

April 1, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:45 pm on Wednesday, April 1, 2026. All Council members were present. Also present were Christian Hannah-Moser, Christopher White, Jon Roberts, and Zach Laudner.

Emhoff moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion seconded by Worley. Koob asked for clarification on the tax abatement dates. Weier noted that they had the correct date on the application. Motion carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

River City Glass.....	Windshield	\$ 610.56
Astra Security.....	Monthly Cameras.....	\$ 517.54
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 79.73
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 44.95
Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$ 1113.29
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 185.84
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 2581.91

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 1848.70
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 344.33
Waste Management.....	Service.....	\$ 7160.00
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 63.13
Diamond Maps.....	Annual Subscription.....	\$ 240.00
Floyd & Leonard Auto Electric	Supplies.....	\$ 42.01
NAPA Auto Parts.....	Supplies.....	\$ 125.61
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 9883.78

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$ 5566.56
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 322.79
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 5889.35

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 6.87
State of Iowa	Pool Registration.....	\$ 105.00
Iowa Parks & Rec	CPO Class	\$ 350.00
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 461.87

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$ 26.46
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EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 870.85
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 60.34

EMC Insurance	Property Insurance	\$ 61388.00
Staples	Chairs/Assembly	\$ 2547.79
SMG	Copier Fees	\$ 32.35
Column/Mirror	Publication	\$ 324.44
Total General Government		\$ 65223.77

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 612.80
Stop and Shop	Test Supplies.....	\$ 3.00
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 58.95
Iowa Association of Municipal Utilities	Dues	\$ 832.00
Hawkins	Chlorine/Cylinder	\$ 1896.23
Plumb Supply.....	Supplies.....	\$ 1.51
Core & Main	Supplies.....	\$ 18.00
Postmaster	Mail Fluoride Letters	\$ 281.58
Postmaster	Mail Water Bills.....	\$ 260.47
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 43.20
Zach Laudner	Clothing.....	\$ 197.91
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 4205.65

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$ 36.72
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 36.72

LINN GROVE RECREATION

Carrico Aquatics	Summer Agreement 1 of 4.....	\$ 1850.00
Total Linn Grove Recreation		\$ 1850.00

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

March Receipts: General \$29887.49; Road Use \$10195.56; Water Utility \$10951.52; Sewer Utility \$6547.11; Local Option \$17872.67; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$3809.52; Storm Water \$2411.36.

Mayor Wentz opened the one bid received for the cemetery mowing and upkeep from Tyler & Cory Fessler at a cost of \$605.00 per mowing; \$300.00 for spring cleanup and \$350.00 per fall cleanup. Koob moved to accept the bid from Fessler's for the cemetery upkeep. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to set the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget hearing for April 22, 2026 at 5:35 pm. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Laudner presented a quote with GPM for a metering system for the wastewater treatment plant. Ditsworth noted the importance for accurate reporting with the DNR. With discussion, Koob moved to approve the purchase of the metering system at a cost of \$12,020.00 after July 1st, new fiscal year. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Koob noted that he has not heard from the Lions Club on other sponsors and did not feel comfortable with committing to the cost for the band following the truck show. Council agreed to table the sponsorship request.

Mayor Wentz asked about the skid loader search. Laudner noted they are waiting to test one

more. Koob felt we should give them until May 1st to have one here to test.

Mayor Wentz reported on the County Assessors meeting.

Meyer reported on the E911 board meeting.

Worley stated the pool board will take applications and have interviews Monday, April 6th, from 5:00-8:00 at City Hall for lifeguards and concession workers.

Mayor Wentz noted an issue with temporary semi parking that has not found a place to park. Koob noted they are driving on an embargoed street, and there should not be any allowed to park on city property.

Mayor Wentz stated a resident wanted to start a fruit/vegetable stand and asked about location and building a stand. Council discussed and noted First Street is a busy street to have people stop on. Mayor Wentz, noting the idea is great, but need to have a safer location.

Koob noted a nuisance with brush piled up behind a vacant residence. Nuisance letter can be sent and Vacancy Tax Code will be looked at.

Worley noted an issue with a sanitary sewer blockage that a resident had and questioning the responsibility of this, as it was uncertain where the blockage was from the home. Laudner has been involved with helping in the situation, and noted the unknown area of the blockage. Laudner noted the line and possible reworking the manhole for cleanout purposes.

Council discussed the request to abandon the unmaintained alley as asked prior. Koob asked to verify there are no utilities in the alley. Laudner will follow up on this.

Laudner reported that the lights are on the stop signs on Madison Street and the parts are all here for the speed sign. Laudner asked for the location of the speed sign. Council felt it should be where the 25 mph sign is at.

Mayor Wentz noted that the DOT is prepping for the bridge replacement on Highway 65 South of Rockwell. Mayor Wentz also noted that they will be replacing the bridge on B60, this side of Lark Ave.

Laudner told the Council he is looking at general maintenance work that needs to be done inside the South water tower, as well as work that will need to be done on the North tower.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk