

September 7, 2022

Mayor Wentz called the Rockwell City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2022 with all Council member present. Also present were Sean Hannah, Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken and Chief Brunstein

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service	\$ 9.90
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Software September	\$ 35.00
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet service	\$ 50.00
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 387.87
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 78.19
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 1088.89
Postmaster.....	Postage/Certified Mail.....	\$ 25.15
Walmart.....	Supplies National Night Out.....	\$ 55.98
Chelsey Morrison	Supplies National Night Out.....	\$ 59.50
Larry Wentz	Ink Cartridge/Police Dept.	\$ 45.99
Don's Auto Service.....	Oil Change	\$ 56.50
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 1922.97

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 545.75
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 2017.65
Floy & Leonard	Supplies	\$ 83.73
Fastenal	Supplies	\$ 29.88
CJ's Auto	Tires/Tractor	\$ 90.00
MidWest Pipe.....	Supplies	\$ 102.50
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 24.87
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Service August.....	\$ 5838.00
Huber Supply Co.....	Welding Supplies	\$ 228.64
Bell's Fire Stop.....	Service Fire Extinguishers	\$ 60.00
Zach Laudner.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 9081.02

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 1088.89
Deano's Road Dust Control.....	Spray Industrial Park/5 th St.....	\$ 767.00
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 1855.89

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Payton Plagge.....	Mowing Cemetery/July and August..	\$ 3150.00
Weier's Lawn Service.....	Cemetery Spraying.....	\$ 1300.00
Plumb Supply.....	Pool Supplies.....	\$ 143.61
MidWest Pipe.....	Supplies/Pool Repairs	\$ 408.00
Eurofins.....	Pool Test.....	\$ 34.50
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 5036.11

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$ 37.10
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City of Rockwell.....	Linn Grove Country Club/Watering ..	\$ 2993.22
Signs & Designs.....	Repair Sign Radio.....	\$ 1400.00
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 4430.32

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 101.27
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 246.55
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 2722.27
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$ 209.39
Storey Kenworthy.....	Office Supplies.....	\$ 65.48
M & N Heating.....	EMT/Police Building.....	\$ 428.52
Total General Government.....		\$ 3773.48

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Stop and Shop.....	Gas.....	\$ 5.99
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 588.81
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 56.51
Hawkins.....	Cylinders/Chemicals.....	\$ 10.00
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 60.00
North Iowa Excavating, Inc.....	Water Repairs.....	\$ 797.35
Iowa Rural Water Association.....	Class.....	\$ 170.00
Iowa Department of Natural Resources.....	Certificate.....	\$ 40.00
Iowa Department of Natural Resources.....	Testing.....	\$ 32.29
UPS.....	Shipping Water Test.....	\$ 26.09
State Hygienic Lab.....	Test.....	\$ 20.00
Postmaster.....	Water Bills.....	\$ 184.80
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 1991.84

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Iowa Department of Natural Resources.....	Certificate.....	\$ 40.00
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 40.00

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

August Receipts: General \$10779.88; Road Use \$11680.04; Water Utility \$9883.85; Sewer Utility \$5941.79; Local Option \$16563.42; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$235.69; Storm Water \$2178.80; TIF \$0; EMS \$14.37; Library Benefits \$33.22; Property Ins \$33.22; Police Benefits \$18.64; Emergency Management \$2.74 ARP \$.

Hannah was present to ask about having an Ash tree removed from the city right of way that is dying. Siefken noted that we have a program started for the Ash trees that need to be removed, noting there are a lot that are in worse condition this particular tree. Emhoff stated that she, Morrison, Siefken and Laudner had met with Dahley Tree Service to start a plan on removing trees with the current budget amount. Council discussed the tree plan and asked them to look at the tree on Second Street North. Koob asked about trimming the trees over Madison Street. Laudner noted they had done those this spring.

Siefken had bids from Heartland Asphalt for street work and patching with a cost at \$58,142.55. Koob noted that First Street and Fourth Street also need resurfaced. Meyer noted some potholes at Main and First that could use more patch too. Following discussion, Koob moved to approve

the recommended street work with Heartland Asphalt for \$58,142.55. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Siefken noted some sewer problems that a resident had within an area that has been a concern this summer. Siefken is asking that we cover the cost to the resident for the billing to have the lines cleaned. With discussion, Emhoff moved to cover the \$160.00 billing. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved by Resolution 2022-6 to approve the Street Finance Report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Worley. Roll call vote taken; aye: Koob, Worley, Meyer, Morrison, Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Koob moved by Resolution 2022-7 to approve the Urban Renewal TIF Report for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Roll call vote taken; aye: Koob, Worley, Meyer, Morrison, Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Worley asked about the ACH billing payments. Weier stated they will be here for training in a couple weeks.

Koob asked about the request for reimbursement from the County for work done with the American Rescue Plan funding. Weier will follow up with the request.

Koob asked if we have received the tobacco free signs to be put up. Siefken will look at where these can be placed.

Koob noted the speed limit signs and placement that was discussed prior. Siefken stated that we have the signs and will work at putting them up where discussed.

Koob asked about the audit report from 2020-2021. Weier noted we are working on that list and we have an exam set for October for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Mayor Wentz reported that we had a good lighting strike in June and have replaced computers, routers and the sign radio and possibly the cameras at the pool. With all of these items going down we have contacted the insurance company.

Koob asked about the electrical work at the Quonset and felt we need to move forward with that. Worley moved to accept the bid with Truex Electric. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously. Siefken will contact Truex to have the work done. Koob asked about an outside light at the Quonset. Siefken felt a street light in that area would be better. Siefken will talk to MidAmerican about this.

Koob reported that he moved some rock in at the playground and has it ready for the rubber mat to be poured next week. Koob noted we are still waiting on some equipment, but it is getting closer to being finished.

Worley noted they will have a pool meeting this week to follow up on the season.

Koob suggested that we purchase tri-pod lights for the guys to use if get called out at night, as these would be easier to use and safer. Council was in agreement.

Worley noted they are painting the post office!

Emhoff asked the Council about purchasing mums for Main Street. Meyer moved to allow \$400.00 for the purchase of mums. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Emhoff asked about updating the “Rockwell” sign at Elm Street. Koob noted that he would still like to see a new sign at the Madison Street entrance to town as well. Meyer asked if we could replace the current sign with something more updated. Koob felt we would need more room for a sign so that it would not cause visibility issues on the corner. Council will look at the area.

Morrison noted the drain in the right of way between Walnut Court and Westview Drive South has been covered with dirt and rock when it rains, so it is not draining properly. Koob noted the cover on the drain in the right of way between Oak Street and First Street does not fit properly. Siefken will look at these.

Mayor Wentz noted it was a great event, and a job well done to Chief Brunstein on the charity softball game!

Siefken noted that we have not found any place to take stray cats.

Siefken stated that Hanig will get a firm bid for the work in the city shed in January.

Laudner reported that he has passed his test and has his three licenses needed for water treatment, water distribution and waste water.

Chief Brunstein noted they raised \$3,650 for the Families of the Fallen at the charity softball games. Chief noted they will do this again next year.

Chief Brunstein told the Council that he is interested in applying to be a part of the North Central Iowa Narcotics Task Force. There is an application process and if approved there is training and equipment provided by the Task Force, at no cost to the City, it would just be time in his schedule. Emhoff felt this would be good training to have. Koob felt this would be a good and a good thing for Chief to do, and felt he should apply and see where it goes.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk