

May 20, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Council members present were Koob, Worley and Meyer. Also present were Mark Waite, Janelle Nuehring, Christian Hannah-Moser, Jacob Welper, Marsha Wedmore, Abbie and Ben Pitzenberger, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

Janelle Nuehring was present on behalf of Linn Grove Country Club. Nuehring thanked the Council for their past support. Nuehring noted they have been replacing trees and repaved the cart paths. Nuehring asked the Council for the financial support for watering the course for the upcoming season. Koob stated the golf course is a great asset to our community and so moved to allow the \$6,000.00 for the upcoming season for watering. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Nuehring thanked the Council and left the meeting.

Mayor Wentz stated he had received a call from Pitzenbergers in regards to the tree dump burning. Abbie Pitzenberger stated the tree dump has been smoldering and flaring up for the past three years. Pitzenberger asked to have the waiver they signed revoked and asked the Council to close the dump and stop the burning. Pitzenberger gave statistics and information on the health issues from this burning. Koob stated, not to put off the concerns, but it will take time to look at the options and what can be done with the site to mitigate and clean up. Pitzenbergers and Wedmore left the meeting.

Mark Waite was present on behalf of the Rockwell Chamber and asked the Council for their financial support of the fireworks and to waive the noise ordinance on July 3rd for the fireworks. Koob moved to waive the noise ordinance for the July 3rd fireworks. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Koob moved to allow \$3,500.00 for the fireworks display. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented a tobacco permit renewal from Jonesy's Stop and Shop. Koob moved to approve the renewal for Jonesy's Stop and Shop. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz read a letter of resignation from Council member Jacob Ditsworth. Worley moved to accept the resignation of Council member Ditsworth. Motion seconded by Koob, carried unanimously. Mayor Wentz noted the process of filling the vacancy, as in the past, the council has appointed the next highest vote receiver of the previous election. Mayor Wentz noted this would be Don O'Connor, and he is interested in filling the vacancy. Mayor Wentz noted we will need to follow the Auditors guidelines to fill the position.

Koob thanked the guys for getting the speed sign up on B60.

Laudner told the Council he has a cost from John Reis Excavation to dig up the sewer issue on Maple Street East of up to \$4,000.00. Koob asked about televising while open and also asked for a cost to repair the street with concrete.

Koob noted they had a REDC meeting and discussed the removal of the trees and having the property surveyed. Koob noted they will try and look for another plan to dispose of the trees. Koob also asked about mowing the property. Worley also noted she has had calls about mowing. Laudner stated the mowing will be done Thursday.

Worley stated the pool will open this weekend. Laudner noted the heater is running.

Mayor Wentz noted the bridge on Highway 65 will close on May 26th.

Mayor Wentz also noted the council meetings will be June 3rd and July 1st.

Koob asked about the nuisance areas. Chief noted that several letters have been sent out.

Chief Brunstein noted the speed trailer has been requested and set in a couple of different places recently.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk