

March 3, 2025

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 pm on Monday, March 3, 2025. Council members present were Koob, Worley, Meyer and Ditsworth. Also present were Chris Diggins, Pat Hurley, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

Koob 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.....	Service Police Car.....	\$ 632.00
Astra Security.....	Camera/Monthly Billing.....	\$ 306.54
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 155.71
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing/internet service.....	\$ 123.44
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 1377.05
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety .....		\$ 2624.74

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1876.69
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Service.....	\$ 6937.60
Landfill of North Iowa .....	Annual Fee .....	\$ 1445.85
Menards.....	Supplies .....	\$ 92.94
Titan Machinery .....	Service Skid loader .....	\$ 2163.97
Titan Machinery .....	Service Tractor.....	\$ 2536.91
NAPA .....	Supplies .....	\$ 88.99
The Duke Saw Parts.....	Stump Grinder.....	\$ 449.31
Arbor Edge Tools.....	Stump Grinder.....	\$ 159.95
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works .....		\$ 15812.21

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Northland Manufacturing .....	Repairs.....	\$ 400.00
Mason City Rentals.....	Hammer Drill .....	\$ 66.17
Irby.....	Bridge Lights .....	\$ 9243.14
Total Public Works Road Use .....		\$ 9709.31

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$ 26.27
Dahley Tree Service.....	Tree Removal.....	\$ 9250.00
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 9276.27

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 11.06
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$ 11.06

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 845.60
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Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 97.25
Hewett Wholesale Inc.....	Supplies.....	\$ 145.75
Window World .....	Library Window.....	\$ 1200.00
Post Master.....	Box Fee/Postage.....	\$ 193.00
Column.....	Publications .....	\$ 117.38
WebWise.....	City website .....	\$ 300.00
Total General Government.....		\$ 2898.98

**BUSINESS UTILITY WATER**

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 622.92
Wellmark .....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 3442.65
Hawkins .....	Chlorine Cylinder.....	\$ 10.00
K&H Coop.....	Fuel.....	\$ 100.81
Postmaster .....	Water Bills.....	\$ 232.40
John Ries Excavating Inc.....	Water Leak.....	\$ 2697.50
Zach Laudner .....	Clothing.....	\$ 64.19
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 7170.47

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

February Receipts: General \$20288.20; Road Use \$10806.07; Water Utility \$25010.82; Sewer Utility \$7544.72; Local Option \$17189.88; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$681002.98.81; Storm Water \$2283.17; TIF \$3422.42

Mayor Wentz stated that the Lions Club would be at the next meeting in reference to the upcoming truck show.

Chris Diggins was present to give the Council information on CDBG. Diggins noted that with a Capital Improvement Plan, an Engineer could help with design and layout phases for work needed on sewer lines and such infrastructure that the Council is looking for improvements, prior to looking at grant funding.

Pat Hurley was asking the Council for an amendment to park his trailer on the City right of way prior to the April 1<sup>st</sup> date. Koob stated that the Ordinance states that no trailers are to be parked on the City right of way from November 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>. With discussion, Meyer moved to waive the Ordinance 3-3-31 for March of 2025 only. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented the agreement with the City and Linn Grove Country Club for the use of the stump grinder with the verbiage changed for the use during work hours. Worley moved to approve the agreement with Linn Grove Country Club. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz reviewed the investment policy and noted the dollar amount on section 10 needs to be set at \$2,500,000.00. Koob moved by, Resolution 2025-4, to approve the Investment Policy with the dollar amount set at \$2,500,000.00. Motion seconded by Worley. Mayor Wentz asked for roll call vote. Aye: Koob, Worley, Meyer, Ditsworth. Motion carried unanimously. Council discussed the \$33,000.00 CD as well and agreed to roll it over for another 24 months.

Mayor Wentz presented the Proposed Property Tax Levy for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. With review, Koob moved to approve the levy as presented. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Council set the April meetings as April 9, 2025 5:30 pm for the Proposed Property Tax Levy Hearing. April 9, 2025 5:45 pm for the regular Council meeting. Council also set April 23, 2025 5:30 pm for the regular Council meeting.

Koob felt that having an Engineer on board is a good idea. Ditsworth noted they would help look at all infrastructure and also recommended Veenstra & Kimm. Laudner will look into this.

Koob asked about the sidewalk meeting, and felt this could be at our regular meeting on March 19<sup>th</sup> to hold a public forum on sidewalks. Council was in agreement.

Mayor Wentz noted he had attended the Accessors meeting in setting the County budget.

Worely noted the pool board is planning to meet soon to start the pool opening, hiring process.

Meyer noted he will be attending the 911 Board Meeting.

Mayor Wentz noted that he and Chief Brunstein had met with the County Sheriff and the department to discuss security and working with the County. Mayor Wentz noted these applications can be available to Chief Brunstein at an annual cost of \$500.00.

Weier noted that the advertisement for mowing the Rockwell Cemetery will go out.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor

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Lorna Weier, City Clerk