

May 3, 2023

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 3, 2023. Council members present were Worley, Morrison, Emhoff and Koob via phone, with Meyer absent. Also present were Sean Hannah, Pat Hurley, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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/May .....	\$ 35.00
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet service/May .....	\$ 50.00
Sheffield.....	Police Copies.....	\$ 6.25
Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 420.38
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 78.15
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 1431.17
Dearborn.....	Quarterly Life Insurance .....	\$ 31.05
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety .....		\$ 2091.90

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 686.88
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1991.03
O'Reilly.....	Supplies .....	\$ 9.49
Menards.....	Supplies .....	\$ 52.06
NAPA .....	Supplies .....	\$ 143.94
Floyd & Leonard.....	Supplies .....	\$ 41.29
Fleet Farm .....	Kerosene.....	\$ 77.05
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Service.....	\$ 6303.00
Skyline Materials LTD.....	Dump Truck .....	\$ 3300.00
Jay Siefken .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$ 188.16
Total Public Works .....		\$ 12822.90

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 220.39
Wellmark Blue Cross .....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 5008.97
Northland Manufacturing, Inc .....	Dump truck .....	\$ 953.50
Skyline Materials LTD.....	Dump Truck .....	\$ 10000.00
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$ 16182.86

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

Overhead Door Co.....	Shed Door Opener .....	\$ 1604.00
Total American Rescue Plan .....		\$ 1604.00

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Star Granite .....	Replace Vases .....	\$ 280.34
Tony Kobliska Electric .....	Lights/Playground .....	\$ 1000.00
Total Culture and Recreation .....		\$ 1280.34

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark Blue Cross .....Monthly Premium Health Insurance..\$ 1431.17

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing/Memorial.....\$ 34.05

Menards.....Supplies .....\$ 80.98

Dahley Tree Service.....Tree topped/stumps.....\$ 3200.00

Weier’s Lawn Service.....Playground Seeding .....\$ 612.50

Skyline Materials LTD.....Dump Truck .....\$ 4200.00

Total Community and Economic Development.....\$ 8127.53

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....Monthly billing.....\$ 92.57

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing.....\$ 566.46

Dearborn.....Quarterly Life Insurance .....\$ 34.80

Menards.....Supplies .....\$ 123.58

Mason City Tile & Marble .....Library Flooring .....\$ 11163.02

Mid-America Publishing .....Publications .....\$ 178.85

Visual Edge.....Copier Contract.....\$ 49.92

Tyler Business Forms.....Checks.....\$ 514.82

Staples .....Office Supplies/Cemetery Deeds.....\$ 56.54

Lorna Weier.....Clothing Allowance .....\$ 570.00

Rockwell Public Library .....Furnishings .....\$ 2374.97

Auditor of State .....Filing Fee .....\$ 175.00

Total General Government.....\$ 15900.53

DEBT SERVICE

UMB .....Bond Payment/Storm Water .....\$ 69547.50

UMB .....Bond Payment/Pool .....\$ 59850.00

Total Debt Service .....129397.50

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Stop and Shop.....Gas .....\$ 13.66

Mid American Energy.....Monthly billing.....\$ 626.07

Dearborn.....Quarterly Life Insurance .....\$ 65.85

Menards.....Supplies .....\$ 28.36

Van Wert Company .....Water Meters.....\$ 1711.61

K & W Coating LLC .....North Water Tower Work .....\$ 3200.00

Hawkins .....Chlorine Cylinders .....\$ 10.00

Postmaster.....Water Bills.....\$ 201.60

UPS .....Shipping Water/Waste Water Test.....\$ 14.65

Total Business Utility Water.....\$ 5871.80

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Tyler Business Forms.....Utility Bills.....\$ 1547.60

Eurofins.....Waste Water Test .....\$ 57.86

NIACC.....Wastewater Conference .....\$ 60.00

UPS .....Shipping Waste Water Test.....\$ 31.10

Total Business Utility Sewer .....\$ 1696.56

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

April Receipts: General \$112294.46; Road Use \$11997.48; Water Utility \$14673.01; Sewer Utility \$9081.85; Local Option \$13274.48; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$54666.78; Storm

Water \$2150.58; TIF \$3299.26; EMS \$3299.06; Library Benefits \$7627.76; Property Ins \$7627.76; Police Benefits \$4279.23; Emergency Management \$629.31; ARP \$0.

Mayor Wentz opened discussion for comments on fireworks and reviewed some options from other codes. Koob stated that should we allow fireworks, residents should be respectful in using them and considerate of the times allowed. Council was in agreement with conditions specified with in code and allow for fireworks to be shot on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM and also December 31<sup>st</sup> from 7:00 PM to 12:30 AM January 1<sup>st</sup> with no fireworks being done while the City of Rockwell has their display. Emhoff moved to have Ordinance written setting this out as discussed and published for approval. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz also asked for feedback on the burning of yard waste. Council discussed allowing for burning of yard waste, sticks, leaves, lawn clippings, on the first and third weekends of the month only. With discussion, Morrison moved to table this for the next meeting. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Weier stated that a request had been made to put stop signs at the alley going onto Third Street North and Fourth Street North. Koob stated that we don't need signs, you have to yield before pulling into a street.

Laudner noted the tree on Fourth Street North that has been cracked and was brought to our attention as looking to be dangerous. Morrison stated she had looked at the tree and it is cracked and is on the list to come down with this go around for tree removals. With discussion, Emhoff moved to have the tree taken down. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously. Laudner asked about having Dahley start on the next round of tree removal. Council felt it was good to have him start, with the new budget starting in July billing would have to be held until then.

Mayor Wentz discussed with the Council on setting the meetings for summer as June 21<sup>st</sup>, July 5<sup>th</sup> and August 2<sup>nd</sup> due to ensuring we have a quorum for the meetings.

Emhoff asked about nuisance properties. Chief Brunstein noted that residents were notified and still have time to clean up!

Laudner presented an updated quote from Heartland Asphalt for proposed work on First Street North, noting the lesser rate from the original proposal with more work added to the proposal. Council discussed this and funding to cover the cost. Council will follow up with this at the next meeting.

Laudner also had a quotes from K&W Coating to wash the bowl of the south tower and to clean and disinfect the inside of the tower. Koob moved to accept the bid from K&W Coating for \$6,400.00 to do the cleaning. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Koob asked if the benches have been picked up. Laudner stated they have not, yet.

Mayor Wentz noted concerns that have been brought about the lights at the playground shining across the street. Koob felt the trees will fill out now and block some of that. Worley noted that safety was the main goal.

Chief Brunstein noted the street closings for the Color Run on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30 for all to be aware of.

With no further business, Worley 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