

August 3, 2022

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 2, 2022. Council members present were Meyer, Emhoff, Worley and Morrison. Also present were Zach Laudner, Star Pralle and Chief Brunstein.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
9.90		
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office	Software July/August.....	\$
70.00		
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet service/July	\$
50.00		
Walmart.....	NNO Supplies	\$
194.34		
Creative Products	NNO Supplies	\$
402.16		
Central Design and Company	NNO Supplies	\$
187.25		
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
376.74		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
78.19		
Postmaster	Postage/Certified Mail	\$
7.85		
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance ..	\$
1088.89		
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance Premium.....	\$
31.05		
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Safety		\$
2526.37		

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
585.37		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$
1979.86		
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance Premium.....	\$

65.85
 NAPA Mower Belts.....\$
 61.99
 Floy & LeonardSupplies.....\$
 71.47
 Absolute Waste RemovalService July/Clean up\$
 5755.26
 Jay SiefkenCell Phone.....\$
 30.00
 Zach LaudnerCell Phone/Clothing Allowance.....\$
 185.10
 Total Public Works.....\$
 8734.90

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Wellmark Blue CrossMonthly Premium Health Insurance..\$
 1088.89
 Heartland.....Rock/Industrial Park Road.....\$
 1050.72
 John Ries Excavating Inc.....Rock/Industrial Park Road.....\$
 816.69
 Larry Craighton.....Strip streets/parking/crosswalks.....\$
 920.00
 Total Public Works Road Use.....\$
 3876.30

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing/Memorial\$
 31.33
 City of Rockwell.....Linn Grove Country Club/Watering ..\$
 85.45
 Mosquito Control of Iowa.....Spraying 2021\$
 5850.00
 Total Community and Economic Development.....\$
 5966.78

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.Monthly billing\$
 102.15
 Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing\$

187.02	
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..\$
2722.27	
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance Premium.....\$
34.80	
Staples	Supplies.....\$
363.27	
Webwise	Domain Name
18.00	
Counsel	Usage contract.....\$
44.32	
NIACOG	Annual Membership Dues
931.77	
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....\$
211.86	
Total General Government.....	
4615.46	
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY WATER</u>	
Stop and Shop	Supplies.....\$
10.41	
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing
59.95	
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing
445.46	
Menards.....	Supplies.....\$
34.81	
Hawkins	Cylinders/Chemicals.....\$
10.00	
Iowa One Call	Locates
19.80	
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	NPDES Fee
210.00	
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Certificate.....\$
40.00	
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Testing Application
32.29	
Hach	Chemical tablets.....\$
327.07	
Postmaster	Water Bills
184.80	
Sensus	Tech Support
1715.95	
UPS	Shipping Water Test

15.03

Total Business Utility Water\$
3105.57

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Clear Lake Sanitary District.....Test.....\$
37.20

Total Business Utility Sewer.....\$
37.20

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

July Receipts: General \$10315.70; Road Use \$11332.96; Water Utility \$11314.56; Sewer Utility \$7240.41; Local Option \$19102.74; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$1137.24; Storm Water \$2461.64; TIF \$0; EMS \$62.83; Benefits \$157.08; ARP \$.

Council discussed tree issues, noting the trees in the City right of way are the abutting property owner's responsibility to maintain. Meyer felt that we need to draw up a plan, or the removal of the Ash trees that are dying, stating how many trees and the process in how and which trees will be taken down for the amount of funding we will be using. Emhoff noted she has checked with the Arbor Day Foundation and the DNR, noting the DNR does have some funding for removal. Morrison noted that Siefken and Dahley are going to determine which trees to start with. Laudner stated that a resident has asked to take down several dead trees on the right of way while taking other trees on the property down, he is willing to share the cost of the tree removal. With discussion, Morrison moved to approve the request to remove the dead trees on the city right of way at 507 Washington Street E. by the property owner with our cost share up to \$3,000.00. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Emhoff asked about planting trees to replace the trees that will be taken down. Meyer suggested Lime Creek Nature Center to get trees.

Chief Brunstein noted he will be getting photos to the City Attorney to follow up with a nuisance property. Chief Brunstein also noted that the building inspections with WHKS were postponed. Chief Brunstein noted in the Code there is a procedure for the Mayor to gain access to buildings if necessary. Meyer stated he will be trying to reschedule this. Weier noted the house at First and Elm has been sold and they discussed the issues with the exterior and will be working on this. Meyer moved to table nuisances. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Weier stated that a resident had asked about sidewalk removal and noted one that was removed without permission. With discussion, Emhoff moved to table the sidewalk issues. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein stated he is working on a code to reference dog issues and using dog tags to track dogs. Mayor Wentz noted a letter from a resident in reference to a dog issue, he will work

with Chief Brunstein on this.

Laudner reported to the Council that Floyd & Leonard gave him a price of \$2,225 for trade on the Cub mower. Laudner stated the new 2022 Toro is \$15,385.48; and has a sixty inch deck. With discussion, Meyer moved to trade the Cub mower for the 2022 Toro with Floyd & Leonard at a cost of \$13,160.48. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Laudner will work out the details for the new mower.

Mayor Wentz noted the auto bill payment process. Weier noted the bank will be following up with the information.

Morrison stated the pool is going good, the Chicken BBQ is coming up on the 14th. Worley noted they need to have more freezer space at the pool concession stand.

Mayor Wentz wanted to give thanks to Chief Brunstein and team for the excellent job done with National Night Out!!! Morrison also commended Chief Brunstein's family and friends that came in to help with the food, a job very well done. Meyer also thanked Chief for his work and stated they did 450 burgers and 250 hotdogs for the event.

Worley asked about the banners on Main Street. Weier noted the Booster Club has not touched base again.

Emhoff stated concerns with the campground and restrictions that are keeping people from camping and feels this is hampering businesses in town. With all hearing of the concerns, Meyer noted he would go to a County Conservation Board meeting to address these concerns. Chief Brunstein stated he would also attend a meeting.

Laudner reported that he has passed his water treatment test and has the waste water test coming up next week.

Chief Brunstein noted equipment needed for the police radar and will be checking on this.

Chief Brunstein also discussed the Softball tournament coming up August 27th. He has donations going to the Families of the Fallen. Chief Brunstein noted he is looking for someone to sing the National Anthem.

Weier reported that Siefken has worked with Heartland Asphalt to look at street work and patches for this fiscal year.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk