

January 7, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the City Council at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, January 7, 2026. Council members present were Tracy Worley, Bradley Meyer and Abbie Emhoff. Also present were Sean Hannah, Jon Roberts and Zach Laudner.

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

Laudner had prices for electronic speed signs and stop signs. Council reviewed, Emhoff moved to table this. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz noted he has not received the information on the fines for the vacancy tax. Emhoff moved to table the vacancy tax fine. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for approval:

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office .....	Software December/January .....	\$ 70.00
Astra Security.....	Monthly Cameras.....	\$ 476.54
Rockwell Community Fire Service.....	Annual Payment.....	\$ 28229.00
Jon's Auto .....	Police Car.....	\$ 61.34
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$ 109.36
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing .....	\$ 52.86
Wellmark.....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 1113.29
Stop and Shop .....	Gas .....	\$ 230.19
Cody Brunstein .....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 30372.58

**PUBLIC WORKS**

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$ 1849.99
Stop and Shop .....	Gas .....	\$ 924.09
Fleet Farm .....	Supplies.....	\$ 107.32
Harbor Freight.....	Supplies.....	\$ 123.03
NAPA.....	Supplies.....	\$ 91.97
Tractor Supply .....	Miscellaneous .....	\$ 44.99
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 222.58
Mayland Garage.....	Tires .....	\$ 994.46
Don's Auto Service .....	Pickup Repairs .....	\$ 344.70
Zach Laudner .....	Cell Phone .....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone .....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works .....		\$ 4766.13

**PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE**

Stop and Shop .....	Gas .....	\$ 1249.64
Northland Manufacturing.....	Plow Blade Repairs.....	\$ 150.00
BMC Aggregates .....	Sand/Salt .....	\$ 2991.61
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 4391.25

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark.....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 1113.29
Total Employee Benefits.....		\$ 1113.29

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$ 11.73
Total Culture and Recreation .....		\$ 11.73

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$ 26.53
Total Community and Economic Development .....		\$ 26.53

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$ 385.64
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing .....	\$ 133.82
Cerro Gordo County Auditor .....	Election Cost.....	\$ 756.75
Lair Law Firm .....	Attorney Berry Fees.....	\$ 3851.25
Storey Kenworthy .....	Supplies.....	\$ 22.33
Staples .....	Supplies.....	\$ 79.07
SMG.....	Copier Contract.....	\$ 89.63
Column/Mirror.....	Publication .....	\$ 204.41
Central Lock Security .....	Door Lock .....	\$ 123.05
Hewett Wholesale .....	Supplies.....	\$ 106.20
Total General Government .....		\$ 5752.15

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing .....	\$ 514.06
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing .....	\$ 58.95
Stop and Shop .....	Supplies.....	\$ 21.92
Hawkins .....	Chlorine/Cylinder .....	\$ 10.00
NuWay .....	Propane .....	\$ 133.44
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 43.20
Postmaster.....	Mail Water Bills/Postage .....	\$ 256.81
Postmaster .....	Fluoride Letters .....	\$ 294.84
Hanig Construction .....	Water Leak.....	\$ 1318.22
Zach Laudner .....	Clothing Allowance .....	\$ 64.19
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 2715.63

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Wellmark.....	Health Insurance .....	\$ 8349.84
Eurofins.....	Wastewater Test.....	\$ 285.12
Hach .....	Supplies/Lagoon .....	\$ 331.05
Total Business Utility Sewer .....		\$ 8966.01

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

December Receipts: General \$23123.54; Road Use \$13204.62; Water Utility \$10154.33; Sewer Utility \$6482.45; Local Option \$20631.35; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$4957.99; Storm Water \$2329.15; TIF \$266.87.

Mayor Wentz presented the 2026 Committee Appointments. Council was in agreement with all

appointments. Mayor Wentz noted the conflict with meeting day for Ditsworth and discussed changes. With no better day, Council agreed to leave the meetings for the first and third Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Emhoff moved to accept the 2026 Appointments as presented. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that Chief Brunstein reported that the security cameras have been placed in the two additional areas and are online and functional.

Mayor Wentz noted it is time to start the budget process, and set a finance committee workshop for Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

Emhoff reported on the Landfill meeting.

With no further business, Emhoff 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