

July 6, 2022

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2022. Council members present were Meyer, Emhoff, Worley, and Morrison with Koob via phone. Also present were Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein with Pat Hurley arriving later.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
79.20		
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet Service/ May.....	\$
50.00		
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office	Software June.....	\$
35.00		
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
419.71		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
78.32		
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
1088.89		
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Safety		\$
1781.12		

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
644.09		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$
1970.51		
NAPA	Mower Belts.....	\$
64.99		
O'Reilly.....	Supplies.....	\$
50.04		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
32.75		
Plumb Supply	Supplies.....	\$
212.70		
Fastenal	Supplies.....	\$
100.77		
Absolute Waste Removal	Service June	\$
5310.06		
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$

30.00		
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone	\$
30.00		
Total Public Works		\$
8445.91		
<u>PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE</u>		
Frank Dunn Co.....	Street Patch	\$
899.00		
Total Public Works Road Use		\$
899.00		
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
Menards.....	Supplies/Pool	\$
13.69		
Fastenal	Supplies/Pool	\$
8.15		
Jim Blood	Dirt/Cemetery	\$
165.00		
Payton Plagge.....	Mowing Cemetery	\$
1350.00		
Total Culture and Recreation		\$
1536.84		
<u>COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$
32.66		
City of Rockwell.....	Linn Grove Country Club/Watering ..	\$
48.71		
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$
81.37		
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>		
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance ..	\$
1088.89		
Total Employee Benefits.....		\$
1088.89		
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
36.99		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$
208.43		
Emergency Management	Annual Dues.....	\$
1751.00		
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$
523.68		
Postmaster	Stamps.....	\$
116.00		
Total General Government.....		\$
2636.10		

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Stop and Shop	Water Samples	\$
8.00		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
243.90		
Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$
586.17		
Midwest Pipe	Supplies	\$
168.00		
Hawkins	Cylinders/Chemicals	\$
1848.00		
Eurofins/Test America	Water Test.....	\$
110.25		
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$
38.80		
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Water Supply Fee 22-23	\$
117.96		
Postmaster	Water Bills	\$
167.60		
Postmaster	Fluoride Letters	\$
219.82		
UPS	Shipping Water Test	\$
26.85		
Don's Auto Service	Clamp	\$
17.70		
Northway Corporation	Pump repair	\$
14265.60		
Jay Siefken	Clothing Allowance	\$
151.94		
Total Business Utility Water		\$
17970.59		

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
59.07		
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
3811.16		
Eurofins/Test America	Waste Water Test.....	\$
243.08		
UPS	Shipping Waste Water Test.....	\$
68.27		
Clear Lake Sanitary District.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$
37.20		
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$
4218.78		

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

June Receipts: General \$11720.85; Road Use \$18780.83; Water Utility \$10297.66; Sewer Utility \$5659.16; Local Option \$31970.91; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$942.56; Storm Water \$2179.68; TIF \$0; EMS \$51.94; Benefits \$129.85; ARP \$0.

Fiscal year 2021-2022 Payroll

Jay Siefken	67114.88	Abbie Emhoff	500.00
Zach Laudner	26558.42	Michael Flatness	1750.00
Tom Hensley	10566.97	Betty Gauley	650.00
Cody Burnstein	44826.98	Brian Koob	1150.00
Lorna Weier	36786.84	Randy Meyer	1150.00
Caroline McManigal	28494.00	Chelsey Morrison	500.00
JoLynn Scholl	16949.11	Larry Wentz	1900.00
Helen Cahalan	5064.25	Tom Worley	750.00
		Tracy Worley	500.00

Meyer moved to approve the 14 day Class B beer permit license for the Rockwell Lions Club NTPA August event. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the garbage contract with Absolute Waste Removal. Koob noted that it states in the contract, residents need to have refuse and recycles set out by 7:00 am on pickup day, noting many days they are in town prior to that for collection and wanted to make sure they would come back for those that are missed due to the time. Weier stated that if they call in we can get the route driver to go back for those. Koob also noted an error in the address to correct. With no further discussion Koob moved to approve the contract for the three year term with Absolute Waste Removal. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz reviewed the service agreement with WHKS for building inspections on the three buildings on Main Street at a cost of \$2,400.00. Following discussion, Emhoff moved to approve the agreement with WHKS. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz read Ordinance 1-2022 stating the utility rates and increases as represented here:

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2022

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROCKWELL, IOWA, BY AMENDING 6-5-9, 6-5-11, 6-5-12, 6-5-13 AND 6-13-7 PERTAINING TO RATES AND AUTOMATIC INCREASES

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKWELL, IOWA:

Be amended to the following:

6-5-9 WATER RATES. Water shall be furnished at the following monthly rates per property serviced within the City limits:

The first	1,000 gallons -	\$11.48
All over	1,000 gallons -	\$3.37 per 1,000 gallons

The minimum charge shall be \$11.48 per building per billing month.

There shall be an annual increase of two (2%) for water service charges beginning each July.

6-5-11 REFUSE COLLECTION RATES. There shall be collected by the City for its services in collecting garbage, rubbish and recyclables, the following mandatory fees:

(a) The cost of garbage and refuse collection including recyclables collection shall be sixteen dollars and eighty-six cents (\$16.86) per month for one garbage or rubbish collection each week of no more than 33 gallons. The cost of 96 gallon garbage cart shall be twenty dollars and eight-nine cents (\$20.89) per month. Excess garbage and rubbish may be disposed of with additional tags.

(b) There shall be a charge of \$2.08 per month for landfill services.

There shall be an annual increase of two (2%) for refuse collection charges beginning each July.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84(1))

6-5-12 RATE OF SEWER RENT AND MANNER OF PAYMENT. The rate of sewer rent shall be based upon the amount of water consumed per month as follows:

The first 2,000 gallons or lessor amount - \$10.34 per month.

All over 2,000 gallons - \$2.66 per 1,000 gallons

The minimum charge shall be \$10.34 per building per billing month.

There shall be an annual increase of two (2%) for sewer service charges beginning each July.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84(1))

6-5-13 DETERMINATION AND PAYMENT OF SEWER RENT FROM PREMISES WITH PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS. Users whose premises have a private water system shall pay rent of \$10.34 per month.

The minimum charge shall be \$10.34 per building per billing month.

(Code of Iowa, Sec. 384.84(1))

6-13-7 SERVICE CHARGE. Each residential, commercial and industrial account that is billed for one or more City utility services within the corporate limits of the City shall pay a Service Charge of five dollars and ten cents (\$5.10) per month. Exempt from these charges are property owned by a public entity.

There shall be an annual increase of two (2%) percent for service charges beginning each July.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect on July 1 and following publication as required by law.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED by the City Council of Rockwell Iowa, on the 7th day of July, 2022.

Koob moved to approve the utility rate increases by Ordinance 1-2022. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Meyer moved to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance 1-2022. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein asked the Council to review the ATV/UTV code set out by the State of Iowa. Chief Brunstein would like the City of Rockwell to not allow ATV/UTV's and golf carts on Madison Street for safety issues. With discussion, Worley moved to table this for more information. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented a bid for Toro 60 inch deck mower at a cost of \$15,385. Laudner stated that the current mower, a cub cadet, is about ten years old and is very rough riding and is hard on belts. Koob asked about the trade in value. Laudner noted that without physically seeing the

mower, Floyd & Leonard, was guessing about two thousand for trade. Koob stated that this should go through the equipment committee and be budgeted for, and would like to keep the current mower for this year. Meyer stated that the price is not too bad, Toro is a good cutting mower and would be a better ride. Meyer stated that if any of us were to use the current mower for a day we would have the same request. Mayor Wentz asked if this would cut the mowing time. Laudner noted the size is the same, but the ride would be better and make it faster mowing. With discussion, Emhoff moved to have a more accurate trade in value and time to review the new budget. Motion seconded by Worley. With Meyer voting nay, motion carried four to one.

Mayor Wentz noted the holiday weekend with a lot of unapproved fireworks shot off throughout town. Mayor Wentz noted that he and Chief Brunstein had talked to residents that were shooting fireworks as Chief Brunstein stated he could not be at all the locations himself. Mayor Wentz felt we may want to have a time for allowing personal fireworks. Emhoff stated that we would not want them to impede with the Chamber fireworks. Koob noted that people have been abiding by the code, what about enforcing it. Meyer stated it is different now that it is legal to buy fireworks in Iowa. Council will review other community's policies and work towards changes for next year.

Koob asked about the dog issues and if we have heard anything from the City Attorney in reference to issues. Koob asked about a way to make it easier for Chief Brunstein to write citations.

Morrison asked about the follow up with some nuisance areas. Chief Brunstein will be in contact with City Attorney.

Worley noted the pool is running well currently.

Emhoff noted that she and Morrison, had met with Laudner and Siefken in regards to the number of trees that need maintenance and taken down. Noting they are going to work with Dan Dahley to do tree work with our \$15,000.00 budget and look for programs to help replace trees. Meyer noted that Lime Creek has a program to put trees in.

Emhoff also noted that the Landfill Board met and approved Hancock County to be a part of the North Iowa Landfill.

Koob reported that the rock has been put down at the playground; he will work with Nuehring Concrete to get the curb in; some of the missing parts came this week.

Koob stated we have had a lot of dog complaints! Koob suggested the Safety Committee meet and set a standard policy to help Chief Brunstein follow up with issues and dog bites to have issues taken care of more quickly. Koob also noted we need a secondary place for quarantined dogs.

Koob asked if we have applied for the sign replacement funding for traffic signs as we have done prior. Koob also noted the speed limit signs that need to be put up.

Mayor Wentz noted that he and Koob will not be available for the July 20th meeting and asked to set the next meeting for August 3rd. All were in agreement.

Chief Brunstein reported about the charity softball game on August 27th with the Rockwell Fire Department and North Iowa Law Enforcement with proceeds going to Families of the Fallen. Chief Brunstein noted the jerseys have been paid for by sponsors, Chief was asking for \$500.00 for signage and other expenses. Emhoff moved to allow \$500.00 for the charitable softball game. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Emhoff moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk