

July 19, 2023

Mayor Pro Tem Koob called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023. Council members present were Worley, Morrison and Emhoff with Mayor Wentz and Meyer absent. Also present were Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner, Blake Pommrehn and Pat Hurley.

Motion by Morrison to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Pommrehn was present to review the propane proposal. Koob stated that we appreciate his interest, but the City is not actively looking at changes at this time and would open this to bids. Emhoff noted there are a significant amount of issues with some of the equipment. Koob asked to have Laudner and Roberts look at the properties and contact the current provider. Pommrehn left the meeting.

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cerro Gordo County	Software Service/May	\$ 35.00
T-Mobile	Monthly Internet service/May	\$ 50.00
Sheffield.....	Police/Color Copies	\$ 6.25
Linda Diets.....	Sam’s Club NNO Supplies	\$ 133.91
Central Design.....	Banner/T-Shirts NNO	\$ 875.00
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 1431.17
Amazon	Speakers/Supplies for NNO.....	\$ 47.32
Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service	\$ 583.23
Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 258.95
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 90.60
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 3541.43

PUBLIC WORKS

Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing/Large item pickup ...	\$ 7265.04
Stellar	Repair Supplies	\$.81
Floyd & Leonard.....	Supplies	\$ 30.12
CJ’S Auto.....	Tractor Tire Repair.....	\$ 60.00
Cam Spray.....	Repairs/Power Washer	\$ 75.45
Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 541.96
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1998.99
Las Palmas/Lorna	Gift Certificate.....	\$ 100.00
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 10132.37

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Central Design.....	Truck Decals	\$ 160.50
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 3577.80
Titan Machinery/Productivity Plus	Repairs.....	\$ 4483.33

Total Public Works Road Use		\$ 8216.46
<u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u>		
Linn Grove Rec.....	Local Option Allocation.....	\$ 35000.00
Payton Plagge.....	Cemetery Mowing/June	\$ 1950.00
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$ 36950.00
<u>COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u>		
Amazon.....	Speakers/Supplies for NNO.....	\$ 500.00
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$ 31.51
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Course Water.....	\$ 3050.38
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 3581.89
<u>AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN</u>		
Quality Pump & Control.....	Water Tower Control Panel Upgrade	\$ 7792.00
Total American Rescue Plan.....		\$ 7792.00
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>		
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 1431.17
Total Employee Benefits		\$ 1431.17
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		
Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management ...	Annual Appropriation	\$ 2303.00
Visual Edge IT.....	Quarterly Fees	\$ 53.15
Post Master.....	Stamps.....	\$ 63.00
WebWise Solutions.....	Domain Name	\$ 20.00
Storey Kenworthy	Office Supplies.....	\$ 188.91
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 83.09
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 168.36
Mid-America Publishing	Publications	\$ 306.57
M&N Heating	Air Conditioner/EMS Building.....	\$ 744.91
Iowa League of Cities.....	Annual Dues.....	\$ 969.00
Wellmark Blue Cross	Monthly Premium Health Insurance..	\$ 3577.80
Total General Government.....		\$ 8477.79
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY WATER</u>		
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 49.36
Plumb Supply	Supplies	\$ 58.97
State Hygienic Lab.....	Water Testing	\$ 20.00
Iowa Rural Water Association	Conference Registration.....	\$ 170.00
UPS	Shipping Water Test.....	\$ 29.14
Stop and Shop.....	Ice.....	\$ 2.00
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 634.96
Iowa DNR.....	Public Water Supply 2024 Fee.....	\$ 117.84
Hawkins	Chlorine Cylinders/Chemicals.....	\$ 1843.50
Iowa One Call.....	Locates	\$ 22.50
Eurofins.....	Water Test	\$ 63.00
Staples	Supplies	\$ 96.28
Postmaster.....	Water Bills.....	\$ 205.92
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 3313.47
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER</u>		
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test	\$ 124.00

John Ries ExcavatingWater/Sewer Disconnect.....\$ 1020.50
 Total Business Utility Sewer\$ 1144.50

Emhoff moved to approve the bills for payment. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

June Receipts: General \$10771.58; Road Use \$16533.98; Water Utility \$9346.29; Sewer Utility \$5954.24; Local Option \$21355.19; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$1864.77; Storm Water \$2222141.656.94; TIF \$1618.82; EMS \$18.56; Library Benefits \$225.00; Property Ins \$225.00; Police Benefits \$126.23; Emergency Management \$97.32; ARP \$0.

Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Payroll:

Jay Siefken	71013.28	Abbie Emhoff	1050.00
Zach Laudner	50589.05	Brian Koob	950.00
Jonathan Roberts	895.13	Randy Meyer	1050.00
Cody Burnstein	70044.13	Chelsey Morrison	1150.00
Lorna Weier	40129.60	Larry Wentz	3000.00
Caroline McManigal	32563.50	Tracy Worley	1100.00
JoLynn Scholl	17627.22		
Helen Cahalan	4756.58		

Laudner presented a request from M & N to close Second Street South from Washington Street to Adams Street on July 24th to allow for a crane to lift air conditioner units on the school. Morrison moved to approve the closure to allow for the work to be done. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Koob asked what route they will be using to get to the location and to note the streets before. Motion carried unanimously.

With discussion about the sidewalk removal request made prior, motion by Worley recommending that the sidewalk not be removed. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously. Koob felt we need to have a sidewalk committee and start a plan to have sidewalks put in and repaired.

Morrison moved to adopt Ordinance 3-2023 amending the Code of Ordinances pertaining to the rates and automatic increases for utilities, waiving the second and third readings. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Koob called for roll call, Ayes; Worley, Morrison and Emhoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Koob stated that with Siefken's retirement Laudner will be taking the responsibilities of this position. Worley moved to appoint Laudner as the Zoning Administrator. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Laudner had a request for tree removal. With discussion, Emhoff moved to deny the request as we have so many diseased, dying trees to take care of now. Motions seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously.

Koob presented the request from Heartland Asphalt asking to allow for their trucks to exit town from Pheasant Ave to Elm Street when resurfacing 170 Street and Pheasant Ave to the City limits. Emhoff moved to waive the embargo on Pheasant Ave/First Street North to allow for Heartland Asphalt to exit town on Elm Street, with empty trucks, repairing any damages made. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Heartland noted that they will need to have more access when doing the First Street North work for the City.

Koob asked about nuisance areas, noting the fire damaged garage being a safety issue and felt the owner should fence this in. Koob asked to check on the process with the nuisance abatement used prior for the old church property.

Emhoff stated the first Farmers Market is set for July 27th, from 5:00 to 7:00, at Chamber Acres with twenty vendors signed up.

Morrison noted the pool board will be meeting to discuss the Chicken BBQ!

Laudner reported on the new tower controls that were put in, noting the electronic access was not done and would like to check on having that access.

Laudner asked about the stop signs at Second and Washington. Koob stated they should go up when the construction is finished. Morrison also noted the yield signs for Second Street North and Cherry Street. Laudner will follow up with these.

Laudner asked the Council about the old dump truck, and taking the mount off of it for a plow as a backup on the new dump truck. Koob stated that we need to get rid of the old dump truck and the red pickup. Koob suggested looking for cost to get a new mount and plow for the back up on the new dump truck.

Laudner stated that he and Roberts have been working on some clean up around the shop. Koob asked about them mowing the ditches going out of town. Laudner noted they are steep, but will try.

Hurley asked about requirements for food trucks in town. Koob stated that this would fall under the Cerro Gordo County food service licensing.

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

Brian Koob, Mayor Pro Tem

Lorna Weier, City Clerk