

February 7, 2024

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 7, 2024. All Council members were present. Also present were Jon Roberts and Zach Laudner.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETYU

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service .....	\$ 9.90
Astra Security.....	Camera/Installation .....	\$ 4745.25
Verizon.....	Police Data.....	\$ 41.32
Verizon.....	Police Data/Electronic Payment.....	\$ 41.32
Tritech Software Systems .....	Police Records .....	\$ 151.66
Post Master.....	Certified Letter .....	\$ 8.97
Amazon .....	National Night Out .....	\$ 781.09
Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 210.27
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 78.34
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Pool Camera.....	\$ 72.18
Dearborn.....	Quarterly Life Insurance .....	\$ 31.05
Wellmark.....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 1223.21
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety .....		\$ 7424.56

PUBLIC WOARKS

Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 310.67
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1982.60
Dearborn.....	Quarterly Life Insurance .....	\$ 62.10
Absolute Waste Removal.....	January Service .....	\$ 6601.50
Floyd & Leonard.....	Supplies.....	\$ 77.62
NAPA .....	Plow .....	\$ 144.82
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works .....		\$ 9239.31

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 912.12
Titan Machinery .....	Repair/Supplies.....	\$ 92.39
DSG .....	Plow Blade-used credit-.....	\$ 301.13
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$ 1305.64

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$ 40.68
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 40.68

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 37.27
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Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 500.34
Dearborn.....	Quarterly Life Insurance.....	\$ 34.80
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 48.03
Mirror Reporter.....	Publications.....	\$ 219.56
Visual Edge.....	Contract.....	\$ 116.03
Landfill of North Iowa.....	Annual Membership Dues.....	\$ 1445.85
Total General Government.....		\$ 2401.88

**BUSINESS UTILITY WATER**

Stop and Shop.....	Supplies.....	\$ 2.00
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 58.95
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 622.77
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 52.79
K&H Cooperative.....	Tower/LP.....	\$ 239.50
Hach.....	Supplies.....	\$ 369.39
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 38.52
Hawkins.....	Chemicals/Chlorine Cylinders.....	\$ 1833.50
Iowa One Call.....	Locates.....	\$ 18.90
M&N.....	Supplies.....	\$ 74.64
John Ries Excavating Inc.....	Repair Leak.....	\$ 1175.00
Van Wert Company.....	Water meters.....	120524.56
Plumb Supply.....	Supplies/Equipment.....	\$ 1218.84
Postmaster.....	Postage.....	\$ 205.42
Iowa DNR.....	Water License Exam Fee.....	\$ 63.04
UPS.....	Water Test Shipping.....	\$ 14.89
Total Business Utility Water.....		126512.71

**BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER**

Wellmark.....	Health Insurance.....	\$ 6116.58
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$ 6116.58

**TIF**

Century Homes.....	TIF Reimbursement.....	\$ 4300.00
Total TIF.....		\$ 4300.00

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

January Receipts: General \$10175.90; Road Use \$12537.77; Water Utility \$8410.06; Sewer Utility \$5637.80; Local Option \$19111.17; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$700.01; Storm Water \$2188.64; TIF \$499.21; EMS \$38.71; Library Benefits \$129.02; Property Ins \$129.02; Police Benefits \$51.61; Emergency Management \$8.32; ARP \$0.

Mayor Wentz reviewed the budget information following the finance committee meeting. Mayor Wentz noted Weier will go up to 35 hour work week, proposed an increase for Council payments, discussed a new pickup with a plow blade. Koob also proposed prioritizing sidewalks, starting from the school and expanding out. Meyer stated that if we do this, we cannot allow anyone to take out existing sidewalks, they need to be repaired instead.

Koob moved to the 2024-2024 Proposed Tax Levy Hearing for April 3, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that he had talked with a resident about deer ruining the trees in his yard, he has talked with the DNR and offered some options. Koob moved to table this to have the resident here and talk with the DNR to get more information. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Laudner told the Council he had looked at pricing for the Pro Press tool, noting the price was the same for Plumb Supply and Dakota Supply Group, \$2,259.00. Laudner noted we have a credit at Dakota Supply. Koob moved to use the credit with DSG to purchase the Pro Press tool at \$2,259.00. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Meyer reported with bids for a pickup and plow; Ford 250 ¾ Ton at \$50,005 and Ford 350 One Ton \$51,060. Meyer noted a nine foot standard V plow would be \$10,709 to \$11,577, this includes mounting and electrical. Meyer noted that the pickup price may fluctuate and a pickup is about eight weeks out if ordered now.

Laudner noted he has not heard from Heartland Asphalt with a quote for continuing the asphalt on First Street.

Laudner also noted he has not heard from WHKS on the bridge inspection.

Laudner stated that he has sent a written notice to the DNR for the follow up infraction-bypass issues from the DNR inspections.

Mayor Wentz stated he had attended the Emergency Management meeting, noting they are still working on the noon and six whistle.

Laudner stated they will be working on tree removal again this week. Laudner also noted the water meter replacement seems to be going well.

Chief Brunstein noted the cameras will be set up this week at the Library and Nursing Home.

Chief Brunstein also noted a tiktok advertising a truck meet that the Lion's Club did not approve, Local authorities have been notified.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Abbie Emhoff, Acting Clerk