

July 9, 2025

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9, 2025. All Council members were present. Also present were Jason Petersberg, John Robbins, Sean Hannah, Mark Waite, Caroline McManigal, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner, and Chief Brunstein. Members of the Planning and Zoning board: Dave Severin, Jeremy Poole, Jeff Reimers, Tony Laudner.

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

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Zuercher Software	\$ 35.00
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office.....	Speed Trailer	\$ 3000.00
Astra Security.....	Camera/Monthly Billing.....	\$ 306.54
Peachy Keehn Boutique.....	Security T-Shirts.....	\$ 256.80
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 46.76
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 1377.05
Jonesy's Stop and Shop	Gas/Supplies.....	\$ 107.91
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 5160.06

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 1895.05
Jonesy's Stop and Shop	Gas/Supplies.....	\$ 582.97
Absolute Waste Removal.....	Monthly Service	\$ 13875.20
Menards.....	Supplies	\$ 236.97
Don's Auto Service.....	Tractor Battery.....	\$ 225.30
M & G Tire Service.....	Tractor Tire.....	\$ 601.37
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone/Clothing Allowance.....	\$ 353.95
Total Public Works		\$ 17800.81

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Mayland Garage.....	Dump Truck	\$ 214.00
Total Public Works Road Use		\$ 214.00

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Makenzie Fessler.....	Cemetery Mowing.....	\$ 2420.00
Clear Lake Sanitary.....	Pool Test.....	\$ 376.00
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$ 2796.00

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 24.09
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Water Billing	\$ 688.72
Main Street Flowers.....	Flower/Supplies.....	\$ 400.00
Noss Landscaping	Entrance Sign Landscaping.....	\$ 25328.00
Total Community and Economic Development.....		\$ 26440.81

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 8262.35
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Total Employee Benefits \$ 8262.35

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 195.71
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 26.22
SMG	Copy/Printer	\$ 1938.73
Storey Kenworthy.....	Office Supplies.....	\$ 301.53
Column/Mirror.....	Publication.....	\$ 267.66
Mason City Tile.....	Library	\$ 551.79
Staples	Supplies	\$ 15.99
Iowa League of Cities.....	Member Dues.....	\$ 1019.00
Emergency Management.....	Member Dues.....	\$ 2709.00
Total General Government.....		\$ 7025.63

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 643.38
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 58.95
Jonesy's Stop and Shop	Supplies	\$ 3.00
Staples	Supplies	\$ 36.99
Itron.....	Subscription.....	\$ 3707.88
Iowa DNR.....	Water Supply Fee.....	\$ 116.44
Core & Main	Supplies	\$ 228.56
K&W Coatings.....	North Tower Painting.....	\$ 32200.00
K&W Coatings.....	South Tower Cleaning.....	\$ 6400.00
Hawkins	Chlorine/Cylinder.....	\$ 30.00
Eurofins.....	Water Test	\$ 111.24
Hach	Chemicals	\$ 51.50
Clear Lake Sanitary.....	Water Test	\$ 332.00
Postmaster.....	Water Bills.....	\$ 240.80
Postmaster	Postage/Fluoride Letters	\$ 207.20
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 44367.94

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test	\$ 74.52
Clear Lake Sanitary.....	Water/Waste Water Test/Pool Test....	\$ 93.00
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 167.52

LINN GROVE RECREATION

Rockwell Coop Telephone	Monthly Billing	\$ 142.41
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly Billing	\$ 2308.50
Hewett Wholesale	Concessions.....	\$ 835.75
Carrico Aquatic Resources.....	Management Agreement.....	\$ 1450.00
Carrico Aquatic Resources.....	Repair/Supplies.....	\$ 1667.33
Carrico Aquatic Resources.....	Repair/Supplies.....	\$ 3125.17
CG Department of Public Health.....	Inspection.....	\$ 468.00
Overhead Door Co.....	Repair Counter Door.....	\$ 1107.45
North Central Mechanical Service	Heater.....	\$ 387.68
Central Design.....	T-Shirts.....	\$ 449.40
Kiefer Aquatics	Supplies	\$ 161.30
Total Linn Grove Recreation		\$ 12102.99

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

unanimously.

June Receipts: General \$15835.94; Road Use \$25353.18; Water Utility \$13889.04; Sewer Utility \$8425.17; Local Option \$16113.49; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$1673.12; Storm Water \$2446.42; TIF \$0

2024-2025 Payroll

Zach Laudner	65936.30	Jacob Ditsworth	750.00
Jon Roberts	55659.77	Abbie Emhoff	950.00
Cody Burnstein	72870.80	Brian Koob	750.00
Lorna Weier	45303.46	Randy Meyer	950.00
Caroline McManigal	34605.90	Larry Wentz	3250.00
JoLynn Scholl	18480.96	Tracy Worley	1050.00
Helen Cahalan	4436.67		

Caroline McManigal, Library Director, told the Council she has purchased water detection sensors for the building. McManigal stated the summer reading program went great with a lot of kids and noted that LuAnn Helmers does a great job with the program. McManigal noted that she had billed the insurance for the pack back time, from the recent water incident, and they had taken care of this themselves. McManigal was asking for that balance to be used for future materials for the Library. Koob moved to allow the remaining balance of the insurance payment to go to the Library savings. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Chief Brunstein stated that he needs new tires on the police vehicle. Koob moved to have Chief get state qualified tires for the police vehicle. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Jason Petersburg, with Veenstra & Kimm Engineering, presented proposals to the Council on services and study for the infrastructure of the water and wastewater treatment systems as well as evaluating the bridge on 3rd Street South. Council thanked Petersburg for his work and proposals.

Emhoff moved to approve the agreement, prepared by Attorney Berry, for the maintenance on the property purchased by the REDC until all lots have been sold to third parties. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that Mosquito Control of Iowa will spray, again this season, at the same cost as prior, \$6725.00. Ditsworth asked about purchasing a fogger ourselves. Emhoff noted that Sheffield has a fogger, maybe we can work with them. With discussion, Koob moved to approve Mosquito Control to spray again this season at \$6725.00. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that by City Code all the utilities the city bills for increase by two percent annually in July. Council was in agreement to keep up with cost by applying the two percent increase. Meyer moved to approve the two percent increase by Ordinance 1-2025 effective July 1, 2025. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Emhoff moved to approve the tobacco permit renewal for Jonesy's Stop and Shop. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented the bid for garbage and recycling with Absolute Waste Removal. With questions, Mayor Wentz called Michelle, of Absolute Waste Removal. Following discussion, Meyer moved to table until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Laudner presented quotes for street work noting the corner of B60 and Highway 65, patchwork and Jefferson Street. Laudner noted this expends the \$50,000.00 allotted for the fiscal year. Laudner also noted patchwork needed for the areas that property owners would be responsible for due to digging from repairs to owners' water or sewer lines. Koob asked to verify the responsibility for the work on B60, and so moved to table this until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Ditsworth.

Mayor Wentz stated that it is time for employee raises, noting he is very satisfied with the work of the employees. Mayor Wentz stated we had put a three percent increase in the budget and would endorse that three percent for raises for the employees. Koob moved to give the three percent increase for all employees effective July 1st. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously. Increases will be: Brunstein \$1.06, Laudner eighty-six cents, Roberts seventy-two cents and Weier seventy-five cents.

Emhoff noted that the new sign at Elm Street and Highway 65 is going up and there are some trees that need to be trimmed away from there. Laudner will look at this and contact Dahley. Laudner noted that we will need to be responsible for the trimming around the landscaping.

Koob asked to have a public discussion on the sidewalk implementation at the September meeting.

Worley reported that the new sink was put in the concession stand and all is going well at the pool.

Koob asked about getting a price to put in a path from Seventh Street going East, on the North side of Main Street, to connect to the current path.

Emhoff noted the event by Public Health this Friday, July 11th, and asked to close Main Street from Third Street to Fourth Street, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. With Council approval, Laudner will set out cones for closing Main Street.

Koob noted that Chief Brunstein asked to have stickers for the speed trailer. Council agreed to check with Main Street Design.

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

Following the Council meeting, John Robbins facilitated a joint workshop with the Council and the Planning and Zoning board to walk through the draft of the Zoning Ordinance.

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk

