

April 23, 2025

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2025. Council members present were Koob, Worley, Meyer and Emhoff. Also present were Samantha Youngers, Jade Roberts, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

Meyer moved to approve the minutes of the April 9th meeting. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Emhoff moved to approve the minutes of the April 9th Tax Levy hearing. Motion seconded Meyer, carried unanimously.

Samantha Youngers and Jade Roberts were present to ask about closing the alley behind their homes for a block party on August 9th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Council approved of the alley being closed for the day and time asked.

Koob moved to open the public hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget at 5:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

With no written or oral discussion, Koob moved to close the public hearing. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to adopt the 2025-2026 Budget by Resolution 2025-6. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Mayor Wentz asked for roll call vote. Aye: Koob, Worley, Meyer, Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented a Memorandum of Understanding between Cerro Gordo County and the City of Rockwell Police Department. This will allow Rockwell Police to access the County IT services and support at a cost of \$500.00 per year. Koob asked if this includes the current cost to the county for the Zuercher software. Mayor Wentz noted he would check on this. Koob moved to table this until these questions are answered. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz noted the storms and the outdoor warning siren. Mayor Wentz also stated he had reached out to Caroline, library director, to see if there had been any water issue in the library, she stated there was not.

Emhoff asked for the guys to have the planters out on Main Street. Emhoff also asked for \$400.00 to purchase plants. Koob moved to allow \$400.00 for the plants on Main Street. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Koob asked about the entrance sign and grant funding. Emhoff stated she has applied for grants for this. Koob felt this would be good to have done this summer prior to the events in town.

Laudner reported that the First Street work to level out the right of way has been done and has a price to hydro-seed the area for \$1,200.00, with additional cost for grass seed and equipment needed. Council agreed to move forward with finishing the work.

Worley reported on the pool board meeting, with a target date to open for Memorial weekend. Applications can be found by going to the Rockwell Aquatic Center Facebook page and clicking the link for rockwellpool.com with applications due May 15th.

Mayor Wentz noted the utility billing and the ink being rubbed off during the mailing process and has bids from a couple of places for a new printer/copier.

Mayor Wentz talked about a catch phrase for Rockwell, and giving some positive reinforcement to residents that are keeping things up and making improvements. Koob also asked what we can do to keep moving to make improvements on Main Street, and to work on sidewalk improvements.

Laudner reported that the Engineer had been here and looked at areas we may want to do some improvements on, but has not gotten back to him, yet.

Emhoff noted she will start up the Farmers Market for the season.

Laudner also reported that the City Attorney noted we should counter on their claim offer for the bridge lights and repairs, and the Insurance Agent has not accepted this.

Chief Brunstein noted that the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff has offered to sell the speed trailer to us at a cost of \$3,000.00. Chief Brunstein stated he would see if Sheffield would like to cost share this.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk