

May 6, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the Rockwell City Council meeting at 5:30 p.m. All Council members were present. Also present were Jacob Welper, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein, with Matt Robinson coming in later.

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

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Astra Security.....	Monthly Cameras.....	\$ 517.54
Electronic Engineering.....	Quarterly billing.....	\$ 29.70
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office	Zuercher Software.....	\$ 35.00
Sirchie Acquisit.....	Supplies.....	\$ 28.66
Mike's Repair.....	Service Police Car.....	\$ 65.14
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 77.54
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 66.95
Dearborn Group	Quarterly Life Insurance.....	\$ 31.05
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 288.64
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 1170.22

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 3687.29
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 861.45
Waste Management.....	Service.....	\$ 7160.00
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 219.91
National Sign Company.....	Sign.....	\$ 99.10
General Traffic Controls.....	Solar panel	\$ 193.00
Fastenal	Supplies.....	\$ 3.43
UMB	Fees/Storm Water.....	\$ 300.00
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 12584.18

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Mercy One	Random Screen.....	\$ 81.00
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 81.00

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing.....	\$ 10.90
Stop and Shop	Linn Grove Rec.....	\$ 100.90
UMB	Fees	\$ 300.00
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$ 411.80

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Wellmark.....	Health Insurance	\$ 8906.43
Total Employee Benefits.....		\$ 8906.43

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$ 26.52
Total Community and Economic Development		\$ 26.52

STORM WATER DEBT

UMB	Storm Water	\$ 77697.50
Total Storm Water Debt.....		\$ 77697.50

LINN GROVE REC DEBT

UMB	Pool	\$ 63100.00
Total Linn Grove Rec Debt.....		\$ 63100.00

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 1058.13
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 68.57
Dearborn Group	Quarterly Life Insurance	\$ 34.80
Column/Mirror.....	Publication	\$ 405.14
Mirror Reporter.....	Publication	\$ 61.29
Mirror Reporter.....	Subscription	\$ 95.00
Cerro Gordo county Recorder.....	Recording fees	\$ 24.00
SMG.....	Copier Fees	\$ 20.50
First Security.....	Box Fee	\$ 47.00
Postmaster.....	Postage	\$ 78.00
Total General Government		\$ 1892.43

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 1058.78
Dearborn Group	Quarterly Life Insurance	\$ 62.10
Stop and Shop	Supplies.....	\$ 14.00
Hawkins	Chlorine.....	\$ 10.00
Core & Main	Supplies.....	\$ 1530.39
Postmaster	Mail Water Bills.....	\$ 259.86
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 111.24
Five Star	Zach Clothing.....	\$ 23.08
Zach Laudner	Clothing.....	\$ 66.31
UPS	Shipping.....	\$ 15.26
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 3151.02

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$ 118.80
NIACC	Class.....	\$ 75.00
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 193.80

LINN GROVE RECREATION

Carrico Aquatics	Summer Agreement 2 of 4.....	\$ 1450.00
Total Linn Grove Recreation		\$ 1450.00

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

April Receipts: General \$152486.77; Road Use \$12607.38; Water Utility \$10704.01 Sewer Utility \$6877.25; Local Option \$20619.44; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$56580.99; Storm Water \$2549.89; TIF \$5735.32

Laudner noted that the Lagoon request is no longer being requested.

Laudner also noted the alley request was not here.

Brad Meyer asked the Council about having chickens, noting if he does this he would have under six chickens. Laudner noted the guidelines by the Zoning Code. Motion by Emhoff to allow the request for chickens to Meyer. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Laudner presented the quotes for skid loaders. With discussion, Koob moved to purchase the of the John Deere skid loader at a cost of \$52,000.00 with the trade of the current skid loader. Motion seconded by Ditsworth, carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the Code updates that NIACOG put together. Koob moved to follow up with the public hearing to approve. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Emhoff moved to set the 2025-2026 budget amendment for June 3, 2026 at 5:35 p.m. Seconded by Koob, carried unanimously.

Koob noted that he let the Lions Club know that the City would donate \$2,500.00 for the band, and shared their thanks for doing so.

Koob asked about nuisance properties. Weier noted they are working on letters.

Worley stated the pool cleaning went well, they plan to open Memorial weekend.

Matt Robinson was present to ask about attaching a building to his house. Koob asked about the utilities in the alley. Robinson noted the gas utilities are to the West of his property. Council agreed, Robinson can turn in his building permit and Laudner will go through the code to figure the setbacks.

Koob noted The Olde Creamery is open for the season and busy, and The Wandering Brew is adding to their menu, all being positives for the community.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk