

January 6, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Koob and Meyer with Wentz via Zoom and Gauley and Worley via phone. Also present were Jay Siefken, Tom Hensley, and Chief Whitney with Dick Fridley via Zoom.

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

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
104.90		
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff .....	Monthly Software .....	\$
30.00		
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$
129.36		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn. ....	Monthly billing .....	\$
183.73		
Stop and Shop .....	Gas .....	\$
345.48		
Don's Auto Service .....	Service Police Car.....	\$
4.85		
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$
2261.09		
Total Public Safety .....		\$
3059.41		

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$
1804.69		
Stop and Shop .....	Gas .....	\$
426.91		
Overhead Door Co. ....	Service.....	\$
115.00		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
28.20		
Absolute Waste Removal .....	Monthly Billing.....	\$
5057.20		
Fleet Farm .....	Kerosene .....	\$
19.50		
Ziegler.....	Parts.....	\$
14.29		

Jay Siefken .....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Tom Hensley .....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Works .....		\$
7525.79		
<u>PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE</u>		
Stop and Shop .....	Gas .....	\$
27.76		
North Iowa Sand & Gravel .....	Sand/Salt .....	\$
3057.10		
Don's Auto Service .....	Battery Plow.....	\$
297.90		
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$
4522.18		
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$
7904.94		
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
Stop and Shop .....	Gas .....	\$
29.47		
Total Culture and Recreation .....		\$
29.47		
<u>COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Rockwell Public Library .....	Monthly payment .....	\$
3833.35		
Mid American Energy .....	Monthly billing/Memorial .....	\$
41.15		
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$
904.42		
Stumps R Us .....	Stumps removal .....	\$
100.00		
Total community and Economic Development.....		\$
4878.92		
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn. ....	Monthly billing .....	\$
139.28		
Mid American Energy .....	Monthly billing .....	\$
422.40		
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$
2261.09		
Lynch Dallas, PC Attorneys .....	Nuisance Abatement .....	\$
322.50		
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$

394.30		
Staples .....	Supplies, Router .....	\$
170.47		
Zoom .....	Annual Fee .....	\$
160.39		
Total General Government .....		\$
3870.43		
<u>STORM WATER UTILITY</u>		
Visu-Sewer .....	Clean/Storm Inlets .....	\$
330.00		
Total Storm Water Utility .....		\$
330.00		
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY WATER</u>		
Mid American Energy .....	Monthly billing .....	\$
531.88		
Stop and Shop .....	Supplies .....	\$
14.41		
Staples .....	Supplies .....	\$
83.36		
NuWay-K&H .....	LP/Towers .....	\$
141.65		
John Ries Excavating .....	Repairs .....	\$
620.00		
Eurofins .....	Water Test .....	\$
31.50		
Hawkins, Inc .....	Chemicals .....	\$
5.00		
Five Star .....	Supplies .....	\$
54.19		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn. ....	Monthly billing .....	\$
63.95		
Postmaster .....	Water Bills .....	\$
143.50		
Postmaster .....	Fluoride Letters .....	\$
210.10		
UPS .....	Ship Water Test .....	\$
24.14		
Jay Siefken .....	Clothing Allowance .....	\$
176.55		
Total Business Utility Water .....		\$
2100.23		
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER</u>		
Visu-Sewer .....	Televise .....	\$

990.00	
Eurofins.....	Waste water Test .....\$
133.98	
Total Business Utility Sewer.....	\$
1123.98	

Koob moved to approve the bills as listed. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

December Receipts: General \$23030.97; Road Use \$12742.19; Water Utility \$9002.73; Sewer Utility \$5483.48; Local Option \$16702.04; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$8299.07; Storm Water \$2029.05; TIF \$223.42; EMS \$324.99; Benefits \$1300.02

Mayor Flatness stated that the Council Appointments would remain the same for the upcoming year, noting that there needs to be someone added to the Board of Adjustments and Siefken will take care of that. Koob moved to approve the Council Appointments as presented. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness presented an Operations Plan for Catastrophic Event for Rockwell, Iowa. Mayor Flatness asked the Council and employees to read this, bring comments, concerns and stated we will follow up on this at an upcoming meeting. Mayor Flatness stated that he would like to have a staged event this summer and this plan would be followed.

Wentz put together an estimate for computers for the office, with a quote on a laptop and a desktop. With discussion Meyer moved to purchase the 16GB desktop at a cost of \$410.00 with a monitor with stand to mount two monitors at an additional cost up to \$150.00. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted that it is budget time and the Council needs to consider the expenditures of the bond reserves. Mayor Flatness asked to have a budget workshop next week.

Mayor Flatness told the Council that the paper work is finalizing on the 213 Main Street property the former owner has the right to retrieve any personal property until January 22nd and then the Council needs to make the determination on disposal of this property. Mayor Flatness asked to have a couple of estimates for disposition of the house as well as estimates to remove the tree in front of said house for the next meeting.

Mayor Flatness noted that he had tried to contact the dealership on the pickup and has not received a call back.

Koob reported that he has received a \$3,000.00 grant from the Farrer Endowment Foundation for improvements on the kitchen area at the pool.

Mayor Flatness stated that we have had some great contributions come in for the playground, and

he had to pay his \$1,000.00 match the first day the fliers were received!

Chief Whitney reported on the cost for shotguns for the police department. With discussion, Koob moved to purchase the Benelli at a cost of \$499.00 plus the additional \$150-\$200 for the slug barrel. Koob also asked that Chief Whitney get a cost to have this mounted in the squad car. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Weier told the Council we have a letter from City Attorney Matthew Berry stating he will become counsel with the Laird Law Firm. Koob asked to make that notation on our City Appointment list.

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

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Michael Flatness, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk