

August 16, 2023

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023. All Council members were present. Also present were Tony Laudner, Sean Hannah, Caroline McManigal, Jon Roberts, 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 payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cerro Gordo County	Software Service/August	\$ 35.00
Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service	\$ 9.90
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet service/August	\$ 50.00
Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 162.91
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 77.84
Iowa Department of Public Safety	Terminal Billing	\$ 1200.00
Walmart.....	NNO Supplies	\$ 717.89
GFCCC	NNO Dunk tank.....	\$ 50.00
Walmart.....	NNO Bikes.....	\$ 607.76
RKB Inflatables	NNO.....	\$ 1375.00
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 1431.17
Dearborn.....	Life Insurance	\$ 31.05
Jon's Auto Repair	Police Car.....	\$ 375.57
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 6154.09

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 533.28
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1985.89
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$ 6620.50
Floyd & Leonard.....	Supplies	\$ 67.98
Barco Municipal Products	Traffic Cones.....	\$ 585.14
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 20.02
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 9872.81

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 3577.80
Dearborn.....	Life Insurance	\$ 50.50
Frank Dunn Co.....	Hot Mix.....	\$ 949.00
Total Public Works Road Use		\$ 4577.30

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop.....	Pool	\$ 82.72
Payton Plagge.....	Cemetery Mowing/July	\$ 1300.00
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 39.98
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 1422.70

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Memorial	\$ 32.02
Nelson Septic Services LLC.....	Farmers Market	\$ 125.00
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Course Water.....	\$ 894.84
Dahley Tree Service.....	Trim Tree.....	\$ 400.00
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 1451.86

BENEFITS LEVY

Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$ 1431.17
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 36.64
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 187.73
Rachelle Thompson, CPA.....	2022 Exam	\$ 5850.00
Huntbatch Insurance	Policy Changes.....	\$ 2016.00
NIACOG	Dues	\$ 1017.45
Mid-America Publishing	Publications	\$ 181.30
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 3577.80
Dearborn.....	Life Insurance	\$ 34.80
Total General Government.....		\$ 12901.72

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Stop and Shop.....	Water Testing	\$ 2.00
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 58.95
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 540.36
Iowa One Call.....	Locates	\$ 15.30
Sensus.....	Tech Support.....	\$ 1715.95
Eurofins.....	Water Test	\$ 110.25
Hawkins	Chlorine Cylinders	\$ 10.00
Postmaster.....	Water Bills.....	\$ 216.24
Midwest Pipe Supply, Inc.....	Supplies	\$ 68.00
UPS	Shipping Water Test/Locator	\$ 46.52
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 20.19
NAPA	Supplies	\$ 47.40
DSG	Hydrant Valve.....	\$ 1586.31
Service Tech of Central Iowa.....	Hydrant Work.....	\$ 1116.18
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 5553.65

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Iowa DNR.....	NPDES Permit	\$ 210.00
Midwest Pipe	Paint	\$ 168.00
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 378.00

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

July Receipts: General \$12310.18; Road Use \$13513.71; Water Utility \$13764.23; Sewer Utility \$6926.95; Local Option \$18001.86; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$1539.54; Storm Water \$2156.88; TIF \$0; EMS \$93.85; Library Benefits \$216.99; Property Ins \$216.99; Police Benefits \$121.73; Emergency Management \$17.90; ARP \$0.

McManigal was present to give a library update; noting things are pretty much back in order. McManigal noted the summer reading program was great with lots of kids and the Cubs game reward, the back to school program was well attended too. Council thanked McManigal and library staff for their work. McManigal left the meeting.

Tony Laudner stated that he has two dying Ash trees on the City right of way; he wants to treat one to try and keep it and have the other taken down. Laudner stated he would treat the tree at his own expense and if given permission to take the other tree down he would share the cost to get it taken down soon. Council discussed allowing residents with dying Ash trees to cost share the removal of trees on the City right of way and asked the tree committee to write out a policy to follow. With discussion, Emhoff moved to allow Laudner to take down the one Ash tree that is dying and reimburse him for half of the cost. Motion seconded by Morrison, carried unanimously. Tony Laudner left the meeting.

Laudner also stated that Charley Hathaway has concerns with a dying tree that is in the alley. Koob asked if the abutting property owner would pay to have the tree topped out and Laudner and Roberts could finish taking it down, in a cost share effort. Laudner will talk to them about this.

Laudner reported to the Council on four fire hydrants that are in need of replacement, he presented two quotes for the hydrant noting the cost could vary slightly with water line size and there would also be cost for the ground work and placing the hydrants. Koob moved to replace the said hydrants at an approximant cost of \$4,720.00 each with additional cost for placement. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Koob noted the garage damaged by fire, needs to be taken care of, and asked Chief Brunstein to follow up with this nuisance area.

Worley stated the annual Chicken BBQ is in the books for this year. Mayor Wentz thanked the pool board and all for their work at this.

Emhoff reported on the North Iowa Landfill meeting.

Mayor Wentz noted he has been filling out paperwork for the City Mitigation Plan with Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management.

Mayor Wentz stated that the council will return to two meetings each month starting September 6th.

Morrison noted that Trick-or-Treating time has been questioned, with October 31st being parent teacher conferences. Council asked to make this an agenda item for the next meeting.

Emhoff stated there will be a Farmers Market on Wednesday, October 4th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Koob asked about having the bridges/culverts on First, Second and Third Street looked at for

structure and longevity. Weier noted that WHKS inspects the B60 Bridge, they can be contacted.

Koob also asked about street work for next year, if we will continue on with First Street we should inform the school for their budgeting as well.

Laudner stated the tree dump is getting full, we will not be able to take any more concrete for now. Laudner also stated there are some larger logs that were set aside that a resident asked to have hauled out for them. Koob stated that Laudner and Roberts could haul those out.

Laudner asked about sidewalk portions that have been torn out with construction and water work. Council asked him to contact abutting owners and have the work done.

Laudner also stated they will be repairing a valve at Washington and Second Street on Friday morning, areas around there will lose water service during the work.

Chief Brunstein noted National Night Out went well and the Battle of the Badges is the 26th.

Weier had a quote from Display Sales for replacement bulbs for the Christmas decorations on Main Street. Council asked to hold until the next meeting.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk