

January 15, 2025

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 15, 2025. All Council members were present. Also present were Sean Hannah, Jon Roberts, Zach Launder and Chief Brunstein.

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

Mayor Wentz presented the committee appointments for 2025, noting no changes were made. Koob moved to approve the appointments as presented. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented Resolution 2025-1 naming First Security Bank and Trust as the official depository with a maximum deposit of \$2,500,000.00. Koob moved to approve Resolution 2025-1 naming First Security Bank and Trust as the official depository for the City of Rockwell. Motion seconded by Ditsworth. With roll call vote, Ayes: Koob, Worley, Meyer, Ditsworth and Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz discussed the investment policy with the Council. With discussion Koob moved to table said policy for further review. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented Resolution 2025-2 Extending the City of Rockwell Urban Revitalization Plan for a ten year period. Emhoff moved to adopt Resolution 2025-2 Extending the City of Rockwell Urban Revitalization Plan. Motion seconded by Meyer. With roll call vote, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office	Monthly Service	\$ 70.00
Astra Security	Camera/Monthly Billing	\$ 306.54
TMobile	Police Data	\$ 75.00
Central Square	Police Zuercher	\$ 291.54
Rockwell Community Fire Service	Annual Payment	\$ 28229.00
Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$ 158.66
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.	Monthly billing	\$ 123.39
Postmaster	Postage	\$ 9.90
Jon's Auto & Truck Repair	Police Car	\$ 93.84
Sunset	Ammunition	\$ 407.25
Amazon	Jump Start	\$ 244.74
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 1377.05
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 279.69
Menards	Supplies	\$ 159.99
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 31856.59

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$ 1830.44
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 1119.57

Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Service	\$ 13875.20
NIACOG	Comprehensive Plan.....	\$ 1000.00
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 251.44
NAPA	Supplies	\$ 91.99
Stellar	Supplies	\$ 70.06
Hanig Construction	Sidewalk Replacement.....	\$ 8550.00
D & D Printing.....	Maps.....	\$ 202.23
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 27050.89

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Stop and Shop.....	Gas	\$ 182.82
BMC Aggregates L.C.....	Sand/Salt Mix.....	\$ 3120.70
Don's Auto Service.....	Plow Truck	\$ 28.80
Cerro Gordo County Engineer.....	Pavement Markings.....	\$ 3198.34
CJ's Auto	Tire repair.....	\$ 50.00
Total Public Works Road Use		\$ 6580.66

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 10.83
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$ 10.83

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 4819.70
Total Employee Benefits		\$ 4819.70

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 24.54
Dahley Tree Service.....	Nov/Dec Tree Removal.....	\$ 20375.00
Mason City Red Power.....	Stump Grinder.....	\$ 9885.00
ROI Energy	Lighting.....	\$ 19330.00
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 49614.54

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 323.78
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 96.19
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 22.32
Staples	Supplies	\$ 70.98
Rachelle Thompson.....	Annual Exam.....	\$ 6400.00
State Auditor.....	Annual Exam.....	\$ 175.00
Column.....	Publications	\$ 209.59
HyVee	Supplies	\$ 97.01
Total General Government.....		\$ 7374.87

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 468.48
Stop and Shop.....	Supplies	\$ 6.00
NuWay K&H	Tower/Propane	\$ 254.16
Hach	Chemicals	\$ 227.85
Hawkins	Chlorine/Chemicals	\$ 1914.73
Eurofins.....	Water Test	\$ 38.52
Postmaster	Postage/Water Bills	\$ 234.64
Postmaster	Mail Fluoride letters.....	\$ 203.28

State Hygienic Lab.....	Water Testing	\$ 889.50
Zach Laudner	Clothing Allowance	\$ 117.67
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 4354.83

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 3442.65
Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test	\$ 146.59
Clear Lake Sanitary District.....	Waste Water Test	\$ 93.00
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 3682.24

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

The Northway Corporation.....	Tower Work	\$ 22175.00
The Northway Corporation.....	Tower Work	\$ 42509.05
Total American Rescue Plan		\$ 64684.05

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

December Receipts: General \$27088.91; Road Use \$12289.15; Water Utility \$11004.76; Sewer Utility \$7158.88; Local Option \$18543.20; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$4948.52; Storm Water \$2336.64; TIF \$134.08

Mayor Wentz presented an application for tax abatement from The Wondering Brew at 311 Main Street East. Koob moved to approve the request by Resolution 2025-3 for said tax abatement. Motion seconded by Ditsworth. With roll call vote, carried unanimously.

Emhoff asked to discuss the local option funds granted to the REDC, noting a counter on the offer, and stated they are seeking an additional \$10,000.00 for the property purchase and improvements. Meyer stated that they know there will be money involved to have salable lots should their offer be accepted so this additional amount would give them some funding for that as well. Ditsworth moved to transfer an additional \$10,000.00 to the REDC for property purchase and improvements. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob stated that he would like to have a public workshop on moving forward with implementing a sidewalk improvement plan, with the public involved. Council set February 12th at 6:30 pm, in the Community Center, for a public workshop, to bring forward information and ideas on implementing a sidewalk improvement plan.

Koob asked about the edges of First Street following the pavement work. Laudner noted that the County Engineer had talked with him about ideas, but has not got a price on some work. Laudner will follow up on this.

Mayor Wentz noted he will attend the upcoming Emergency Management meeting.

Koob asked about the street light on Main Street. Laudner noted that Mid American owns those lights, so they are working on that issue.

Laudner reported that the stump grinder, a shared purchase with the Linn Grove Country Club, is here and they have used it.

Weier stated that the Landfill of North Iowa has set the hazardous waste collection for Rockwell

and Dougherty for September 22nd at the City shed from 3:30-5:30.

With on further business, Emhoff moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk