked for the Council and employees to be considering anything that may need to be accounted for with the process.

Mayor Flatness passed a thank you card from the sixth grade class and holiday cards received.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk