

January 21, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 21, 2026. All council members were present. Also present were Jon Roberts, Zach Launder, Chief Brunstein and Pat Hurley coming in later.

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

Laudner presented the information and cost on stop signs and speed signs. Council discussed what is working and not working currently and looked at the cost for different options. Koob moved to table signs. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that Attorney Berry had given the provisions for fines to be set for the Vacancy Tax. Council discussed amounts, and how the fine would be applied. Council felt the notices should be sent certified and hand delivered with a fee for certifying the vacancy set at \$25.00. With more questions, Council will review the Ordinance more.

Emhoff asked about the chairs. Weier will try the Janitors Closet again.

Mayor Wentz reported that the finance committee had a budget workshop and have the process started. The Tax Levy will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting prior to submitting to the County Auditor.

Emhoff reported on the Community Fire Service meeting with upcoming projects and work to be done. Meyer also noted the fire department fundraisers and equipment updates.

Koob asked about the garbage rates and where we are prior to the annual rate increases in July.

Mayor Wentz thanked Laudner and Roberts for their work with the snow removal and keeping the streets clear. Council also noted their appreciation. Mayor Wentz also thanked Chief Brunstein for the road reports and work during the storms.

Weier reported that we received a check from Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities for dividend on the Workers Comp policy.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk