

September 4, 2025

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 7:00 p.m. All Council members were present. Also present were Sean Hannah, Meagen Wentz, Don O'Conner, Mike Kruger, Jon Roberts and Zach Laudner.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Electronic Engineering.....	Repair	\$ 82.45
Astra Security.....	Camera/Monthly Billing.....	\$ 306.54
Verizon.....	Police Data/Electronic Payment.....	\$ 40.01
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 78.32
Stop and Shop.....	National Night Out Supplies.....	\$ 467.19
Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 133.40
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 1223.21
Walmart.....	NNO Supplies	\$ 670.23
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 3031.35

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1874.56
Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 455.96
Floyd & Leonard.....	Repairs.....	\$ 162.28
CJ's Auto	Tire Repair	\$ 50.00
John Ries Excavating.....	Storm Water Drainage.....	\$ 11718.83
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 20.46
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 3058.29
Huntbatch Insurance	Pickup adjustment	\$ 380.00
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Service	\$ 6937.60
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 24717.98

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Heartland Asphalt	First Street	\$ 322,481.30
Iowa Lot Striping.....	Striping/Parking Markings	\$ 8925.06
Larry Elwood	Truck Blade.....	\$ 11350.00
Total Public Works Road Use		\$ 342756.36

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop.....	LGR	\$ 140.00
Makenzie Fessler.....	August Cemetery Mowing.....	\$ 1230.00
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$ 1370.00

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City of Rockwell.....	Linn Grove CC/Course Water.....	\$ 25.55
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$ 23.05
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 48.60

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 4281.50
Total Employee Benefits		\$ 4281.50

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 97.05
Daley's Plumbing.....	EMT/Police Building	\$ 298.15
Iowa League of Cities.....	Membership Dues	\$ 992.00
Mirror Reporter.....	Publications	\$ 162.44
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 191.61
Total General Government.....		\$ 1741.25

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 488.43
Stop and Shop.....	Supplies	\$ 17.73
Core & Main	Supplies	\$ 2568.30
Hawkins	Chlorine Cylinder/Chemicals	\$ 1916.73
John Ries Excavating.....	Repairs.....	\$ 600.00
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 71.83
Postmaster	Postage/Water Bills	\$ 238.56
Hach Company.....	Chlorine supplies.....	\$ 89.25
UPS	Water Test Shipping.....	\$ 29.01
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 6019.84

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Clear Lake Sanitary District.....	Waste Water Test	\$ 46.50
Iowa DNR.....	Waste Water Permit	\$ 210.00
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 171.42
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 427.92

LINN GROVE RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	August Billing	\$ 2129.38
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	August Billing	\$ 90.74
Hewett Wholesale	Concession Supplies.....	\$ 2146.72
Chadd Blanchard	Supplies	\$ 78.09
Total Linn Grove Recreation		\$ 4444.93

Worley moved to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

August Receipts: General \$10607.27; Road Use \$11315.42; Water Utility \$10001.55; Sewer Utility \$6529.44; Local Option \$22629.07 Storm Water Utility \$2376.30

Meagen Wentz, Don O'Conner and Mike Kruger presented on behalf of West Fork School District with information on the upcoming bond referendum for the improvements needed for our school building, in making a better learning environment for the students. Information on this referendum is available at City Hall to help everyone make an informed decision on this vote on the November 5th ballot. Following their presentation the group left the meeting.

Mayor Wentz brought up golf cart issues, noting the safety hazards with young children driving golf carts on the city streets. Mayor Wentz feels a permit process may help with this issue as all carts would need to be registered and information would get to all using golf carts in town. Council will revisit the issue.

Laudner reported back on the purchase of an iPad, the device would be \$850.00 with unlimited data for \$20.00 per month and \$15.00 monthly for a protection plan. With discussion Emhoff moved to purchase the iPad at \$850.00 and the unlimited data and protection plan for the \$35.00 monthly. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Laudner stated that the broom attachment for the skid loader needs the broom replaced, the cost is \$1,730.00. Koob moved to have the replacement purchased at \$1,730.00. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Weier noted that Attorney Berry noted a fair wage plus benefits for the city employees to do cleanup/work on properties. Council discussed nuisance areas and clean up.

Koob asked Laudner about the issue with the animal by the cemetery. Laudner noted that he has not seen the animal, was told it is a woodchuck, but does not have a means for catching it.

Koob asked about the culvert work done on Second Street. Laudner noted that they put in two eight inch culverts, the cost is being shared with the school.

Ditsworth stated the drainage work done along Madison Street looks great! Laudner stated that he has been approached about going to the East with this work also. Koob asked to have cost for cleaning up the ditch. Meyer felt we could burn the ditch this fall to see more of what is there.

Koob asked about the meter upgrades and how many are remaining. Council discussed setting a final date, and if not changed the water service could be shut off.

Worley reported on a good summer at the pool, it is now drained and winterized. Worley also noted a great Chicken BBQ and thanked all that were involved.

Mayor Wentz stated that he had went to the ribbon cutting for the new FEMA room at the school. Mayor Wentz stated this is a nice addition to the community.

Meyer noted he has talked with the Legion Commander about the cost of removing the buildings and was looking at different ways to make this more cost effective. Ideas will be looked into.

Emhoff noted concerns from residents on First Street. Now that the pavement project is done the traffic is flying and they are asking about speed bumps. Council discussed the issue.

Emhoff asked if a group wanted to put together a town celebration if they need to come to the Council first. Mayor Wentz stated no.

Emhoff also noted the Farmers Markets have been up and down, but still working on putting them together. Council discussed some options with these.

Emhoff asked about getting fall plants for the Main Street planters. Koob moved to allow \$300.00 for plants. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Laudner asked about the buildings at the cemetery. Council asked to have bids to remove them.

Laudner asked about quotes for the crosswalks that need to be taken care of as he has not received a bid. Council felt it was fine to look for other bids.

Laudner asked about the shoulders along First Street, as there is some big differences. Koob thought that the County Engineer may be able to help with some ideas. Laudner also noted that he was approached about tarring the cracks on Main Street. Council asked for more information.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk