

December 6, 2023

Mayor Wentz called to order the Rockwell City Council meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 6, 2023. All Council members were present. Also present were John Robbins, Zach Laudner, Chief Brunstein and Pat Hurley.

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

Cerro Gordo County .....	Monthly Service Nov/Dec .....	\$ 70.00
Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service Nov/Dec .....	\$ 19.80
Iowa Department of Public Safety .....	Annual System .....	\$ 1200.00
Merritt Computer Service.....	Set up Camera .....	\$ 210.00
Rockwell Community Fire Service.....	Annual Levy.....	\$ 28229.00
Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 354.25
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 78.33
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 1431.17
Lynn Card Company.....	Police Supplies .....	\$ 56.95
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety .....		\$ 31679.50

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 891.70
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1974.98
Barco Municipal Products .....	Signs.....	\$ 1055.56
Menards.....	Supplies .....	\$ 492.37
Absolute Waste Removal.....	November Service.....	\$ 6620.50
Central Design.....	Stickers.....	\$ 21.40
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works .....		\$ 11116.51

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 681.25
Don's Auto.....	Service Repairs.....	\$ 881.44
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$ 1562.69

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Payton Plagge.....	Cemetery Oct/Nov clean up.....	\$ 1300.00
Total Culture and Recreation .....		\$ 1300.00

COMMUNITY BETTERMENT & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing Cemetery Memorial..	\$ 34.18
Dahley Tree Service.....	Tree Removal .....	\$ 3500.00
Menards.....	Supplies/Christmas Lights .....	\$ 94.93
Amazon .....	Christmas Lights .....	\$ 53.45
Total Community Betterment & Community Development.....		\$
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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 1431.17
Total Employee Benefits .....		\$ 1431.17

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 41.00
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 160.47
NIAGOG .....	Codification Updates.....	\$ 800.00
B&B Home Improvement.....	Complete Library Repair.....	\$ 1378.26
Lisa Schultz.....	Annual Deputy Payment.....	\$ 360.00
All Star Pest Control.....	Service.....	\$ 240.00
Mirror Reporter.....	Publications.....	\$ 242.64
Total General Government.....		\$ 3222.37

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Stop and Shop.....	Supplies .....	\$ 9.99
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 58.95
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 381.33
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 7155.60
Menards.....	Supplies .....	\$ 467.19
John Ries Excavating.....	Water Leak.....	\$ 480.00
Iowa One Call.....	Locates .....	\$ 18.90
Hawkins .....	Chlorine Cylinders .....	\$ 10.00
NuWay K&H Cooperative.....	South Tower.....	\$ 270.68
Nu Way K&H Cooperative.....	Repairs.....	\$ 322.35
Eurofins.....	Water Test .....	\$ 38.52
Postmaster .....	Water Bills.....	\$ 215.73
Kirkwood Community College.....	Water Training.....	\$ 545.00
Fleet Farm .....	Kerosene.....	\$ 55.00
UPS.....	Water Test Shipping.....	\$ 14.65
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 10043.89

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Clear Lake Sanitary District.....	Waste Water Test .....	\$ 74.40
Don's Auto.....	Service Repairs.....	\$ 436.60
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test .....	\$ 246.10
Total Business Utility Sewer .....		\$ 757.10

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

November Receipts: General \$16802.31; Road Use \$11855.01; Water Utility \$9891.37; Sewer Utility \$5889.37; Local Option \$23437.00; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$3421.37; Storm Water \$2213.19; TIF \$0; EMS \$213.35; Library Benefits \$711.18; Property Ins \$711.18; Police Benefits \$284.48; Emergency Management \$45.88; ARP \$0.

John Robbins with North Iowa Area Council of Governments presented information to the Council about updating the City Comprehensive Plan and Planning and Zoning Ordinance updates. Robbins stated that as this was started prior the contract price would be \$7,000.00 for

the work to complete these plans. Robbins felt this could be started the first of the year with meetings with a stirring committee of Council and Planning and Zoning Board members. Council approved to start this process. Robbins left the meeting.

Chief Brunstein presented a bid for a laptop computer configured to use in his Police vehicle at a cost of \$4,320.00. With discussion, Koob moved to approve the purchase of the Panasonic Toughbook computer and mount at \$4,320.00 plus the cost to install. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved by Resolution 2023-13 approving Tax Abatement application for 403 Main Street East to be forwarded to the Cerro Gordo County Assessor's Office. Motion seconded by Worley. Roll call vote; Ayes: Koob, Worley, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz and Council discussed the outdoor warning siren placed by Emergency Management with FEMA grant funds and the stipulation that the current sirens need to be removed. Council asked to have EMA Coordinator come to a meeting to discuss this further.

Chief Brunstein stated that the security cameras should be placed next week, noting we will need signage for these and the power on at the pool.

Mayor Wentz noted that we did receive the Barkema Trust grant for the improvements for the Veterans Memorial at the Cemetery.

Koob asked about possibly moving the lighted stop signs from Elm Street to the First Street and Madison Street corner. Worley felt they are needed on Elm Street as well. Koob noted we could leave them until we find another option.

Morrison thanked the Council for the years she has served and all that she has learned as her term is up the end of the month.

Laudner stated that we will need to replace the brackets for the banners on Main Street and gave options for replacement.

Laudner reported on the inspections with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for the water and waste water facilities. Laudner stated all went well with some recommendations for use and improvements. Laudner noted that a new water test kit is one thing they would recommend and asked to purchase said kit at a cost of \$657.00. Council was in agreement to make said purchase as it is needed.

Weier noted that the Chamber is still considering areas for the boxes for can redemption.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk

