

January 5, 2022

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2022. Council members present were Brian Koob, Tracy Worley, Randy Meyer and Abbie Emhoff. Also present were Chelsey Morrison, Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken and Chief Brunstein.

Mayor Wentz opened stating his intentions with Public Safety, Rockwell as a destination in keeping property valuations up and businesses as well as sidewalks and continuing with the playground project. Mayor Wentz gave the Council information with open meeting laws and guidelines and welcomed the new Council Women.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

T-Mobile	Monthly Internet Service	\$ 50.00
Motorola Solutions.....	Radio	\$ 1509.50
Cerro Gordo County	Software	\$ 70.00
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 77.47
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance ..	\$ 1088.89
Don's Auto Service.....	Police Car Service.....	\$ 42.75
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 253.51
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 3122.12

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 1881.51
O'Reilly.....	Supplies.....	\$ 166.60
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 67.63
Absolute Waste Removal.....	December Service	\$ 5310.06
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 363.00
Fleet Farm	Supplies.....	\$ 245.68
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone/Chemical License	\$ 75.00
Total Public Works		\$ 8139.48

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Don's Auto Service.....	Police Car/Plow Truck Service.....	\$ 728.05
Northland Manufacturing, Inc	Blade Repair.....	\$ 185.00
West Family Medicine	Random Screen	\$ 20.00
North Iowa Sand and Gravel.....	Sand/Salt	\$ 969.13
Global Hydraulics	Supplies.....	\$ 55.08
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 1914.51

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 44.47
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 44.47

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$ 43.61
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Menards.....	Christmas lights	\$ 211.8
Keeling Tree Service.....	Trunk.....	\$ 1050.00
Total Community and Economic Development		\$ 1305.49

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 38.49
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 675.16
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$ 5.59
Office Elements	Name Plates	\$ 53.99
Cerro Gordo County Auditor	Regular Election.....	\$ 815.61
Postmaster	Postage	\$ 58.00
Stop and Shop	Supplies.....	\$ 24.88
Total General Government		\$ 1671.72

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 1088.89
Total Employee Benefits.....		\$ 1088.89

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 63.95
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 499.70
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 3811.16
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 95.07
Hawkins	Cylinder/Chemicals.....	\$ 1740.15
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 60.00
Hach	Chlorine Tablets.....	\$ 290.04
Postmaster	Water Bills	\$ 166.00
Postmaster	Fluoride Letters	\$ 216.34
Van Wall	Supplies.....	\$ 71.52
Stop and Shop	Supplies.....	\$ 16.07
Fleet Farm	Tower Heater	\$ 235.39
UPS	Shipping Water Test	\$ 42.75
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 7308.14

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Clear Lake Sanitary District.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$ 72.20
Jed's Jalopy Joint.....	Sewer Jetter.....	\$ 110.52
Eurofins.....	Water/Waste Water Test.....	\$ 242.03
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 424.75

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

December Receipts: General \$20799.57; Road Use \$10664.76; Water Utility \$100445.41; Sewer Utility \$5372.02; Local Option \$49071.36; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$7658.98; Storm Water \$2003.42; TIF \$125.01; EMS \$421.97; Benefits \$1054.96; ARP \$.

Mayor Wentz stated that the Council had voted to appoint to fill the Council vacancy and has published such notice. Koob moved to fill the vacancy, as we have in past practice, by appointing Chelsey Morrison by Resolution 2022-1. Motion seconded by Meyer. Mayor Wentz asked for roll call vote. Aye: Koob, Worley, Meyer and Emhoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz followed with the oath of office for Morrison.

Koob noted that since we did not set up for Zoom with the meeting we need to remove it from the agenda.

Mayor Wentz presented the 2022 Council Appointments, noting the vacant spots would now be filled by Morrison. Mayor Wentz also gave out descriptions for each committee, thanking Michael Flatness for these job descriptions. Koob noted a concern with the recreation board as there will be a lot of work to do and also getting a manager in place. With discussion, Koob moved to approve the appointments as presented. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Weier presented Resolution for bank depository. Koob asked about the \$1,000,000.00 deposit limit. Weier will look into this prior to approving the resolution. Motion to table this by Emhoff, seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

As there have been no changes or additions for the City Code of Ordinances, Koob moved to approve the City of Rockwell Code of Ordinances. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously. Koob asked about the annual review by NIACOG. Weier will look into this.

Chief Brunstein presented a policy for jump starts and lock-outs and asked to purchase a kit to use for unlocking vehicles. With discussion, Koob asked to have the City Attorney review the policy before following through with the purchase. Koob moved to table this until the City Attorney verifies the policy. Motion seconded by Morrison.

Chief Brunstein also asked about using a ticket book that would note specific ordinances for violations. Koob felt the program he uses on the computer could have specific documents to make this one step. Chief Brunstein will work with Koob and Heather to see if this can be done.

Chief Brunstein noted the nuisance letters that had been sent, two of the properties have cleaned up well. Chief Brunstein noted one property had made an honest attempt and did clean up a majority of the property. Chief Brunstein stated that there is one that started but did not get far. With discussion Council felt this nuisance should be abated. Koob moved to allow for the three properties to be suffice and give notice to the fourth property owner of fines of \$25.00 per day up to the \$750.00 until the said nuisances are cleaned up. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously. Chief Brunstein will follow up with this.

Koob noted that the Linn Grove Recreation had received a Farrow Endowment grant of \$5,000.00, this was used to purchase lounge chairs and replacement parts for chairs they have. Meyer noted the pool has been sanded, painted and sealed. Koob also noted the slide will need to be rebuffed and caulked in the spring.

Koob asked about updating the street signs. Emhoff also asked if more signage could be set for Zeidler Park and the playground. Koob noted the signs on 150th Street that were bent in the wind storm.

Koob also asked about re-addressing the Fifth Street South property, as we really do not have a 900 block in Fifth Street South and for emergency issues this could cause delayed response. Koob felt that while this property is being offered for sale would be a good time to look into this.

Siefken noted he will talk with the property owner about this.

Meyer stated that he wants to see the community continue to grow and more to offer in the Industrial Park and would like to meet with the Economic Development Committee. Koob and Meyer switched committees to allow for Meyer to be on the Economic Development Committee.

Emhoff asked about culverts going along with sidewalks. Siefken stated that culverts are the property owners responsibility to maintain.

Siefken welcomed Mayor Wentz and the new Council Women and stated he looks forward to working with them in the upcoming years.

Weier noted that a finance committee workshop will need to be set to start the budget process. Koob noted that we have replaced the vehicles and noted other equipment seems to be good, the ceiling in the shed would be something to look at in budgeting.

Chief Brunstein noted the police car goes in to have the gun rack placed and some wiring done.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk