

April 9, 2025

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:45 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. Council members present were Worley, Meyer, Ditsworth and Emhoff. Also present were Sean Hannah, Tim Nuehring, Caroline, McManigal, Penny McCaslin and Zach Laudner.

Emhoff moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025 meeting. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Zuercher Software	\$ 70.00
Astra Security.....	Camera/Monthly Billing.....	\$ 306.54
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing Feb/March	\$ 303.38
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 44.95
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 1377.50
Jonesy's	Gas Feb/March	\$ 379.74
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 2512.11

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1873.06
Jonesy's	Gas Feb/March	\$ 624.12
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Service Feb/March.....	\$ 13875.20
Diamond Maps.....	Annual Subscription.....	\$ 240.00
Floyd & Leonard.....	Supplies	\$ 41.11
NAPA	Supplies	\$ 349.55
Fleet Farm	Supplies	\$ 75.66
Harbor Freight.....	Supplies	\$ 28.87
Zach Laudner.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 17167.57

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Mason City Red Power.....	Supplies	\$ 69.00
Jonesy's	Gas Feb/March	\$ 1184.40
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 65.09
Total Public Works Road Use		\$ 1318.49

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial.....	\$ 23.65
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 23.65

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 21.89
State of Iowa.....	Pool License/Registration.....	\$ 105.00
Iowa Parks and Recreation	CPO Classes.....	\$ 350.00
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 476.89

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 4819.70
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 741.33
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 19.33
America's Drain Cleaning.....	Library.....	\$ 369.15
Column/Mirror.....	Publication.....	\$ 288.24
Huntbatch Insurance.....	Renewal Property Insurance	\$ 58360.00
Staples.....	Supplies	\$ 46.58
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	Dues	\$ 896.00
Total General Government.....		\$ 60720.63

DEBT SERVICE STORM WATER DEBT SERVICE POOL

UMB	Debt Service Storm Water	\$ 73347.50
UMB	Debt Service Pool.....	\$ 63700.00
Total Debt Service		137047.50

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 568.13
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 58.95
Jonesy's	Supplies	\$ 9.00
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 3442.65
Hawkins	Chlorine Cylinder.....	\$ 40.00
Eurofins.....	Water Test	\$ 115.56
DSG	Supplies	\$ 466.50
Postmaster	Water Bills.....	\$ 235.76
Postmaster	Fluoride Letters.....	\$ 260.61
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 5197.16

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test	\$ 34.24
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 34.24

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

March Receipts: General \$17710.86; Road Use \$9728.05; Water Utility \$11153.46; Sewer Utility \$6750.21; Local Option \$20235.85; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$3123.02; Storm Water \$1595.39.

Tim Nuehring was present on behalf of the Rockwell Lions Club. Nuehring thanked the Council for the support in previous years with the events the Lions Club host. Nuehring stated they will be having a North Iowa Truck Fest on June 21st, with a band to follow the show. July 31st, August 1st and August 2nd is the National Tractor Pull and on August 23rd they will host a tractor pull. Nuehring was asking for the noise ordinance to be waived for these events. Worley moved to waive the noise ordinance for the June 21st event until midnight. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Worley moved to waive the noise ordinance for the National Tractor Pull event, July 31st-August 2nd until 1:00 AM. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Worley moved to waive the noise ordinance for the August 23rd event until midnight. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Caroline McManigal, Library Director, discussed with the Council another water incident at the library. McManigal stated she had America's Drain Cleaning come in and ServPro. With discussion, Ditsworth suggested a plumber to look at the situation.

Penny McCaslin, with Cerro Gordo County Department of Health, gave information on new programs and community support the department of health is working on. McCaslin noted their quarterly meetings, with the next meeting being Tuesday, July 8th.

Mayor Wentz opened the bids for the 2025 mowing season for the Rockwell Cemetery. With discussion and review, Emhoff moved to accept the bid from Makenzie Fessler at \$605.00 per mowing and \$350.00 for spring and fall cleanup. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Emhoff moved to set the 2025-2026 Budget hearing for April 23rd at 5:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Laudner told the Council that the North water tower is in need of painting. Laudner had a bid from K & W to blast and paint the tower and clean the inside for \$32,200.00. Laudner also noted the South tower needs cleaning. K & W would also clean the outside of the South tower for \$7,400.00. With discussion, Emhoff moved to have the work done with K & W at a cost of \$39,600.00, to blast, paint and clean the North tower and clean the exterior of the South tower. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Laudner told the Council they have tried an attachment with a Kombi to help with the cleanup from stump grinding, and found it to be very helpful. Laudner had a quote from Floyd & Lenard to purchase this equipment for \$684.00. Emhoff moved to approve the purchase of the Kombi with the paddle attachment. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Laudner also told the Council he has talked with the County Engineer about the shoulder work on First Street. Laudner noted a cost of \$318.26 an hour, for work if done with the skid steer and \$377.56 an hour for work done with the road grader. Laudner noted they feel this can be done with the skid steer and would be about eight hours of work. Emhoff moved to have the First Street work done, dependent on equipment used, at a cost up to \$377.56 an hour. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Laudner reported on the insurance claim for the repairs on the Madison Street Bridge lights, with the companies insurance only offering to pay a portion of the cost. With discussion, Mayor Wentz asked that Laudner talk to the City Attorney about this.

Laudner told the Council that the Engineer from Veenstra & Kimm had stopped in and they looked around town. Laudner noted he will put together a quote for retaining their services.

Ditsworth noted the line striping on First Street is fading, he wondered if this was common. Laudner will look into it.

Worley noted they will have a pool board meeting soon. Noting Jade will be managing this upcoming season and has contacted the previous guards.

Mayor Wentz reported on the Cerro Gordo County Assessors meeting. Mayor Wentz also noted that following the Assessor meeting he was involved in discussion on a new county shed in Rockwell.

Mayor Wentz asked Laudner about street work for the upcoming budget year, noting Fourth Street is getting really bad.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk