

July 7, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 7, 2021. All Council members were present. Also present was Dick Fridley via Zoom and Tom Hensley and Jay Siefken.

Wentz moved to approve the minutes of the June 23rd meeting. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to approve the minutes of the June 16th meeting. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
69.30		
Des Moines Register.....	Advertisement.....	\$
1000.00		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing.....	\$
22.00		
Total Public Safety.....		\$
1091.30		

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$
1871.88		
Five Star Coop.....	Supplies.....	\$
13.19		
Floyd & Leonard Auto Electric.....	Supplies.....	\$
36.75		
Stop and Shop.....	Gas.....	\$
392.68		
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
5942.70		
Jay Siefken.....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Tom Hensley.....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Works.....		\$
8317.20		

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Iowa Plains Signing, Inc.....	Street Striping.....	\$
1500.00		
Fastenal.....	Supplies.....	\$

142.89
Total Public Works Road Use\$
1642.89

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and ShopGas/Cemetery.....\$
84.09
Total Culture and Recreation\$
84.09

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing/Memorial\$
34.25
Wellmark Blue CrossMonthly premium health insurance ...\$
904.42
Larry Craighton.....Parking Stripes, Tennis/Basket Ball...\$
1050.00
Stumps R UsStump grinding\$
125.00
Keeling Tree Service.....Main St Tree Removal\$
4000.00
Weier's Lawn ServiceSeeding/Spraying/Tilling\$
265.50
City of Rockwell.....LGCC Water\$
92.63
Total Community and Economic Development.....\$
6471.30

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.Monthly billing\$
97.00
Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing\$
250.58
Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management ...Appropriation Dues\$
1613.00
Iowa League of CitiesAppropriation Dues.....\$
886.00
Mid-America Publishing.....Publications.....\$
475.46
CounselPrinter Contract.....\$
43.71
Total General Government.....\$
3365.75

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing\$
469.36

Wellmark Blue CrossMonthly premium health insurance ...\$
6783.27
Plumb SupplyLions Water Project.....\$
554.90
Midwest Pipe SupplySupplies.....\$
180.00
Iowa DNRWater Supply Fee\$
118.40
Iowa One CallLocates\$
18.90
EurofinsWater Test.....\$
30.00
Hawkins, IncChlorine.....\$
1707.15
UPSPostage Water/Waste Water Test\$
98.76
PostmasterWater Bills\$
153.00
Stop and ShopSupplies.....\$
10.47
Total Business Utility Water\$
10124.21

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

EurofinsWaste Water Test.....\$
145.46
Clear Lake Sanitary District.....Waste Water Test.....\$
70.00
Total Business Utility Sewer.....\$
215.46

Koob moved to pay the bills as presented with the additional \$84.09 on the Stop and Shop billing. Mayor Flatness noted the \$1,000.00 payment to the Des Moines Register for the police advertisement, and the Iowa Plains Signing, Inc .Street Striping \$1500.00 for B60 striping. Mayor Flatness also noted the Keeling Tree Service payment of \$4,000.00 for the tree on Main Street, with the remaining portion of the bill to be paid in the upcoming fiscal year. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

June Receipts: General \$11071.43; Road Use \$13507.07; Water Utility \$8958.35; Sewer Utility \$5644.24; Local Option \$; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$1215.36; Storm Water \$2031.04; TIF \$801.97; EMS \$43.06; Benefits \$172.27.

2020-2021 Gross Payroll:

Jay Siefken	60658.39	Tom Hensley	42392.58
Lorna Weier	34448.11	Richard Whitney	43185.67

Michael Flatness	3000.00	Randy Meyer	1250.00
Betty Gauley	1150.00	Tom Worley	1300.00
Brian Koob	1350.00	Larry Wentz	1350.00

Siefken explained the situation with the billing submitted by a resident that had sewer problems. The resident had called a company as they were having problems, it was cleared up. The same resident had problems a month later and called the company back; when they televised the lines they found problems in the city main. Siefken felt that the city should be responsible for the second call on the billing since it ended up being a city main problem. With discussion, Wentz moved to pay \$177.50 of the said billing. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness stated that when Keeling Tree Service started to trim the tree on Main Street they found it to be in considerably worse shape than thought and determined that it needed to be taken down completely. The remaining trunk will need to be taken out with an excavator and the cost is yet to be determined. With discussion Council asked to have an estimate on removing the stump.

Mayor Flatness also noted the trees in the Cemetery that need to be taken down. Hensley stated he only has one bid and is waiting on another. Siefken also asked the tree committee to look at two Maple trees on Maple Street along with the one on South View Drive. Hensley noted the big limb that came down on Main Street over the weekend and noted the branches up in the tree that needs to be trimmed. Mayor Flatness stated it is the abutting property owner's responsibility to trim the trees.

Siefken noted a resident request to remove a small section of sidewalk that is sinking, not in good shape and goes nowhere. Koob noted he does not like to see sidewalks taken out, it is important for kids and others to have a place to walk. Gauley noted a lot of sidewalks that need repair or just are not there! Koob moved to table this until the next meeting to have time to look at the sidewalk. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Wentz moved to approve the Lions Club liquor license for the event this weekend. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness reviewed the estimates for a police vehicle and the cost for the up fit and told the Council we need to make a decision on the vehicle that Mason City Ford is holding for us. Gauley asked if we have any applicants. Worley stated not any more since the previous. Mayor Flatness noted the timeline of getting equipment ordered and set as well as the spot held with the Academy. With discussion, Wentz moved to approve the purchase of the vehicle with Mason City Ford at a cost of \$31,132, including the \$4,000 trade in of the current car, the camera system \$5,900 the up fit with Electronic Engineering \$8,287.76 for a total of \$45,319.76 and allowing up to \$10,000 for additional lights. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted the American Rescue Plan and the changes involved with applying for the funding and uses with projects ready to go. Mayor Flatness stated we can use fencing to secure

the wellhead and water tower and lagoon fencing.

Wentz thanked Gauley and Worley for the work they did with the 151st Celebration! Noting it was a great weekend.

Koob stated that the fund raiser with Taco Johns for the playground raised about \$500.00. Koob also noted a generous donation from First Security Bank of \$25,000.00 for the playground. All were thankful for the donation. Koob noted a fundraiser with Z'Mariks, in Mason City, on August 10th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. mention that you are purchasing for the Rockwell playground fundraiser. Koob stated that he is setting up a golf tournament for next June and hopes that can be a time to be prepared to for a ribbon cutting!

Mayor Flatness stated that Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management will be working with the city for a live emergency event on August 28th.

Koob noted the State Electrical Inspector went through the pool and there were a couple of things that Blazek Electric will be fixing to make everything up to code.

Koob questioned a pile of cement along a residents right of way. Worley noted a sidewalk was removed. Koob stated it needs to be put back in and cleaned up.

Koob asked about the fire hydrant that was repaired. Siefken noted he has someone coming in to finish the riser this week.

Gauley asked about the speed bumps for First Street South and felt they are still needed on First Street North. Gauley stated the traffic is not slowing down on First Street North! Koob noted that the detour is not pushing traffic to the North so we cannot put the speed bumps on North First Street. Siefken noted they have been getting everything ready to put the bumps down on First Street South.

Koob asked about putting the portable stop sign up on First Street North for the weekend events. Siefken will do this.

Gauley asked about grinding out the stumps on the Fourth Street North right of way. Siefken will check on this.

Meyer asked if applicants need to be present when license are submitted for Council approval. Mayor Flatness noted they do not if all paperwork is in order and there are no questions.

Wentz stated the Chamber fireworks display was great but the others around town not so much and was disappointed that residents did not abide by the codes.

Worley questioned the restriction on golf carts at the camp grounds. Mayor Flatness noted he would check on this.

Mayor Flatness stated he has talked with the bridge crew and they have had some issues with rock, completion may take longer than first anticipated.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk