

September 2, 2020

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 2, 2020. Council members present were Gauley, Meyer, and Wentz with Worley via phone and Koob via Zoom. Also present were Pat Hurley, Brandi Witte, Ryan Malek, Tom Hensley, Jay Siefken, and Chief Whitney with Dick Fridley via Zoom.

Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the August 19th meeting. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the August 24th public workshop. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service	\$	66.75
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff	Monthly Software	\$	30.00
Brad Gardner.....	NTPA/Lions	\$	450.00
Active 911	Annual Fee	\$	14.00
US Cellular	Police Phone.....	\$	85.77
Rockwell Community Fire Service.....	Levy	\$	5610.00
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$	89.89
Don's Auto Service	Service/Repairs.....	\$	49.78
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance....	\$	2390.03
Total Public Safety		\$	8786.22

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$	2038.54
Don's Auto Service	Service/Repairs.....	\$	885.48
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$	5057.20
O'Reilly.....	Supplies	\$	57.90
Fastenal	Supplies	\$	92.08
Mid-American Research Chemical	Supplies	\$	206.49
Menards.....	Supplies	\$	31.14
Car Covers Direct.....	Seat covers	\$	284.28
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Tom Hensley	Cell Phone.....	\$	30.00
Total Public Works		\$	8713.11

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Mercy One Occupational Health	Random Screen	\$	57.00
Barco Municipal Products	Signs.....	\$	212.56
WHKS.....	Bridge Inspections	\$	272.03
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$	541.59

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.....	\$	31.82
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance....	\$	956.05
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Water.....	\$	433.74
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$	1855.35

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$	104.09
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$	182.54
Mid-American Research Chemical.....	Supplies.....	\$	122.00
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$	296.38
Storey Kenworthy.....	Supplies.....	\$	28.64
Lynch Dallas, PC Attorneys.....	Nuisance Abatement.....	\$	92.50
Postmaster.....	Postage.....	\$	55.00
Total General Government.....		\$	881.15

DEBT SERVICE

McClure Engineering.....	Storm Water Project.....	\$	11012.50
B&L Seeding, LLC.....	Mobilization.....	\$	500.00
Total Debt Service.....		\$	11512.50

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$	407.91
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly premium health insurance....	\$	7170.09
Iowa One Call.....	Locates.....	\$	29.70
Eurofins.....	Water/Waste water Test.....	\$	63.00
Hawkins, Inc.....	Chemicals.....	\$	1622.00
NuWay-K&H Coop.....	Propane.....	\$	236.20
John Ries Excavating.....	Water leak repair.....	\$	1232.50
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$	161.69
Postmaster.....	Water Bills.....	\$	145.95
UPS.....	Ship Water/Waste Water Test.....	\$	23.35
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$	10992.39

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Mort's Water Company.....	Sewer Line.....	\$	5038.00
Clear Lake Sanitary District.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$	35.00
Larson Printing.....	Lagoon Charts.....	\$	32.65
Iowa Rural Water Association.....	Wastewater Conference-Jay/Tom.....	\$	320.00
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$	5425.65

Siefken explained the billing from B & L Seeding with their mobilizing and not being able to do the work so he asked them to come back after the ground work was done. Council agreed to compensate B & L Seeding for the fees. Koob asked about the public safety payment, noting it would be also billed to the Lions Club. Chief stated that yes; this will be billed back to the Lions Club. Meyer moved to approve the bills for payment as presented with the correction on the amount of the Barco Products. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

August Receipts: General \$7655.93; Road Use \$12698.74; Water Utility \$10752.76; Sewer Utility \$10752.76; Local Option \$15990.88; Debt Service Pool \$89.40; Storm Water \$2024.32; TIF \$0; Debt Service Storm Water \$0; EMS \$3.52; Benefits 14.06.

Mayor Flatness told the Council that Ryan Malek, with Router12, met with he and Jay and they discussed the antennas being on the South tower rather than the North tower. Malek noted he preferred the south location with more accessibility. Koob moved to approve the lease with Router12 and the 724 First Street South location. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Malek thanked the Council as he left the meeting.

Mayor Flatness noted that new contracts for city vehicle purchase will be let soon and asked the Council if they want to move forward with the purchase of a new pickup. Mayor Flatness noted the reserve funds from previous years to use for equipment. Koob noted that the purpose of setting aside funds has been for equipment and replacement of vehicles, so we need to move forward. Wentz moved to collect bids to pursue the purchase of a city pickup. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Siefken reported on the expenditures and billing paid for the storm water project noting that currently we are approximately \$100,000.00 under the bid price, with most of the savings from not having as much rock as anticipated. Siefken noted the seeding work will start next week, and the street patches will be done with the street work so the project is wrapping up.

Mayor Flatness stated the Main Street nuisance property is proceeding through the legal process.

Siefken presented bids from Heartland Asphalt for street work including street repairs, patches and storm water patching the total is about \$105,000.00, and \$7,000.00 to resurface the B60 bridge approaches. Siefken also had a bid of \$47,000.00 to resurface the tennis court and basketball court. Koob noted the space around the courts that is not paved and could cause an issue, and should be surfaced also. Koob also noted that there could be grant funding for resurfacing the tennis courts if made handicap accessible.

Council asked to review the Street Finance Report prior to making decisions on the street work. Weier presented the 2019-2020 Street Finance Report showing the revenues and expenditures with the Road Use balance of \$183,000.00 at the year end. With discussion, Wentz moved to approve the Street Finance Report by Resolution 2020-12. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

With more discussion on street work, Gauley stated that we need to move forward with the proposed street work as presented and consider the courts as well since they are being used a lot currently. Gauley so moved to accept the bid contract with Heartland Asphalt for the \$112,000.00 for proposed street work. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously. Meyer asked Siefken to also get a bid for concrete and asphalt in the main entrance pool parking area along with the area around the courts.

Chief Whitney presented bids from Rockwell Coop Telephone Association for a computer for the police car. With review Wentz moved to purchase the Durabook S14 with the needed adapters at a cost of \$3,046.00, and installation fees. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness asked the Council for comments on the trailer parking code as rewritten. Wentz asked if there could be a grace period added to this to allow for loading/unloading of trucks and trailers. Koob noted the code would allow for a truck or trailer to set on private property. Pat Hurley asked about a car parked on the right of way. Wentz noted that cars generally move during a time period. With discussion, Brandi Witte questioned the five ton truck as personal trucks can be that and more. Council discussed this and considered what was discussed at the prior meeting put together the verbiage.

3-3-31 TRUCK AND TRAILER PARKING LIMITED. Trucks licensed for ten (10) ton or more, loaded or empty, shall not be parked on any public street in the business district or in residential areas. In addition, recreation vehicles or trailers exceeding fifteen (15) feet in length shall not be parked on City streets or right-of-way used for a residential purpose within the City from November 1 to April 1.

An exemption for the November 1 to April 1 restriction would apply to driveways. For this ordinance a driveway is defined as “a short road leading from a public road to a house or garage”. Recreational vehicles or trailers exceeding fifteen (15) feet may be parked in a driveway as long as it is perpendicular to the roadway and not parallel. No trailer or RV should protrude onto the paved or gravel roadway or block any sidewalks. (Code of Iowa 321.358)

Wentz moved to approve said Code 3-3-31 as presented for the public hearing. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Gauley moved to set the public hearing of Code 3-3-31 for September 16, 2020 at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Wentz moved to table the codification until after the public hearing. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Wentz asked if the trees previously discussed were out to allow for the seeding work. Siefken stated they are. Wentz also asked about Trees Please. Weier noted we have not applied for this for a few years.

Koob reported on the pool repairs noting the permit from the state has been obtained so they will be moving forward with the work.

Mayor Flatness asked about the playground committee meeting again to see where this is at. Koob noted the Community Foundation grant that was received.

Gauley asked about the police report. Mayor Flatness shared the County report and noted this would be similar to what Chief Whitney would do. Chief Whitney noted since his computer is down, he will start this when the new computer is up and running.

Koob stated he had been called about the line that was made in the right of way where the water way issues have been. Siefken noted this is the locate line so that all utilities can be located within the twenty foot radius of this line to do the grading along the waterway. Siefken stated Ries will be working on this next week and the Council needs to decide if shrubs and trees can

be removed. Council agreed that we need to do this right, one time. Siefken will try to contact all the abutting property owners.

Mayor Flatness told the Council the Iowa League of Cities annual conference, September 16-18, is going to be virtual and we can sign up to view workshops and all for \$50.00. Wentz moved to allow Weier to sign up for the virtual conference for \$50.00. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk