

July 1, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Council members present were Worley, O'Connor, and Emhoff. Also present were Christian Hannah-Moser, Jon Roberts, and Zach Laudner.

Mayor Wentz noted that due to computer issues there would be no live stream.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Astra Security.....	Monthly Cameras.....	\$ 517.54
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 547.54

PUBLIC WORKS

Waste Management.....	Service.....	\$ 7160.00
Don's Auto Service.....	Mower Battery	\$ 68.95
Floyd & Leonard.....	Supplies.....	\$ 199.16
John Ries Excavating.....	Grading Project	\$ 17000.00
Lakeside Environmental	Grading Project	\$ 725.00
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 92.36
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$ 371.41
Total Public Works		\$ 25646.88

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Martin Marietta	Rock	\$ 349.31
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 349.31

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 1832.86
Menards.....	Pool/Microwave.....	\$ 79.99
Clear Lake Sanitary.....	Water Test/Pool Test.....	\$ 44.00
Tyler Fessler.....	Cemetery Mowing	\$ 2420.00
Total Culture and Recreation.....		\$ 4376.85

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

City of Rockwell.....	LGCC Course Water.....	\$ 1341.09
Amazon.....	Main Street Flowers.....	\$ 295.70

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Iowa League of Cites	Annual Dues.....	\$ 1049.00
Emergency Management	Annual Dues.....	\$ 2743.00
Mirror Reporter.....	Publication	\$ 134.44
SMG.....	Copier.....	\$ 26.68

Postmaster	Stamps	\$ 78.00
Lorna Weier	Clothing	\$ 570.00
Total General Government		\$ 4601.12

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Harbor Freight	Supplies	\$ 96.29
John Ries Excavating	Water Leak	\$ 1060.00
John Ries Excavating	Water Leak	\$ 775.00
State Hygienic Lab	Water Test	\$ 22.50
Hawkins	Chlorine	\$ 1906.23
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 27.00
Eurofins	Water Test	\$ 43.20
Quality Pump & Control	Tower Control	\$ 4682.68
OmniSite	Tower Control	\$ 294.12
Fjone Excavating	Water Leak	\$ 850.00
Postmaster	Mail Water Bills	\$ 262.91
Postmaster	Mail Fluoride Letters	\$ 284.70
Clear Lake Sanitary	Water Test/Pool Test	\$ 44.00
Zach Laudner	Clothing	\$ 203.93
Total Business Utility Water		\$ 10552.56

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins	Waste Water Test	\$ 36.72
GPM	Flowmeter System/Lagoon	\$ 12079.94
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 12116.66

LINN GROVE RECREATION

Carrico Aquatics	Summer Agreement 4 of 4	\$ 1450.00
Knorr Electric	Repair Motor	\$ 176.99
Cerro Gordo Department of Public Health	Inspection	\$ 468.00
Central Design and Company	T-Shirts	\$ 492.20
North Central Mechanical Services	Heater Repair Switch	\$ 124.27
Total Linn Grove Recreation		\$ 2711.46

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

June Receipts: General \$19053.22; Road Use \$14950.77; Water Utility \$11555.71; Sewer Utility \$7088.61; Local Option \$18398.72; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$2117.82; Storm Water \$2399.01; TIF \$3489.56

Worley moved to approve the liquor license for the Rockwell Lions Club August events. Motion seconded by O'Connor, carried unanimously.

Worley moved to approve the liquor license renewal for the Rockwell Legion Club. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz noted nuisance properties, with discussion, it was noted that effort is being made on most of the properties.

Mayor Wentz presented Resolution 2026-7 levying an assessment for services charged and authorizing the certification to the County Treasurer for collection with property taxes within the City of Rockwell. Emhoff moved to approve Resolution 2026-7. Motion seconded by Worley. Mayor Wentz called for a roll call vote; Ayes: Worley, O'Connor, Emhoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that by Code we would traditionally have a two percent increase on the utility rates. Council reviewed and will adjust rates as needed. O'Connor moved to allow a four percent on the 32 gallon garbage rate and two percent on the storm water utility, water and sewer rates. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz stated that we also traditionally approve pay increases at this time. Mayor Wentz noted that we had budgeted for a three percent increase, noting that as a whole he feels the employees are doing a good job and would recommend the Council follow through with the raises. Following discussion, O'Connor moved to allow a three percent increase across the board. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously. Raises will be as follows: Brunstein \$1.09, Laudner 88 cents, Roberts 74 cents, Weier 78 cents, McManigal 59 cents, Scholl 48 cents and Cahalan 48 cents.

Emhoff stated that she has been asked when the dump would be reopened. Laudner noted that he has talked with Ries about cleaning the dump out. Council asked to get ideas and a cost for cleaning out.

Worley noted the pool is doing good, other than issues with the heater.

Emhoff asked when city wide garage sales will be. Weier noted we normally do them with the truck pulls, August 8th.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk