

January 4, 2023

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. All council members were present. Also present were Pat Hurley, Jay Siefken and Chief Brunstein.

Emhoff 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		
Central Square.....	Annual Fee.....	\$
144.43		
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet service/ December ..	\$
50.00		
Stop and Shop.....	Gas.....	\$
239.86		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn. ....	Monthly billing.....	\$
78.15		
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance ..	\$
1431.17		
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Safety .....		\$
1953.51		

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop.....	Gas.....	\$
87.01		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$
1976.27		
Absolute Waste Removal .....	Extra Garbage Stickers .....	\$
750.00		
Jay Siefken.....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Works .....		\$
2873.28		

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop.....	Gas.....	\$
1178.74		

Fastenal .....	Supplies.....	\$
52.22		
Stellar Truck.....	Plow Blade .....	\$
528.30		
North Iowa Sand & Gravel .....	Sand/Salt .....	\$
2649.56		
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$
4408.82		

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial .....	\$
37.58		
Dahley Tree Service.....	Tree Work.....	\$
4700.00		
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$
4737.58		

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
1431.17		
Total Employee Benefits.....		\$
1431.17		

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn. ....	Monthly billing .....	\$
101.07		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$
566.48		
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$
225.02		
M & N Heating and Cooling.....	Furnace.....	\$
260.84		
Staples.....	Supplies.....	\$
37.48		
Total General Government.....		\$
1190.89		

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Stop and Shop .....	Supplies.....	\$
20.46		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$
603.87		
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$
5008.97		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
79.11		
NuWay-K& H.....	Fuel Water Tower .....	\$

142.93		
Hawkins .....	Chlorine Cylinders .....	\$
30.00		
Municipal Supply, Inc. ....	Autogun .....	\$
1675.00		
Postmaster .....	Water Bills .....	\$
184.80		
Postmaster .....	Fluoride Letters .....	\$
220.80		
Kwik Star .....	Fuel .....	\$
26.09		
Batterie+Blubs .....	Battery .....	\$
42.00		
UPS .....	Shipping Water Test .....	\$
29.90		
Eurofins .....	Water Test .....	\$
63.00		
Total Business Utility Water .....		\$

8126.93

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Iowa Rural Water Association.....	Class .....	\$
355.00		
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test .....	\$
28.93		
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$

383.93

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

December Receipts: General \$21048.29; Road Use \$12557.76; Water Utility \$7965.53; Sewer Utility \$5038.36; Local Option \$18822.41; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$7266.29; Storm Water \$2117.41; TIF \$128.35; EMS \$441.65; Library Benefits \$1021.13; Property Ins \$1021.13; Police Benefits \$572.85; Emergency Management \$84.24; ARP \$0.

Mayor Wentz presented the Council and Committee appointments for 2023. Worley moved to approve the appointments as presented. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to adopt Resolution 2023-1 Naming First Security Bank as the City depository with a maximum deposit of \$2,000,000.00. Motion seconded by Morrison. Mayor Wentz asked for a roll call vote; Ayes: Koob, Worley, Meyer, Morrison, Emhoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Council discussed setting the large item pickup for June 17<sup>th</sup> with an alternate date of June 24<sup>th</sup>. Weier will confirm with Absolute Waste Removal.

Chief Brunstein noted the previously discussed nuisance area and felt the owner needs to be contacted to see what they plan to do with the building. Council discussed bids for asbestos removal and ways to take care of this building.

Chief Brunstein stated that National Night Out will be August 1<sup>st</sup> and the Battle of the Badges will be August 26<sup>th</sup>. Chief Brunstein was asking for \$500 for the events. Council will set this in the budget.

Koob questioned Siefken about equipment updates that should be included in the upcoming budget process. Siefken felt the top priority would be to replace the Chevy dump truck. Siefken will look into finding a used dump truck. Koob also noted the shop ceiling. Siefken noted that Hanig will be getting an updated bid for the work.

Koob asked about filling the Superintendent position when Siefken retires. Siefken stated that he feels it will be June or July, depending how it works out with vacation time, for a retirement date. Koob noted that we will need to have someone in place and to get the CPO training in and be ready to go. Emhoff asked if we are still considering a part-time person as well. Meyer felt a temporary person for three months in the summer would be good. Council will take all into consideration with the budget process.

Worley stated that she has had concerns about vehicles speeding on First Street, especially by the school. Koob thought we should look into the speed signs showing your speed and the flashing stop signs to get drivers attention. Chief Brunstein will look at the cost of these.

Meyer stated he has received the new Ordinance from Cerro Gordo County, Josh Brandt, for the golf carts, ATV, and UTV in the campgrounds. Meyer noted that Brandt is asking us to educate residents on the ordinance. Council thanked Meyer and all that helped with getting this done.

Mayor Wentz thanked Siefken for the great job on the snow removal over the holidays.

Siefken told the Council that the County is going to be resurfacing Pheasant Avenue coming into Rockwell from the North, noting if the Council wants to follow with resurfacing First Street this would be a good time to start on that. Siefken stated he will get some pricing for the work.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk