

February 4, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Council members present were Koob, Worley, Ditsworth and Emhoff. Also present were Sean Hannah, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office	Software	\$ 35.00
Electronic Engineering	Tower Service	\$ 29.70
Astra Security	Monthly Cameras/January	\$ 6697.44
Caseys	SOAR Pizza Party	\$ 91.98
Dollar General	SOAR Pizza Party	\$ 23.91
Axon Enterprise	Battery	\$ 103.50
Sirchie	Police	\$ 96.01
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn	Monthly billing/January	\$ 66.95
Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 1113.29
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	\$ 31.05
Stop and Shop	Gas/January Billing	\$ 205.92
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		\$ 8524.75

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$ 1852.21
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	\$ 62.10
Stop and Shop	Gas/January Billing	\$ 128.97
Waste Management	Service	\$ 21444.75
Landfill of North Iowa	Annual Billing	\$ 1445.85
Menards	Supplies	\$ 148.53
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts	Cell Phone	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 25142.41

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Wellmark	Health Insurance	\$ 5566.56
Stop and Shop	Gas/January Billing	\$ 513.42
HiWay Truck Equipment	Plow/Blade	\$ 527.08
DSG	Plow	\$ 438.78
MARC	Supplies	\$ 167.08
Total Public Works Road Use		\$ 7212.92

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Makenzie Fessler	Fall Cleanup	\$ 1050.00
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 1050.00

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy	Monthly billing	\$ 27.02
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Neapolitan Labs	Website	\$ 3000.00
Total Community and Economic Development		\$ 3027.02

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$ 3896.57
Total Employee Benefits.....		\$ 3896.57

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 737.95
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	\$ 34.80
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing/January.....	\$ 96.90
Siblings Roofing LLC.....	Roofing	\$ 38112.56
Iowa valley Plumbing & Heating	Furnace.....	\$ 1736.15
Column/Mirror.....	Publication	\$ 182.92
SMG.....	Copier Contract.....	\$ 10.25
Total General Government		\$ 40911.53

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 576.00
Stop and Shop	Supplies.....	\$ 51.09
Itron.....	Radio Maintenance	\$ 197.16
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 9.90
Hawkins	Chlorine/Cylinder	\$ 30.00
NuWay	Propane	\$ 283.70
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 43.20
Postmaster.....	Mail Water Bills/Postage	\$ 257.42
Northway Well & Pump	Maintenance.....	\$ 15840.60
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 17289.07

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Clear Lake Sanitary District.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$ 93.00
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 93.00

Worley moved to approve the bills for payment. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

January Receipts: General \$17555.27; Road Use \$12332.12; Water Utility \$10279.05; Sewer Utility \$6533.34; Local Option \$23020.55; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$549.68; Storm Water \$2406.71.

Council reviewed the proposed property tax levy for the 2026-2027 budget. Koob moved to set the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year City property tax levy for Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Laudner reviewed the options for lighted stop signs and speed signs. Koob stated that the East/West stop signs on B60 are most important for the lighted stop signs. Koob also felt the speed limit signs are needed coming into town from the East on B60 and coming into town on Elm Street West. Emhoff stated that we could try one speed limit sign on B60 to see how well it works for now and potentially partner with the Lions Club to put one on Elm Street. Koob moved to purchase two stop sign boxes and one speed sign, with needed accessories, at an approximate cost of \$10,000. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Council agreed to the terms and fines with the vacancy tax. Ditsworth moved to set Ordinance 1-2026 at the next meeting. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Weier noted the chairs for the Council room and offices through the Janitors Closet are \$260 each and do come assembled. Koob moved to purchase ten chairs, not to exceed \$300 each. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz noted that he will attend the Emergency Management meeting and the Assessors meeting next week.

Koob questioned the two percent taxing that is going through Legislature currently and how that might affect the city.

Ditsworth noted that he has been asked about commercial space on Main Street, and what the City can do for this. Mayor Wentz hopes that the Vacancy Tax helps with this. Koob also noted that the Industrial Park is land locked and we really have nowhere to go for businesses.

Emhoff noted that she has been in contact with Shelley Oltmans of the North Iowa Corridor. Emhoff stated that there are grants that could be applied for on behalf of the REDC and Oltmans is willing to help. Emhoff asked for the Council to support the grant applications with a matching commitment. Council was in agreement to support the grant efforts.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk