

OCTOBER 6, 2021

Mayor Flatness called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 6, 2021. Council members present were Koob, Meyer, Wentz and Worley with Gauley via phone. Also present were Chelsey Morrison, Laudner, Siefken and Chief Brunstein and Dick Fridley via Zoom. As well as numerous guest present in honor of Chief Brunstein.

Worley moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Monthly Service.....	\$172.90
Cerro Gordo County.....	Software Connection.....	\$35.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy.....	Evaluation.....	\$150.00
Galls.....	Police Supplies/Clothing.....	\$1578.74
D&D Sales, Inc.....	Police Patches/Vehicles Graphics.....	\$778.23
North Iowa Media Group.....	Classified Ad.....	\$333.90
Rockwell Community Fire Service.....	Annual Levy.....	\$10000.00
US Cellular.....	Police Phone.....	\$62.01
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$22.00
West Fork Family Medicine.....	Pre-employment Test.....	\$20.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$13152.78

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid-American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$1863.62
Stop and Shop.....	Gas.....	\$142.40
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Service.....	\$5310.06
Don's Auto Service.....	Pickup Battery/Repairs.....	\$853.31
West Fork Family Medicine.....	Pre-employment Test.....	\$20.00
Tractor Supply.....	Battery Pack.....	\$189.98
Floy & Leonard.....	Supplies.....	\$89.91
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$64.84
Total Public Works.....		\$8534.12

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Fastenal.....	Supplies.....	\$102.25
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$111.36
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$213.61

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop.....	Gas/Cemetery.....	\$128.69
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$128.69

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid-American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$68.64
Stumps R Us.....	Stump Grinding.....	\$705.00
Weier's Lawn Service.....	Fall Spraying/Insecticide.....	\$1300.00
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Water.....	\$66.20
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$2139.84

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$97.37
Mid-American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$185.00
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly Premium.....	\$2261.09
Mid-America Publishing.....	Publications.....	\$197.45
Storey Kenworthy.....	Office Supplies.....	\$196.36
Staples.....	Office Supplies.....	\$67.27
Total General Government.....		\$3004.54

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LEVY

Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly Premium.....	\$904.42
Total Employee Benefits Levy.....		\$904.42

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid-American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$372.79
Wellmark Blue Cross.....	Monthly Premium.....	\$904.42
Stop and Shop.....	Gas.....	\$10.48
John Ries Excavating Inc.....	Curb Stop Repair.....	\$782.50
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$31.50
Hawking.....	Cylinder.....	\$5.00
NIACC.....	Classes.....	\$685.00
Iowa DNR.....	Water Use Fee 2022.....	\$95.00
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$73.45
Midwest Pipe.....	Supplies.....	\$1007.53
State Hygienic Laboratory.....	Water Test.....	\$130.00
Plumb Supply.....	Supplies.....	\$298.26
NuWay Cooperative.....	Fuel/Towers.....	\$233.59
Postmaster.....	Water Bills/Postage.....	\$169.20
Postmaster.....	Fluoride Letters.....	\$222.14
UPS.....	Shipping Water Test.....	\$66.29
Jay Siefken.....	Cell Phone/Clothing Allowance.....	\$146.34
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$5233.49

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Visu-Sewer.....	Jetting.....	\$1815.00
Midwest Pipe.....	Supplies.....	\$478.00
Total Business Utility Sewer.....		\$2293.00

Meyer moved to approve the bills for payment with the corrections made. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

September Receipts: General \$29767.47; Road Use \$17819.79; Water Utility \$10030.55; Sewer Utility \$6500.94; Local Option \$17408.17; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$11624.73; Storm Water \$2059.50; TIF \$0; EMS \$639.01; Benefits \$1597.55; ARP \$73766.72.

Mayor Flatness welcomed all to the meeting that were present for the swearing in of Police Chief Brunstein. Following the swearing in of Chief Brunstein, Chief Deputy Stephen Bardole pinned his badge on. All welcomed Chief Brunstein!

Mayor Flatness noted some repairs needed to the office in the EMS building, as well as needing a shop vacuum, Mayor Flatness stated he would do the repairs and painting himself. Worley moved to purchase the supplies and vacuum at a cost of \$250.00 for the needed work. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness stated that the letter he has submitted to the County Supervisors will be considered our application for funding from them for the fencing at the water tower through their American Rescue Plan funding, to be allocated at their discretion. Koob moved to approve and follow through with the fencing projects for the water tower and the lagoon to be paid with the American Rescue Plan funding. Motion seconded by Gauley, carried unanimously.

Siefken noted that the sewer lines that have been discussed to line, can also be paid for with the ARP funding and this could cost upwards of \$20,000.00. Mayor Flatness stated that he would like to have a meeting with Koob and Meyer, as the finance committee, to discuss and prioritize projects for the funding. Mayor Flatness provided sheets for the Council to review the guidelines for use of the ARP funding.

Mayor Flatness stated that a vest has been ordered for Chief Brunstein and in the meantime he is borrowing the vest from previous employment, and they are requesting a donation for the use. Koob felt we should be able to borrow it for the time being as no one else can use it. The Council was in agreement. Chief noted that Mayor Flatness should talk with the Mayor about this donation. Mayor Flatness also stated that the Taser is not operational. Chief Brunstein has looked at a refurbished Taser, for half the cost of new. Koob felt we should look at new. Meyer moved to allow up to \$1,500.00 for a new Taser. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Koob noted to make sure this comes with a holster as well.

Mayor Flatness compared pricing for floor mats, cargo liner and mud flaps for the police vehicle. Wentz moved to purchase said items from Stellar at \$269.84. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Mayor Flatness stated that there are two pieces of equipment needed to finish the police vehicle, these should be in soon.

Mayor Flatness noted that we were able to acquire a new desk for the police office and asked the Council about disposal of the old desk. All were in agreement to get rid of the old desk. Chief Brunstein stated he has cleaned the office. Chief Brunstein also noted that the police vehicle will not fit in the garage with the antenna. Koob noted they can retro fit and antenna inside the car. Mayor Flatness will check on this.

With discussion, Worley moved to set Trick or Treat in Rockwell on Saturday, October 30th from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Motion seconded by Wentz, carried unanimously.

Weier presented the Urban Renewal Report showing the TIF funding collected the past fiscal year, with no expenditures from this funding the total balance is \$28,775.00. Koob moved by Resolution 2021-11 to approve the 2020-2021 Urban Renewal Report. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Flatness noted the letter in the Council's box in reference to the Rockwell Community Fire Service Board and having a study preformed and updating the policies and taxing levies.

Koob asked about the patch on Seventh and Elm. Siefken noted we were waiting for the rock to settle and the area to dry out so this will be repaved next year with street work.

Koob asked about the sale of the vacant lot on Main Street, noting we can't sell it if no one knows it is for sale. Mayor Flatness noted that a zoning change may help expedite the sale, changing it from residential to commercial. With discussion, Koob moved to recommend to the Planning and Zoning Board that the lot at 213 Main Street East be re-zoned to Commercial. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Siefken will follow up with a Planning and Zoning meeting.

Wentz noted that he had moved files and programs on the office computer and wants to make sure that everything is working properly before clearing the old computer to use for the police department. Wentz also stated that he has looked into audio equipment for use with meetings and has asked for formal quotes. Mayor Flatness noted we can use this as an expense from the ARP.

Koob stated that the playground equipment has been delivered and thanked all the volunteers that were there to unload the truck. Wentz noted there was a good line up of people there.

Koob stated that they will be sandblasting the pool on Monday and following with painting and winterizing on October 26th. Koob asked Siefken about winterizing the bathhouse. Siefken noted he has that on the list.

Koob asked what the plan with the red pickup is as we have spent money on repairs for it. Siefken stated we had planned to use it for hauling branches, cold mix and such and having for times they are working on leaks and in the mud. Koob felt we didn't need to put money into it since we have two pickups already, just use the older one for those jobs.

Koob noted an area where the asphalt is sinking. Siefken stated this could be from a prior time that it was dug up along there for a water leak and is settling, he will look at it. Worley also noted that along First Street with the school pickup line, could use some shouldering. Siefken also stated that First Street will need shouldering after the detour is finished and we will have to have the County do this for us as we don't have the equipment to do that much.

Wentz questioned the speed bumps on First Street South. Siefken stated the traffic had been pulling them lose, he had tightened and replaced screws every morning and had concerns with issues from the screws coming up.

Mayor Flatness asked the Council to be thinking about the upcoming budget for the next fiscal year.

Siefken stated they will be flushing water mains from October 18th to October 29th.

Siefken stated that Laudner is doing a great job here and will be working part time hours this month. Mayor Flatness stated we are excited to have Laudner working here.

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

Michael Flatness, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk