

November 3, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021. Council members present were Koob, Meyer, Wentz and Worley with Gauley via phone. Also present were Chelsey Morrison, Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken, Chief Brunstein and Dick Fridley via Zoom.

Wentz questioned the spelling of Taser and with that correction moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
9.90		
Cerro Gordo County	Software Connection/Ammunition	\$
53.29		
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$
92.30		
Lynn Card Company	Business Cards	\$
49.45		
Heart Brothers.....	Gun.....	\$
759.00		
City of Sheffield.....	Training.....	\$
3437.50		
Michael Flatness/Menards	Supplies.....	\$
437.07		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
130.43		
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Safety		\$
4998.94		

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid-American Energy	Monthly billing	\$
1871.10		
Dearborn	Life Insurance Qtly Premium.....	\$
34.80		
Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$
244.87		
Absolute Waste Removal	Monthly Service.....	\$
5310.06		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
250.45		

Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone/Clothing Allowance.....	\$
415.13		
Total Public Works		\$
8156.41		
<u>PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE</u>		
MercyOne Occupational Health	Consortium Fees	\$
240.00		
Total Public Works Road Use		\$
240.00		
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
14.01		
Truex Electric.....	Repair Lights.....	\$
1026.50		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
37.92		
Total Culture and Recreation		\$
1078.43		
<u>COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$
51.33		
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Water	\$
48.71		
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$
100.04		
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
26.76		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$
125.86		
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
2059.61		
Dearborn	Life Insurance Qtly Premium.....	\$
11.60		
Hewett Wholesale Inc.	Supplies.....	\$
75.85		
All Star Pest Control.....	Annual Service.....	\$
240.00		
M&N Heating and Cooling.....	EMT Building Furnace	\$
65.75		

Counsel	Quarterly Usage	\$
49.99		
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$
177.36		
Iowa League of Cities	Budget Workshop.....	\$
50.00		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
44.26		
Total General Government.....		\$
2927.04		

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LEVY

Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
904.42		
Total Employee Benefits Levy.....		\$
904.42		

DEBT SERVICE POOL

UMB	Bond Interest Payment.....	\$
5400.00		
Total Debt Service Pool		\$
5400.00		

DEBT SERVICE STORM WATER

UMB	Bond Interest Payment.....	\$
10147.50		
Total Debt Service Storm Water		\$
10147.50		

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
63.95		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$
251.30		
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
904.42		
Stop and Shop	Test Supplies	\$
2.00		
Plumb Supply.....	Supplies.....	\$
55.70		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
88.10		
Central Lock.....	Keys	\$
46.49		
Iowa One Call	Locate Notifications.....	\$
42.50		
Tyler Business Forms.....	Checks/Bills	\$

1618.75		
Hawkins	Cylinder.....	\$
10.00		
Postmaster.....	Water Bills	\$
151.56		
UPS	Shipping Water Test	\$
26.23		
Total Business Utility Water		\$ 3261.00
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER</u>		
Tyler Technologies, Inc.....	Fundbalance Annual Fees	\$
5413.23		
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$
38.90		
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$
5452.13		
<u>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN</u>		
Central Lock.....	Padlock/Keys	\$
53.05		
River City Fence	Tower Fence.....	\$
8941.29		
Total American Rescue Plan		\$
8994.34		

Koob moved to approve bills for payment. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

October Receipts: General \$117593.34; Road Use \$11897.14; Water Utility \$9711.70; Sewer Utility \$6044.33; Local Option \$18676.31; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$57959.16; Storm Water \$2100.02; TIF \$347.11; EMS \$3168.41; Benefits \$7921.16.

Koob moved to approve the application for tax abatement from Konrad and Betty Schabacker for new residential home by Resolution 2021-12 to be forwarded to the County Assessor. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Siefken stated that the Planning and Zoning Board will meet on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:00 to discuss the zoning change for the property at 213 Main Street East.

Weier presented the renewal for employee health insurance policy, noting there is a twenty percent increase for the renewal. Following discussion, Koob moved to approve the renewal for the employee health insurance with Wellmark continuing the U4F/TMU plan. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that it is time to start considering the upcoming budget, with new Mayor Elect and Council coming will make the final decisions. Koob noted the vehicles are all good,

and questioned the old dump truck. Siefken felt it still works for what we need it for. Koob also noted the maintenance shop insulation and ceiling repairs. Siefken will get a new bid for the work on the shop.

Mayor Flatness reported that Chief Burnstein has found we can no longer get a Taser with a camera, the Sheriff's Office recommends having a good body camera. Chief Burnstein had researched to find options and pricing. Koob moved to purchase the Taser from Axon with the holster and three cartridges for \$1,706.48. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness also stated that we need to have ammunition on hand. Chief Burnstein had pricing from Sunset Law Enforcement. Mayor Flatness stated that he will pick up the ammo to save the shipping cost. Following discussion, Koob moved to purchase up to \$3,000.00 for needed ammunition. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness reported that they are expecting the cage for the police car to be in this week and the car may be ready the end of next week. Mayor Flatness noted the other items to finish up and have the computer software updated.

Mayor Flatness congratulated Wentz as the Mayor Elect as well as Meyer on his re-election and the newly elected Tracy Worley and Abbie Emhoff. Mayor Flatness noted the Council will have to determine how they want to fill the vacancy for Wentz's Council position. In the past the Council has appointed the next vote receiver following the guide lines from the County Auditor.

Siefken stated that the fencing around the water tower is finished. Siefken noted they met with Jake on the fencing around the lagoon today the estimated cost is \$10,213.00. Siefken also had a quote from Visu-Sewer to do some work with lining sewer lines at a cost of \$40,635.00. Siefken also had a quote from Northway Well for work on the water tower and to abandon well #2 and inspections and work for well #1 at a cost of \$32,000.00. Mayor Flatness stated this is work we can do with the American Rescue Plan funding, these projects exceed the current years funding but we will receive the same amount next year. Siefken noted these quotes just came in and he would like time to look at these and check other options for work to be done.

Koob reported that the pool has been painted and everything is shut off. Siefken noted they have finished winterizing the bath house and equipment is put away.

Siefken stated that with the changes here he has not been able to use his vacation time, and asked for the Council to consider allowing him more time to use some days. Worley stated that we would work with him to allow him to use his vacation.

Mayor Flatness stated that the Police Chief and City employees as employees of the City of Rockwell take direction from the Mayor as defined by City Ordinance and hopes this continues to happen.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk