

April 6, 2022

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2022. All Council members were present. Also present were Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken, Chief Brunstein and Star Pralle.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
63.22		
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office	Software April/May	\$
70.00		
Galls	Police.....	\$
24.30		
Don's Auto Service	Oil Service	\$
52.85		
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
404.33		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
77.34		
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance ..	\$
1088.89		
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet Service/ March.....	\$
50.00		
Patches4less	Police.....	\$
252.00		
Intoximeters	Repairs	\$
180.90		
Postmaster	Return Postage	\$
20.75		
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$
88.84		
Total Public Safety		\$
2373.42		

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
92.40		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing April/May.....	\$
3871.14		
O'Reilly.....	Supplies.....	\$

180.17
 Floyd & Leonard.....Supplies.....\$
 114.67
 Absolute Waste RemovalMarch Service.....\$
 5310.06
 Fleet FarmSupplies.....\$
 25.04
 Jay SiefkenCell Phone.....\$
 30.00
 Zach LaudnerCell Phone.....\$
 30.00
 Total Public Works.....\$

9653.48

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and ShopGas\$
 106.43
 Wellmark Blue CrossMonthly Premium Health Insurance..\$
 3811.16
 North Central International.....Plow Truck Repairs.....\$
 7023.55
 Total Public Works Road Use.....\$

10941.14

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Menards.....Cemetery Supplies\$
 362.56
 River City FenceFence Repair\$
 568.00
 Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing April/May.....\$
 64.64
 Total Culture and Recreation\$
 995.20

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Stumps R UsStump Grinding.....\$
 125.00
 Total Community and Economic Development.....\$
 125.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.Monthly billing\$
 100.09
 Mid-America Publishing.....Publications.....\$
 412.87

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing April/May.....\$
 2581.38
 Staples.....Supplies.....\$
 125.44
 Total General Government.....\$
 3219.78

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Stop and Shop.....Gas.....\$
 17.51
 Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing April/May.....\$
 1079.79
 NuWay-K&H.....Fuel.....\$
 176.87
 Gov2Go.....Testing.....\$
 63.04
 Hach.....Supplies.....\$
 28.77
 Postmaster.....Fluoride Letters.....\$
 220.40
 Postmaster.....Water Bills.....\$
 164.80
 UPS.....Shipping Water Test.....\$
 28.79
 Total Business Utility Water.....\$
 1779.97

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Visu-Sewer.....Televising/Jetting.....\$
 1650.00
 UPS.....Shipping Waste Water Test.....\$
 31.95
 IDNR.....Waste Water Permit.....\$
 85.00
 Total Business Utility Sewer.....\$
 1766.95

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

March Receipts: General \$12455.78; Road Use \$6688.70; Water Utility \$9835.82; Sewer Utility \$5842.75; Local Option \$; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$2911.81; Storm Water \$2281.41; TIF \$0; EMS \$160.87; Benefits \$402.18; ARP \$.

Chief Brunstein noted several nuisances with buildings on Main Street and residents as well as dog nuisance issues. Chief Brunstein stated letters are being sent to several residents and

shared pictures and Code descriptions for nuisance buildings on Main Street for the Council to review. Council discussed buildings needing painted and others that have structural damage that are a hazard. Council agreed to send letters to owners.

Mayor Wentz stated the burn issue is a hot button in town, Council reviewed City Code and discussed other ideas to allow for residents to burn yard waste without being a nuisance to neighbors. Mayor Wentz will put together a notice for residents in reference to burning in town.

Mayor Wentz shared a letter from the Cerro Gordo County Veterans Affairs offering to donate a tree to our community. With discussion Koob moved to accept a tree from the Cerro Gordo County Veterans Affairs that may be placed by the Veterans Memorial. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Siefken stated that we need to do some cleaning and improvements of the building, and would like to paint and wax the floor. Siefken noted the room would not be rented for a few weeks to have this done. Siefken thought it could cost about \$1,000.00 for painting and wax. Emhoff asked about the tables and chairs as well, and will check on cost.

Mayor Wentz shared condolences for JR Johnson. Mayor Wentz stated that we will need to put together a job description and possibly look for someone to contract with for the cemetery work. Meyer noted that we have taken on extra mowing with the playground, maybe now is the time to consider someone to do all of this. Mayor Wentz and Siefken work on this.

Mayor Wentz reported that he has talked with some involved with the Lions Club in reference to the Zeidler land and the cemetery and asked the Council if about approaching them for a flat donation for farming the area.

Worley asked about having automatic payments for utility billing. Weier stated she will check with the bank on procedures and cost again.

Koob reported that they have been getting the dirt work done for the playground area. Koob also stated that they want to put in donated benches, the cost is about \$650.00, they have one already. Koob noted that they will be here the end of April to the first of May to set the equipment up.

Worley stated that the Linn Grove Rec board is still looking for life guards. Koob also stated that the starting wages is \$10.00 an hour for guards and if there is not enough guards to pool may have shortened hours and not be able to be open without guards. Koob also noted the chairs should be coming soon, these will be paid for from the Farrow Grant.

Mayor Wentz noted that the committee had met to discuss the National Night Out that will be August 2nd from 5:00-8:00 pm.

Mayor Wentz also noted that the Rockwell United Methodist Church has been considering

transforming the north wing of their building into a child care facility, they are asking for Council and public support if this would be a viable venture.

Chief Brunstein noted he has gotten the patches he ordered and had them put on his shirts and coat. Chief also noted he had to get a new internet puck for the police car. Chief Brunstein also stated that he has an estimate, of about \$900.00 this would be to paint the cross walks and parking stripes, and adding cross walks by the school at Washington and Second Street. Koob asked about making this a permanent stop rather than the portable sign. Meyer noted we have discussed this before, and feels it would be good for safety issues. Mayor Wentz stated we have to have a traffic study for signs to be enforceable, we could get that started.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk