

September 6, 2023

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Council members present were Koob, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff, with Worley absent. Also present were Pat Hurley, Sean Hannah, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

Morrison moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cerro Gordo County	Software Service/September	\$
35.00		
Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$
9.90		
T-Mobile.....	Monthly Internet service/September..	\$
50.00		
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
506.23		
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
77.84		
Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$
1431.17		
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Safety		\$
2140.14		

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop	Gas	\$
806.30		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$
2005.20		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
31.53		
Schukei Chevrolet.....	Hubcap	\$
24.09		
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$
30.00		
Total Public Works		\$
2927.12		

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Iowa Specialty Hospital	Drug Screen	\$
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65.00		
Culver-Hahn.....	Lights	\$
179.72		
Heartland Asphalt, Inc.	Rock	\$
90.17		
Truex Electric.....	Bridge Light	\$
271.20		
Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$
3577.80		
MercyOne	Drug Screens.....	\$
114.00		
Total Public Works Road Use		\$
4297.89		

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Pool Supplies	\$
18.38		
Payton Plagge.....	Cemetery Mowing/August.....	\$
1950.00		
Weier's Lawn Service	Cemetery/Grounds Spraying.....	\$
1300.00		
Total Culture and Recreation		\$
3268.38		

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$
33.24		
Truex Electric.....	Siren Repair	\$
1075.00		
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Course Water	\$
1054.78		
Dahley Tree Service.....	Trim Tree.....	\$
400.00		
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$
2563.02		

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LEVY

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$
95.59		
Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$
3577.80		
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$
68.34		

Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$
168.73		
Staples.....	Supplies.....	\$
23.98		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$
208.40		
Total General Government.....		\$
4142.84		

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Stop and Shop.....	Supplies.....	\$
5.82		
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$
556.96		
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$
47.25		
DSG.....	Hydrants.....	\$
21272.00		
John Ries Excavating Inc.....	Repairs.....	\$
585.00		
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2970.42		
Hawkins.....	Chlorine Cylinders.....	\$
30.00		
Postmaster.....	Water Bills.....	\$
217.26		
Midwest Pipe Supply, Inc.....	Supplies.....	\$
1920.00		
Zach Laudner.....	Ins Claims.....	\$
99.03		
Staples.....	Supplies.....	\$
6.99		
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$
27710.73		

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Schonstedt.....	Repair Locator.....	\$
224.66		
Stevens Monitoring.....	Ink Cartridge.....	\$
85.56		
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$
310.22		

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

August Receipts: General \$11686.31; Road Use \$11909.09; Water Utility \$11767.77; Sewer Utility \$7053.27; Local Option \$24403.83; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$90.40; Storm Water

\$2618.61; TIF \$0; EMS \$5.64; Library Benefits \$18.79; Property Ins \$18.79; Police Benefits \$7.52; Emergency Management \$1.21; ARP \$0.

Koob moved to set Trick or Treat time in Rockwell for Saturday, October 28, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

With discussion on replacement bulbs for the Christmas decorations Koob suggested using Amazon for a better price and replacing the lights with led on one ornament to see how it goes. Koob felt it would be good to look a replacing some banners for Main Street.

Mayor Wentz asked for input on emergency contact numbers. Weier will contact RCTA for cost.

Koob moved to approve the Road Use Tax report by Resolution 2023-6. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Mayor Wentz called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Koob, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Morrison moved to approve the Urban Renewal TIF report by Resolution 2023-7. Motion seconded by Meyer. Mayor Wentz called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Koob, Meyer, Morrison and Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Meyer asked about a nuisance area. Chief Brunstein noted they are working on it. Koob questioned other areas. Chief Brunstein stated letters have been sent to these. Koob stated that something needs to be done with the old church, the owner has gotten bids to take it down and they are high.

Koob asked about the sidewalk replacements. Laudner noted he has talked with property owners about the driveways and is waiting on a cost for work.

Koob asked Chief Brunstein about cameras. Chief Brunstein stated he is looking at options.

Morrison stated the pool is closed for the season.

Laudner asked about some patching when the street work is being done. Meyer felt we are already expending more than usual and felt we could hold off.

Laudner told the Council he had a flat tire fixed on the skid loader at CJ's. Laudner noted that they felt the tires need replacing before winter snow removal. CJ's gave a cost estimate of \$900.00. Council asked to have this as an agenda item.

Laudner stated he has talked with WHKS about inspecting the bridges on First, Second and Third Street. Laudner noted that they will be inspecting the Madison Street Bridge this winter and can do these then as well. Council was in agreement with inspections this winter. Laudner also noted that WHKS would like to present to the Council their services.

Laudner reported that the hydrants and parts have come in and will work with Ries Excavating to

start the replacement process.

Koob asked about the new water meter system. Laudner noted he has not heard from them and will make contact.

Koob asked if the equipment with the propane tanks has been brought up to Code. Launder with contact Nu Way.

Chief Brunstein stated the Battle of the Badges went well, they raised over \$7,000.00 for Families of the Fallen. Chief noted that next year the event is set for August 24th.

Weier noted concerns with the stray cats and questions about a shelter taking them. Morrison noted that Fanny Mae is not taking cats.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk