

April 5, 2023

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 2023. Council members present were Koob, Worley, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Also present were Sean Hannah, Zach Laudner, Jay Siefken and Chief Brunstein.

Hannah asked about signage at the corner of Second Street North and Cherry Street, he feels that vehicles don't abide by speed limits through this intersection and there are a lot of kids that walk to and from school that way. Siefken noted a yield sign on the North/South Streets, to be consistent with other yield signs in town.

Morrison 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	Software Service/March/April	\$	
70.00			
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet Service/April.....	\$	
50.00			
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	218.89
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$	
156.30			
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance ..	\$	
1431.17			
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$	
30.00			
Total Public Safety		\$	1966.26

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$	
2006.68			
Absolute Waste Removal	Service March	\$	
6303.00			
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$	
161.20			
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$	160.00
O'Reilly.....	Supplies.....	\$	
23.47			
Jay Siefken	Cell Phone.....	\$	
30.00			
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$	
136.98			
Total Public Works		\$	

8821.33

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and ShopGas\$ 231.73

Stellar Truck.....Supplies.....\$

18.90

Total Public Works Road Use\$

250.63

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

Hanig Construction, IncNew Ceiling/Installation\$

24255.00

Total American Rescue Plan Fund\$

24255.00

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wellmark Blue CrossMonthly Premium Health Insurance..\$

5008.97

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

36.16

Community and Economic Development.....\$

5045.13

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark Blue CrossMonthly Premium Health Insurance..\$

5008.97

Total Employee Benefits.....\$

5008.97

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.Monthly billing\$

137.85

Mid-America Publishing.....Publications.....\$

359.87

Huntbatch InsuranceProperty/Vehicle Insurance\$

47802.00

M & N HeatingRepairs\$

100.00

Caroline McManigalSupplies/Library Repair Menards\$

1798.28

Central Lock.....Keys\$

28.00

Staples.....Office Supplies.....\$

99.97

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

756.63

Menards.....Supplies.....\$

43.12

Total General Government.....\$

51125.72

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
63.95		
Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$
597.75		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
102.95		
M & N Heating	Repairs	\$
44.77		
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	Member Dues.....	\$
732.00		
John Ries Excavating Inc.....	Water Leak Repair	\$
1470.00		
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$
31.50		
Hawkins	Chlorine/Cylinders.....	\$
1835.50		
Stop and Shop	Supplies.....	\$
2.00		
NuWay-K& H	Fuel Water Tower	\$
102.34		
Postmaster	Fluoride Letters.....	\$
235.62		
Postmaster	Water Bills	\$
200.16		
UPS	Shipping Water Test	\$
14.65		
Total Business Utility Water		\$
5433.19		

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
8.98		
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$
28.93		
UPS	Shipping Waste Water Test.....	\$
15.81		
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
41.79		
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$
95.51		

Meyer moved to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

March Receipts: General \$14517.30; Road Use \$7631.29; Water Utility \$10800.66; Sewer Utility \$5966.77; Local Option \$16893.11; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$2969.96; Storm

Water \$2563.34; TIF \$0; EMS \$181.04; Library Benefits \$418.59; Property Ins \$418.59; Police Benefits \$234.83; Emergency Management \$34.54; ARP \$0.

At 7:05 P.M. Worley moved to open the public hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

With no oral or written comments, Morrison moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Koob moved by Resolution 2023-4 to approve the City of Rockwell 2023-2024 Budget. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Roll call vote all ayes, carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-3 calling for address changes was presented, and so moved by Worley to approve said changes. Motion seconded by Morrison. Roll call vote all ayes, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented a bid for cemetery mowing from Payton Plagge at \$650.00 per mowing for the upcoming season. Council discussed this, as the only bid it was noted that he did a great job last year. Emhoff moved to accept the bid from Plagge at \$650.00 per mowing. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Laudner noted that Plagge had asked about using a bead of roundup under the chain link fence. Koob stated that we would not want to do that.

Meyer told the Council about the dump truck currently being looked at, noting it is a 2001, it has been thoroughly gone through, has good tires, is a good size to do the jobs we need it for and the cost is \$17,500.00. Following discussion, Koob moved to purchase the dump truck for \$17,500.00. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Emhoff stated she has talked with Northland Design about making permanent planters for Main Street, the cost is about \$6,000.00 for twelve planters, but they will not have time to do this until fall or later. Emhoff also noted she has talked with someone about planters and doing plants to drop in for seasonal changes. Koob asked if we could get businesses or people to sponsor a planter, and maybe hold off until next year to have nice planters to use then. Emhoff will follow up with this.

Mayor Wentz stated that the applicants for the public works position had all withdrawn prior to interviews for various reasons. Mayor Wentz noted we will have to reopen the position. Koob noted we can leave this open until filled with a quality candidate and leave the wages negotiable. Council discussed where to advertise and will try an online source as well as the Hampton paper as the ad has been put in the Clear Lake Mirror.

Koob moved to continue with Mosquito Control for the upcoming season at the same cost as last year, \$6275.00. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Laudner stated that the door opener for the shed door is a ½ horse, as are the other openers, the quote from Overhead Door includes installation at \$1,604.00. Koob moved to approve the opener as stated. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Laudner presented the two quotes for the radio read water meter replacement; Municipal Supply at \$191,680.00 and Van Wert at \$166,490.00. Koob felt this is going to be more efficient and save money in the long run, and so moved to accept the bid from Van Wert at \$166,490.00. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Laudner also presented two quotes for the water tower programmable control upgrades; Quality Pump & Control at \$7,792.00 and Electric Pump at \$20,050.00. Koob moved to accept the quote from Quality Pump & Control at \$7,792.00, this can be paid with American Rescue Plan Funds. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz noted a resident nuisance area. With Council discussion, Chief Brunstein will prepare the paperwork, again.

Mayor Wentz stated that he had went through the maintenance building, noting that it looks great with the ceiling improvements.

Emhoff asked if we are still considering a new sign for the Elm Street entrance. Koob noted the setback on the right of way and area to work with.

Koob asked about follow up for cameras. Chief Brunstein will look into this.

Koob reported that he had attended a Legislative Forum, he discussed some funding for dilapidated properties and DNR funding.

Koob noted that the benches for the playground will be done soon, also noted the dirt has settled and may need more work.

Morrison reported on the Linn Grove Rec board, noting they had interviews and have a good group for concession workers and a couple new guards, but can still use more guards.

Emhoff noted the Trees for Tomorrow program to allow for residents to get trees. Koob felt we need to have more trees put on the right of ways. Hannah asked about tree removal, as he has an Ash tree in the right of way that is in bad shape.

Mayor Wentz noted a letter referencing the Carbon Pipeline.

Emhoff noted that she had been contacted by a resident about the Rails to Trails and the old rail bed going north out of town. The Council was all in favor of them contacting a State Representative about this.

Laudner noted a class he will be attending at NIACC.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk