

June 3, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. Council members present were Worley, Meyer, Emhoff and Koob via phone. Also present were Pat Hurley, Don O'Connor, Jon Roberts and Chief Brunstein.

Hurley noted concerns with the City not following through with codes and dogs and the leash laws.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Lynn Card Co.....	Police.....	\$ 49.70
Rockwell Post Master	Nuisance/Vacancy Letters	\$ 21.54
Astra Security.....	Monthly Cameras.....	\$ 517.54
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's Office	Zuercher Software.....	\$ 70.00
River City Glass.....	Police Car.....	\$ 610.56
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 149.11
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 66.95
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 243.83
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 1759.23

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 1830.58
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 946.34
Waste Management.....	Service.....	\$ 7160.00
National Sign Company.....	Sign	\$ 161.31
Huber Supply Co.....	Annual Contract	\$ 150.00
Mason City Red Power	Supplies.....	\$ 86.65
VanWall Equipment.....	Skid Loader	\$ 26131.60
Titan Machinery	Service.....	\$ 1558.92
Amazon	Supplies.....	\$ 85.59
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 38170.99

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

VanWall Equipment.....	Skid Loader	\$ 26131.60
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 26131.60

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 10.90
Tyler Fessler.....	Cemetery Clean up Mowing	\$ 1510.00
Black Hawk Memorial Group.....	Reset Stones	\$ 1300.00
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 2820.90

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$ 21.56
D & K Products.....	Grass Seed.....	\$ 325.00
City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Course Water	\$ 466.77
Total Community and Economic Development		\$ 813.33

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 259.45
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 37.61
Staples	Supplies.....	\$ 214.16
Mirror Reporter.....	Publication	\$ 390.80
Total General Government		\$ 902.02

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 467.34
Rockwell Coop Telephone Assn.....	Monthly billing	\$ 44.95
Hawkins	Chlorine.....	\$ 30.00
Core & Main	Supplies.....	\$ 234.96
Postmaster.....	Mail Water Bills.....	\$ 261.08
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 29.80
John Ries Excavating.....	Water Leak Repair	\$ 1445.00
K&W Coatings LLC.....	Water Tower Work	\$ 37700.00
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 43.20
Clear Lake Sanitary.....	Water Test.....	\$ 44.00
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 40300.33

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$ 118.80
Clear Lake Sanitary.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$ 93.00
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 211.80

ROCKWELL CEMETERY

First Security Bank	Box Rent	\$ 12.00
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LINN GROVE RECREATION

Hewett Wholesale Inc.....	Concessions.....	\$ 575.56
Kiefer Aquatics	Guard Suites/Supplies.....	\$ 974.25
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Carrico Aquatics	Summer Agreement 3 of 4.....	\$ 1450.00
Carrico Aquatics	Sensor.....	\$ 307.50
North Central Mechanical Services	Backflow Test	\$ 200.00
Total Linn Grove Recreation		\$ 3675.31

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

May Receipts:

General \$23948.55; Road Use \$14264.34; Water Utility \$11785.84; Sewer Utility \$7139.14; Local Option \$20107.97; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$3008.13; Storm Water \$2530.50

Mayor Wentz stated that at the previous meeting Councilmember Jacob Ditsworth had turned in his resignation. Mayor Wentz noted that past practice is to appoint from the previous election, following posting the vacancy. Mayor Wentz stated that Don O'Connor had the next highest votes from the previous election and so asked O'Connor if he would accept the position of Councilmember to fulfill the term vacated. O'Connor accepted the position. Koob noted that following this practice does not make it a financial burden on the City/Citizens to hold an election. Worley so moved to appoint Don O'Connor to the council position. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously. Mayor Wentz gave the oath of office to Mr. O'Connor and all welcomed him to the table.

Emhoff moved to open the 2025-2026 budget amendment hearing at 5:35 p.m. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Weier noted the majority of the amendment is due to storm damage with the trees and the community center building, with most of the cost being Local Option funds. Following discussion, Emhoff moved to close the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Emhoff moved to approve the 2025-2026 budget amendment by Resolution 2026-6. Motion seconded by Worley. Mayor Wentz asked for roll call vote, with all ayes, motion carried unanimously.

Emhoff moved to adopt Ordinance 2-2026 approving the Code of Ordinances with updates as presented prior. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob noted he had spoken with the resident concerned with the burning of the tree dump and stated we would be working out a plan to get the area cleaned up and set some policies and restrictions before anyone is allowed to use the facility. Meyer stated he had reached out to the DNR in reference to this. Meyer noted that they suggest burning in smaller increments at set times, get the ashes to the landfill and gate the back road. Meyer noted it is a courtesy to the residents to use this tree dump and wants to see it remain that way. Emhoff noted the past three years have been an exception. O'Connor asked if the intent is to re-open the tree dump. Mayor Wentz stated yes. Koob felt the tree committee could help follow up on remedies for the tree dump.

Meyer asked if the skid loader is here yet. Roberts noted it is not, they are setting up the backup camera and then it will be ready.

Worley reported that the pool has opened, the heater has not been working correctly, and parts are ordered. Koob noted the microwave was causing trouble. Meyer said it would kick default off. Roberts will look at this.

O'Connor asked for the guys to give him a tour of the facilities and the city responsibilities.

Emhoff noted she will be getting the flowers for Main Street.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk