

June 2, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2, 2021. Council members present were Koob, Meyer and Worley. Also present were Tim Nuehring and Tom Hensley.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
41.85		
Galls	Badges.....	\$
493.99		
Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management ...	Building	\$
4222.73		
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
73.28		
Mid-America Publishing.....	Ad Publications.....	\$
128.40		
Total Public Safety		\$
4960.25		

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$
1843.58		
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
132.71		
Absolute Waste Removal	Monthly Service.....	\$
5057.20		
Ziegler	Supplies/Skid Loader	\$
109.91		
Stellar Truck.....	Pickup	\$
590.00		
Tom Hensley	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$
307.28		
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Works		\$
8070.68		

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
198.21		

Martin MariettaRock\$
304.75
John Ries ExcavatingHaul Rock\$
133.60
Total Public Works Road Use\$
636.53

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Rockwell Public LibraryMonthly payment\$
3833.33
Mid American EnergyMonthly billing/Memorial\$
26.10
Wellmark Blue CrossMonthly premium health insurance ...\$
904.42
Nuehring’s Lawn & Tree ServiceTree removal\$
2550.00
Weier’s Lawn ServiceSeeding/Spraying\$
960.00
Total Community and Economic Development.....\$
8273.85

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American EnergyMonthly billing\$
291.42
StaplesSupplies.....\$
82.48
Mid-America Publishing.....Publications.....\$
258.83
PostmasterPostage\$
55.00
Total General Government.....\$
687.73

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.Monthly billing\$
48.72
Mid American EnergyMonthly billing\$
467.67
Stop and ShopSupplies.....\$
12.00
John Ries ExcavatingWater Repairs.....\$
3385.00
Midwest Pipe SupplySupplies/Tower\$
3789.00
Hawkins, IncAlarm/Chemicals\$
2639.48

Plumb Supply	Supplies/Tower	\$
127.37		
Iowa DNR	Certification renewal.....	\$
120.00		
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$
25.20		
M&N	Parts.....	\$
11.88		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
220.54		
UPS	Water Test.....	\$
13.06		
Postmaster	Water Bills	\$
150.84		
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$
399.45		
Total Business Utility Water		\$
11410.21		

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly premium health insurance ...	\$
6783.27		
Clear Lak Sanitary District	Testing.....	\$
37.20		
Iowa DNR	Certification renewal.....	\$
120.00		
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$
6940.47		

Koob moved to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Myer, carried unanimously.

May Receipts: General \$14254.78; Road Use \$10587.01; Water Utility \$8866.31 Sewer Utility \$5565.96; Local Option \$14337.80; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$2067.65 Storm Water \$2111.75; TIF \$0; EMS \$81.30; Benefits \$325.20.

Tim Nuehring was present on behalf of the Rockwell Lions Club. Nuehring thanked the Council for their past support and stated that the North Iowa Nationals will be July 8th, 9th and 10th. Nuehring was asking the Council to waive the noise ordinance for the event. Meyer moved to waive the noise ordinance for said nights of the event, July 8th, 9th, 10th, until 1:00 a.m. Sunday, July 11th. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Nuehring also asked to waive the ATV/UTV ordinance during the event for the pullers and the Lions Club workers that run supplies and such. Koob moved to waive the ordinance for ATV/UTV use, with proper lights, for the pullers and workers for the event, July 8th, 9th, 10th, until Sunday, July 11th to allow for cleanup. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Nuehring noted the liquor license has been applied for and thanked the Council for their support as he left the meeting.

Worley moved to approve the liquor license renewal for the Rockwell Legion Club. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Worley stated he had looked at the tree on Third Street North and noted it is a big tree and not good, with some dead branches that should be taken out. Mayor Flatness also noted a tree on Second Street North and a request for tree removal on Walnut Street. Hensley noted the tree on Walnut Street is dead. Worley asked to have quotes to remove the tree on Walnut Street and get quotes for trimming the other two trees. Mayor Flatness also noted there are six dead trees in the cemetery that need to be taken care of. Council asked for quotes on these as well.

Mayor Flatness stated that by City Code we have a set two percent annual increase in our utility rates effective July 1st. Koob moved by Resolution 2021-8 for the annual two percent increase in utility rates effective July 1st. Motion seconded by Worley. With roll call vote: Ayes; Koob, Meyer, Worley. Motion carried unanimously.

Weier reviewed the figures for the 2020-2021 budget amendment, noting the storm water project was not in the original budget, making this cost a majority of the amendment along with some of the resurfacing and playground funding. Public hearing is set for the next meeting.

Mayor Flatness noted the detour for the bridge work on Highway 65 will be in effect on June 7th and the project is expected to take 100 days.

Mayor Flatness also noted speed limit signs and the speed limit on Madison Street, stating the City can reduce the speed limit by home rule. Koob felt the residential area of Madison Street from First Street to Fifth Street should be set at 25 miles per hour and from there to Quince 35 mph. Mayor Flatness noted the Council can think about this, they can establish the speed limit there, this can be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Mayor Flatness also stated that our Code does address Engine breaking; Council can also discuss signage for this.

Koob updated on the pool, noting a great first few days of the pool being open!

Koob also noted he is waiting for response on a couple of donation request for the playground and they have a fund raiser planned for June 30th at Taco Johns from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Koob asked about updating the sand volleyball court and making it bigger, thoughts for future years. Koob asked about painting the poles prior to putting up the net.

Worley stated he is getting fliers out for the 151st celebration, breakfast, parade, rock hunt, street

dance for Saturday and food truck and vendors along with the car show on Sunday. Worley noted he would like to get pictures from the event and have a newspaper type publication done to follow up. Contact Worley or City Hall to be added to the parade list!

Mayor Flatness noted we have not received any more applications for the Police Chief position, but will keep following up with this.

Mayor Flatness reported on the government funding, noting we still don't have all the requirements or funding.

Mayor Flatness stated that he has talked with some of the senior citizens in reference to opening the senior center again. Mayor Flatness has stated we will follow the Cerro Gordo County Department of Health's policy to allow for use in the building.

Koob asked about speed limit signs going North by the school and the speed bumps and signs. Mayor Flatness noted the speed bumps will be relocated to the South.

Meyer asked if there were any stipulations on the building when the REDC sold it with a timeline or anything with improvements. Mayor Flatness did not think there were any set stipulations. Mayor Flatness also noted the old grocery store building is looking good with the Rockwell Telephone Company doing improvements to move into the space.

Worley asked about the blacktopping on B60. Mayor Flatness noted they have marked up the surface so will be starting soon.

Hensley noted the electrician was going to look at the EMS building and going to give a quote for the work needed. Koob stated that Swanson Electric was there and looked at the lighting. Mayor Flatness noted the fan that needs to have the switch control separated.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk