

July 1, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the Rockwell City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Council members present were Gauley, Meyer, Worley and Wentz with Koob present via Zoom. Also present were Brad Jones, Mary Gruver, Tom Hensley, Chief Whitney and Dick Fridley via Zoom.

Meyer 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.....	\$	69.30
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$	109.03
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	89.89
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	2390.03
Rick Whitney	Clothing Allowance	\$	468.90
Total Public Safety.....		\$	3127.15

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	2030.85
Tractor Supply	Supplies.....	\$	6.99
West Fork Family Medicine	Random Screen	\$	20.00
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$	11.17
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Total Public Works		\$	2129.01

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Rockwell Public Library	Monthly payment	\$	3833.33
Total Culture and Recreation		\$	3833.33

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$	34.52
Stumps R Us	Stump Grinding.....	\$	400.00
Keeling Tree Service.....	Tree Removal.....	\$	1400.00
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Water	\$	1516.25
Total Community and Economic Development		\$	1419.38

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$	106.57
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	200.09
Huntbatch Insurance	General Liability	\$	125.00
Staples	Supplies.....	\$	77.72
Iowa League of Cities	Annual Dues.....	\$	860.00
Postmaster	Postage	\$	50.00
Total General Government		\$	1419.38

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	472.90
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Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$	7170.09
Midwest Pipe	Supplies	\$	117.00
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$	71.91
Staples.....	Supplies.....	\$	70.57
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$	36.00
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$	126.00
Postmaster.....	Water Bills	\$	146.30
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$	8210.77
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER</u>			
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$	28.93
UPS	Ship Waste Water Test.....	\$	69.93
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$	98.86
<u>DEBT SERVICE POOL</u>			
UMB Bank	Fees	\$	250.00
Total Debt Service Pool		\$	250.00
<u>DEBT SERVICE STORM WATER</u>			
McClure Engineering.....	Storm Water Project.....	\$	12445.50
McKiness Excavating, Inc	Storm Water Project/pmt 3	\$	266039.90
Total Debt Service Strom Water.....		\$	278485.40

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

June Receipts: General \$8449.54; Road Use \$7135.26; Water Utility \$8319.65; Sewer Utility \$5370.40; Local Option \$14337.80; Debt Service Pool \$654.03; Storm Water \$2033.86.

Brad Jones, on behalf of the Rockwell Chamber, stated they have the Certificate of Liability Insurance with Flashing Thunder; the Fire Department will be present as the fireworks display is shot off west of the baseball diamond; and the Chamber is asking for all to practice social distancing. Jones noted that with the location and no ground display, they feel the fireworks display will be visible from most anywhere in town, with parking at the camp ground and Chamber Acres people can stay in their cars and keep social distance from others. Gauley felt that they should close off the bleachers so that people cannot congregate there. Koob asked about traffic flow. Jones noted they would suggest Elm Street to Chamber Acres. Following discussion, Worley moved to allow the July 3rd fireworks display. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously. Koob moved to waive the noise ordinance for the fireworks display on July 3rd until 11:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated the storm water project is continuing nicely, with about one block left of the digging part and then to follow up with the finishing work. Koob stated that he had drove around after we had a significant rain to observe the drainage and there was not water standing, noting it is a relief to see the system working.

Mary Gruver was present to voice concerns about the traffic on First Street North with speeding and not stopping at the stop signs! Chief Whitney stated he is sympathetic to the issue but when he is present they see him, he has written tickets and trying to be visible there, as well as the

other areas of concern. Gauley also noted the traffic and they don't stop at the stop signs and appear to be speeding, and agrees that it is ridiculous and we need to find a way to slow this down. Mayor Flatness stated that most have found this to be an unofficial route from the detour and we will be dealing with this until the bridges are finished we have one officer and have contacted the County and State for drive through also, we are trying to do the best we can. Worley asked about the controlled stops where everyone is checked. Koob noted there is grant funding for the Governors Traffic Safety Bureau that these stops could be conducted with. Koob suggested speed bumps, but we should contact the City Attorney about putting them on the streets. Worley noted that was a suggestion he had also to put down speed bumps. With discussion, Gauley moved to allow for up to \$2,500.00 for signs and portable speed bumps to be put down, pending legal guidance from the City Attorney. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness reported that he has talked with the Attorney in reference to abandoning the house on Main Street and has followed through to start the process.

Mayor Flatness presented an application for liquor license for the Rockwell Lions Club for the NTPA event. Koob moved to approve said permit, motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Worley stated he had calls and complaints about fireworks. Mayor Flatness stated he had addressed the issue and hopes it will slow up. Wentz also stated complaints with fireworks! Mayor Flatness noted that he would like to do some additional verbiage to our current ordinance with fireworks for next year.

Wentz asked if the issues with the water ponding have been taken care of. Mayor Flatness noted that they have been waiting for a week of dry weather.

Koob reported that the repairs at the pool will need engineer reports for the state permits and approval, so this will take some time for all of the process to be done.

Koob also reported that the Linn Grove Rec Board has decided with all of the unknowns to cancel the annual Chicken BBQ for this year.

Koob stated there are a few properties that need mowing but also noted a home owner that is doing some great improvements that we should also commend.

Meyer asked about the storage units placed at a resident. Weier noted that Siefken had researched this and felt they could be allowed.

Wentz asked if Chief Whitney would be working nights for the fireworks. Chief Whitney stated he would be on duty then. Wentz felt that maybe it is time to address having a second officer. Koob suggested sharing part time with Sheffield. Gauley felt now is the time to get the ball rolling.

Meyer felt that we need to revisit trying to expand the Industrial Park, with community growth

we need to move forward with business too. Koob also noted this has been discussed with the REDC.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk