

January 3, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the Rockwell City Council meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Council members present were Worley, Meyer, Ditsworth and Emhoff. Also present were Chelsey Morrison, Sean Hannah, Eric Whipple and Zach Laudner.

Emhoff 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
Sonus.....	Interpreter fees	\$ 172.50
Tyler Letellier Construction LLC.....	Power Box for Camera.....	\$ 200.00
Astra Security.....	Camera/Installation	\$ 19289.50
SHI.....	Police Laptop	\$ 4320.00
Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 95.11
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 78.47
Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$ 1223.21
T Mobile.....	Police Phone.....	\$ 50.00
Cody Brunstein.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 25468.69

PUBLIC WORKS

Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 129.47
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1975.81
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 217.35
O'Reilly Auto	Supplies	\$ 51.57
Absolute Waste Removal.....	December Service	\$ 6620.50
Zach Laudner.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 9054.70

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 282.10
Five Star	Supplies	\$ 15.93
Deano's Road.....	Dust Control.....	\$ 884.00
Total Public Works Road Use		\$ 1182.03

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$ 1223.21
Total Employee Benefits		\$ 1223.21

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dahley Tree Service.....	Tree Removal	\$ 3500.00
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 3500.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 96.09
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 391.76
Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$ 3058.29
The Laurens House of Print	Name Plate	\$ 20.11
Mirror Reporter/Column	Publications	\$ 172.40
HyVee/Lorna.....	Supplies	\$ 90.00

Total General Government.....		\$	3828.65
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY WATER</u>			
Stop and Shop.....	Supplies.....	\$	4.00
Wellmark.....	Health Insurance.....	\$	3058.29
Itron.....	Watermeters.....	\$	3300.00
K&H Cooperative.....	North Tower.....	\$	135.81
Hach.....	Supplies.....	\$	673.00
Hawkins.....	Chlorine Cylinders.....	\$	30.00
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$	38.52
Postmaster.....	Postage.....	\$	396.00
Staples.....	Supplies.....	\$	219.81
Zach Laudner.....	Clothing Allowance.....	\$	198.36
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$	8053.79
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER</u>			
Stop and Shop.....	Supplies.....	\$	27.38
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$	32.24
UPS.....	Waste Water Test Shipping.....	\$	29.87
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$	89.49

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

December Receipts: General \$17741.26; Road Use \$12899.48; Water Utility \$12327.10; Sewer Utility \$7004.87; Local Option \$18968.78; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$4723.53; Storm Water \$2459.84; TIF \$130.17; EMS \$2293.2613.35; Library Benefits \$977.56; Property Ins \$977.56; Police Benefits \$391.03; Emergency Management \$63.06; ARP \$0.

Calendar Year 2023 Payroll:

Zach Laudner	59682.49	Abbie Emhoff	1050.00
Jon Roberts	25717.24	Brian Koob	1000.00
Jay Siefken	37311.52	Randy Meyer	1000.00
Cody Burnstein	69090.80	Chelsey Morrison	1200.00
Lorna Weier	39297.30	Larry Wentz	3250.00
Caroline McManigal	31764.50	Tracy Worley	1000.00
JoLynn Scholl	17272.76		
Helen Cahalan	4004.84		

Eric Whipple, Cerro Gordo County Emergency Management Coordinator, was present to discuss the siren project. Whipple stated that through a four year long process Emergency Management was awarded a grant through FEMA to place and replace outdoor warning sirens in Cerro Gordo County. In the specifications of the grant, as new sirens are placed the existing sirens were to be taken down. Whipple noted that these cost are all covered in the grant, as well as maintenance and insurance for the sirens. Meyer asked about the coverage area for the new siren. Whipple stated that it covers a radius of one and a half miles, it is omni directional and covers the entire circumference. Meyer asked if there is a written policy for the use of the siren. Whipple noted that at the commission meeting this will be set with standard protocol on the use, with sirens being set off when the National Weather Service issues a tornado or a set person, such as a spotter, call in. Council discussed with Whipple the placement, noon and six whistles, costs, use and removal of current sirens. Whipple stated that other communities are concerned with the noon and six whistles, this will be something that can be set in the software. Meyer stated this

isn't the way we would have wanted this to go, or the best location but that this does cover the community, with the maintenance covered and the technology being used we need to go forward with the new siren. Following discussion, Meyer moved to have the current sirens removed and accept the outdoor weather warning siren as placed by the Emergency Management Commission with the cost, maintenance, adding the noon and six whistle and programming to be taken care of by the Emergency Management Commission. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented the Council appointments and committees for the 2024 year. Mayor Wentz asked to add the Emergency Management Commission to appointments. Emhoff moved to approve the 2024 council appointments and committees. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Worley moved to approve by Resolution 2024-1 First Security Bank and Trust as the depository for the City of Rockwell with a maximum deposit of \$2,000,000.00. Motion seconded by Ditsworth. Mayor Wentz took roll call vote; Ayes; Worley, Meyer, Ditsworth and Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz reviewed the contracts with WHKS for the bridge inspections, noting the Madison Street bridge inspection not to exceed \$400.00 and including the bridges on First, Second and Third Street not to exceed \$1,200.00. Worley moved to accept the contract with WHKS not to exceed \$1,200.00 to inspect all of the bridges. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Emhoff shared designs and ideas for planters on Main Street and a Rockwell sign to set at Elm Street and Highway 65. These would be made local by Northland Manufacturing. Weier asked about trying to get some grant funding to offset the cost. Emhoff will work on this. With discussion, Emhoff moved to purchase six pots at \$980.00 each from Northland Manufacturing. Second by Worley, carried unanimously. Council discussed the entrance sign, Mayor Wentz asked to have this an agenda item.

Meyer asked Laudner about calls and procedures. Laudner noted that they are checking the answering machine on weekends and not having any concerns currently.

Mayor Wentz reported on the property on Second Street South and noted that it may be going a different direction. Emhoff asked about another nuisance area. Mayor Wentz felt that Chief Brunstein has been working on this.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk