

February 5, 2025

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

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

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Monthly Service .....	\$ 35.00
Electronic Engineering.....	Quarterly Service.....	\$ 29.70
Astra Security.....	Camera/Monthly Billing.....	\$ 306.54
Galls .....	Police Clothing.....	\$ 472.88
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing/internet service .....	\$ 123.44
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 1377.05
Dearborn Group .....	Life Insurance .....	\$ 31.05
Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 290.65
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety .....		\$ 2696.31

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1838.94
Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 515.99
Landfill of North Iowa .....	Annual Membership Dues .....	\$ 1445.85
CJ's Auto .....	Tire Repair .....	\$ 130.00
Culver Hahn.....	Supplies .....	\$ 43.55
NAPA .....	Supplies .....	\$ 17.98
LA Grinding.....	Teeth/Stump grinder .....	\$ 460.10
Amazon .....	Supplies .....	\$ 34.59
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works .....		\$ 4547.00

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$ 28.80
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 28.80

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 769.80
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 37.29
Dearborn Group .....	Life Insurance .....	\$ 34.80
Visual Edge IT.....	Contract.....	\$ 49.92
Column.....	Publications .....	\$ 149.86
Total General Government.....		\$ 1041.67

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 667.68
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Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 58.95
Dearborn Group .....	Life Insurance .....	\$ 62.10
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 3442.65
Hawkins .....	Chlorine Cylinder.....	\$ 10.00
Iowa One Call .....	Locates .....	\$ 7.20
Postmaster .....	Postage/Water Samples .....	\$ 15.70
Postmaster .....	Water Bills.....	\$ 235.76
Stop and Shop.....	Gas .....	\$ 6.00
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 4446.04

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

#### January Receipts:

General \$21135.97; Road Use \$12725.62; Water Utility \$13135.15; Sewer Utility \$6351.70; Local Option \$23722.15; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$681.81; Storm Water \$2345.63.

Mayor Wentz asked for review of the agreement written by Attorney Berry for the Linn Grove Country Club and use of the stump grinder. Koob felt this should state that the City guys will only do this during regular working hours. With discussion, Koob moved to have the Attorney include wording stating the hours to be worked. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz asked for review of the investment policy. Council agreed to have more information from the Auditor on this.

Mayor Wentz stated that the Police Chief has issues in the current EMS building with internet service and such and feels that it would be better to move his office into the City Hall building, using the north office. With discussion, Koob moved to relocate the police office to City Hall. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Koob asked Laudner about the First Street shoulders. Laudner noted he has made contact with the County Engineer and they will get a meeting set to look at this.

Mayor Wentz noted that we had a budget workshop and have the 2025-2026 budget process started. Mayor Wentz noted allowing funds for work on the community center, council room and equipment. Koob asked Laudner about street work for the upcoming budget year. Meyer stated the police vehicle would be next for replacement, the tractor is in good shape. Council discussed vehicles, noting all are good for now. Mayor Wentz noted that Fourth Street needs to have work done. Ditsworth also noted the bridge on Third Street South. Meyer felt this could be fixed with cleaning out and digging in a culvert. Koob asked about getting quotes for work on the Third Street and Second Street bridges.

Meyer reported that the Sacred Heart Council accepted the REDC bid for the property on Third Street North.

Emhoff noted the Main Street business buildings. Weier stated the abatement for the Main Street business the Council approved was not approved by the County Assessor, we need to have minimum assessment agreements for commercial properties. Council agreed to contact Attorney Berry for clarification.

Koob noted the sidewalk improvement public discussion for February 12<sup>th</sup>. Koob also noted the recent Supreme Court rulings.

Laudner reported that they are done with tree removal, for now.

Laudner stated that there had been a vacant rental property that the meter apparently froze and broke and allowed water to freely flow, the meter registered about 200,000 gallons of usage. Laudner asked Council about this situation, and responsibility for the bill. Council was in agreement that this is the home owners cost for the usage and the meter.

Chief Brunstein noted a property sale, and issues with cats. Chief Brunstein also reported back on the in car camera system that he had a meeting about. Chief Brunstein noted the cost range from \$9,600 for a basic unit to \$15,000 for an advanced unit.

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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Lorna Weier, City Clerk