

June 1, 2022

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. Council present were Koob, Worley, Meyer and Morrison. Also present were Star Pralle, Chadd Blanchard, John Degen, Faith and Steve Peters, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
9.90		
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet Service/ May.....	\$
50.00		
Cattleman’s Club.....	National Night Out.....	\$
117.11		
City of Sheffield.....	National Night Out.....	\$
12.50		
Stop and Shop.....	Gas.....	\$
384.62		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn. ....	Monthly billing.....	\$
77.34		
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
1088.89		
Cody Brunstein.....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Safety.....		\$
1770.36		

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop.....	Gas.....	\$
477.15		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$
1924.70		
Fastenal.....	Supplies.....	\$
228.43		
Huber Supply.....	Annual Billing.....	\$
107.00		
Napa.....	Mower Belts.....	\$
123.20		
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Service May.....	\$
5310.06		
Jay Siefken.....	Cell Phone.....	\$

30.00		
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Works .....		\$
8230.54		
<u>PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE</u>		
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
3811.16		
WHKS.....	Bridge Inspection .....	\$
303.56		
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$
4114.72		
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
Stop and Shop .....	Gas/Cemetery.....	\$
34.58		
Total Culture and Recreation .....		\$
34.58		
<u>COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Heath Barker .....	Tree removal/Cemetery.....	\$
250.00		
City of Rockwell.....	Linn Grove Country Club/Watering ..	\$
48.71		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$
27.30		
Abbie Emhoff.....	Main Street Flowers .....	\$
300.00		
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$
626.01		
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn. ....	Monthly billing .....	\$
100.26		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$
547.47		
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$
166.38		
Martin's Flag Company .....	Flags .....	\$
233.37		
Total General Government.....		\$
1047.48		
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>		
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
1088.89		
Total Employee Benefits.....		\$

1088.89

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Stop and Shop .....Gas .....\$

14.00

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

526.90

Midwest Pipe .....Supplies.....\$

480.60

Hawkins .....Cylinders.....\$

30.00

Eurofins/Test America .....Water Test.....\$

47.25

Van Wert Company .....Water Meter LGCC.....\$

1100.59

Iowa One Call .....Locates .....\$

28.20

Postmaster .....Water Bills .....\$

169.60

UPS .....Shipping Water Test .....\$

17.95

Total Business Utility Water .....\$

2415.09

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Visu-Sewer .....Clean Storm Sewer lines.....\$

875.00

Eurofins/Test America .....Waste Water Test.....\$

192.83

UPS .....Shipping Waste Water Test.....\$

35.30

Total Business Utility Sewer.....\$

1103.13

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

Weier stated that due to a paper glitch the budget amendment was not posted and will need to be set for the next meeting. Koob so moved to set the public hearing for the 2021-2022 budget amendment for June 15, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz noted the paperwork in the Council packets with the letter from Mollies Mission and the City Code in referencing dogs. Mayor Wentz stated that following incidents with the Peters dog he was deemed vicious and they were asked to remove the dog from town. Said dog has been through the obedience training with Mollies Mission and the Peters are asking to have the ban lifted. With much discussion, Koob felt there is still an extreme concern, and so moved

to uphold the ban on said dog. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously. Council thanked the Peters for their cooperation with the situation as they left the meeting.

John Degen, representing the Rockwell Chamber, thanked the Council for their previous support and asked for a donation towards the fireworks for this year and to waive the noise ordinance for the display on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Degen noted that Flashing Thunder will be doing the display again this year, they will shoot from the practice field, and noted they are fully insured to do this. Meyer stated that the Fire Department will have truck at there. Morrison moved to waive the noise ordinance for the Rockwell Chambers July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks display until midnight. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Koob moved to give the \$2,500.00 local option donation to the Chamber for the fireworks. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented the paperwork for the tobacco permit renewal from Jonesy's Stop N Shop. Koob moved to approve the tobacco permit renewal for Jonesy's Stop N Shop. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that he and Councilman Koob were going through the Quonset and felt that it needs cleaning up and some updates with electricity and lights. Laudner noted that the building is mainly used for storage. Koob felt this would be a good idea to look into the cost to have lights installed. Meyer moved to table this until we can have information on the power and some cost. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz and Chief Brunstein reviewed the nuisance properties with the Council, most of the owners have started on the improvements or made contact that they are working on them and looking for contractors. Koob felt that the situation with the chimney issue needs to be taken care of by the current owners, this is a safety issue and until it is recorded as a change in owners, they are responsible. Koob also felt there were other violations on a property that should be sent notices. Meyer stated he has talked with WHKS and they will be giving a proposal for inspecting the buildings on Main Street for structural deficiencies.

Koob reported the playground equipment is being installed, there were a few parts missing and are waiting on them, so it is not ready for use and he has taped off the area. Koob also noted he is working with North Iowa Sand and Gravel for the base and Nuerhing Concrete to do the curb.

Koob noted the issue with committee responsibilities and asked that all of them be reviewed by the boards before approved.

Koob noted trees in the cemetery that are dying. Meyer noted the Ash trees dying.

Koob thanked Chief Brunstein for his response to calls when not on duty. Worley thanked Chief for taking part in the Memorial Day parade.

Chief Brunstein reported on a dog bite issue, noting the owners have removed the dog.

Chief Brunstein noted he would like to get a charity ball tournament together with the Fire Department.

Weier stated the contract with Absolute Waste Removal will expire in July. They have noted that the landfill cost will be going up as well. Meyer noted we have not had problems or complaints and asked to have them submit a new contract.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk