

June 3, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2020. Council members present were Meyer, Wentz and Worley with Koob via Zoom. Also present were Tim Nuehring, Bill Nuehring, Janelle Nuehring, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken, Chief Whitney and Dick Fridley via Zoom.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$	51.75
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff	Monthly Software	\$	30.00
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$	111.81
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	89.05
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	2390.03
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	179.70
Total Public Safety.....		\$	2852.34

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	2017.66
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	186.06
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$	5057.20
Tractor Supply	Supplies.....	\$	18.97
Don's Auto Service.....	Mower	\$	117.10
Floyd & Leonard Auto Electric	Chain Saw	\$	523.96
Midwest Pipe	Supplies.....	\$	56.00
Weier's Lawn Service.....	Grass seed	\$	70.00
Barco Municipal Products.....	Signs.....	\$	2077.33
Menards.....	Supplies/Sign Post	\$	257.04
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$	364.62

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Cerro Gordo County Engineer	Shouldering, Grading, Rock	\$	2037.92
Martin Marietta	Rock	\$	1684.49
John Ries Excavating.....	Haul Rock	\$	192.02
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$	3914.43

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Gas/Cemetery.....	\$	67.10
Floyd & Leonard Auto Electric	Cemetery supplies.....	\$	15.00
Total Culture and Recreation		\$	82.10

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$	30.63
Rockwell Public Library.....	Monthly payment	\$	3833.33
Total Community and Economic Development		\$	3863.96

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	45.35
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	308.07
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$	155.24
Huntbatch Insurance	Workers Comp/Audit adjustment	\$	1244.00
First Security Bank	Lock Box Fee.....	\$	47.00
Total General Government		\$	1799.66

DEBT SERVICE

Nuehring's Lawn & Tree Service	Trees/Storm Water Project.....	\$	500.00
McKiness Excavating, Inc	Storm Water Project/pmt 2	\$	154780.65
UMB Bank	Swimming Pool Bond Payment	\$	714602.50

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	63.95
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	409.97
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	7170.09
Stop and Shop	Supplies.....	\$	33.10
Tyler Business Forms	Utility Bills.....	\$	1284.75
K & W Coatings LLC	Clean North Tower	\$	950.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	51.30
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$	47.25
Hawkins, Inc	Chemicals.....	\$	5.00
Plumb Supply.....	Water Repair Supplies	\$	196.91
Postmaster	Water Bills	\$	143.85
UPS	Ship Water Waste Water Test.....	\$	26.75
Jay Siefken	Clothing Allowance	\$	463.01
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$	10845.93

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$	134.98
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$	134.98

Meyer moved to approve the bills for payment with the addition of \$1,400.00 to Keeling Tree Service. Motion seconded by Worley. Wentz asked about the billing to Cerro Gordo County. Siefken noted that we have paid the County for shouldering First Street and have contacted them in reference to this billing and it may not be the full amount of this bill that is owed. Wentz also asked about the Barco billing for signs. Mayor Flatness stated we need to approve this billing and make payment then submit to the DOT for reimbursement. Wentz asked about the billing to Huntbatch. Weier noted that the Insurance company does a payroll audit annually and this is the adjustment from that. With the motion made and seconded, carried unanimously.

May Receipts: General \$20769.58; Road Use \$9807.66; Water Utility \$8528.87; Sewer Utility \$5400.06; Local Option \$13135.70; Debt Service \$3837.65; Storm Water \$2004.27.

Tim Nuehring was present on behalf of the Rockwell Lions Club. Nuehring stated that they have had meetings with the Cerro Gordo County Health Department and have the safety of the community in mind with planning the truck pulls this year. Nuehring stated with the COVID

situation they will follow all of the Governors guidelines, with this, they feel they will not be able to have the truck pulls in July. Nuehring stated they are working with the NTPA to move the pulls to August 6th, 7th and 8th with the hopes that things will be freed up more. Nuehring noted this is the same weekend as the annual Chicken BBQ and this may cause extra work for the volunteers that help with all of these events. Koob noted they have not started the planning for the BBQ but wants to be able to go ahead with it, if chicken is available, even if it is a drive thru with to go meals. Koob stated the only interference could be the shared use of tents and such and the volunteers that work. Bill Nuehring felt the pulls would work in with the BBQ weekend but there will be a lot of tired people doing the work. Nuehring noted with the bridges out on Highway 65 they have talked about people getting into town via Fourth Street to Elm Street. Wentz asked about the Lions Club auction and the figure 8 races. Nuehring noted if need be, they will move the dates, unless they have to cancel these events. Nuehring thanked the Council as he and Bill Nuehring left the meeting.

Janelle Nuehring was present on behalf of the Linn Grove Country Club. Nuehring thanked the Council for their financial support for the bridge project, noting it is in place and being used with the approach to be finished after the golfing season is over. Nuehring noted there was a lot of community support and help in getting the bridge done. Nuehring told the Council they had just had a big tournament with two sessions and the course has been really busy with kids needing something to do as well as others coming to golf here. Nuehring stated she was present to ask the Council for their support, again, with the water for course. Following discussion Koob moved to allocate up to \$5,000.00 from the local option fund for the Linn Grove Country Club course watering. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Koob reported that on the City website it was brought to his attention that there are some possible ADA compliance issues. With this notification Koob stated that he contacted Webwise about this and they do not do this work but gave him a company that does at a cost of \$490 per year. Wentz stated he has heard of this, but has not seen it implemented and would like to see what the City Attorney says about this. Wentz will see if there are any other companies that do this type of work to compare cost.

Mayor Flatness stated that with the fiscal year beginning July 1st we need to revisit the annual two percent increase in utility rates. Wentz moved to approve the annual two percent rate increase for all utilities billed through the City of Rockwell by Ordinance 3-2020 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

3-2020 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 -	\$11.03
All over	1,000 gallons -	\$2.75 per 1,000 gallons

The minimum charge shall be \$11.03 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 thirteen dollars and twenty-six cents (\$13.26) 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 seventeen dollars and fourteen cents (\$17.14) per month. Excess garbage and rubbish may be disposed of with additional tags.

(b) There shall be a charge of \$2.00 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 - \$9.92 per month.

All over 2,000 gallons - \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons

The minimum charge shall be \$9.92 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 \$9.92 per month.

The minimum charge shall be \$9.92 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 twenty cents (\$5.20) 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 3rd day of June, 2020.

Mayor Flatness presented a change order in the storm water project from McClure Engineering for \$3,440.00 to adjust a water line. Following discussion, Meyer moved to approve the \$3,440.00 change order. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted that he has not heard from Router 12 in reference to the contract changes. Siefken stated that he has not received the list from the tower maintenance company noting the issues they have with antennas on towers. Koob questioned the issues as multiple towns have the antennas on similar towers. Mayor Flatness noted that they have had concerns with the area to work in with tower maintenance when the antennas are on the rails.

Siefken asked to table the Fourth Street sewer line as he did not have information for this.

Mayor Flatness presented the 2019-2020 budget amendment for Council review noting the public hearing is set for the meeting on June 17th. Weier stated the main portion of the

amendment is for the debt service payment to refinance the pool bond issue and the payments for the storm water project that will be levied for to pay the bond issue and the minimal overages on several programs.

Wentz noted the trees discussed prior and when they will be trimmed and the stump that has been requested to be removed. Siefken stated that he has contacted Follmuth to let him know that he has several stumps to be taken care of.

Koob reported on the swimming pool, noting a meeting for Friday morning to discuss the repairs needed and the most feasible way to do the repairs. Worley questioned if the broken pipes are results of the winterizing not done properly. Koob feels it could play a part and may have been from a few years ago and when they ran a camera there were areas that were not angled correctly for drainage that could have been from settling. Hensley asked if they still plan to fill the pool when the repairs are finished. Koob noted he wants to have it filled to be certain the breaks are all taken care of prior to putting the concrete back in.

Worley asked about the shouldering that was done on First Street North as the street is really breaking up on the north part. Hensley noted that the County did not do any past the City limits. Meyer asked about the County embargoing too. Koob will contact the DOT about funds for repairs on the unofficial detour route. Mayor Flatness noted he has talked with Amanda Regan about road use funds. Regan noted the trend will most likely be down, but they have not discussed this yet.

Mayor Flatness asked Worley about a list for the 150th celebration for next year to get started on some ideas for next year.

Koob asked if the pot hole on West View Drive North and Oak Street North could be repaired. Hensley will look at this.

Koob also noted the request for a street light. Siefken will check on this with MidAmerican.

Wentz thanked Chief Whitney for taking care of a golf cart issue this weekend, even when he was not on duty.

Worley noted the tree work on Third Street look good!

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk