

August 5, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, August 5, 2026. Council members present were Worley, Meyer and O'Connor. Also present were Shelley Oltmans, Christian Hannah-Moser, Mike Perrott, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Astra Security.....	Monthly Cameras.....	\$ 517.54
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff	Software-July/August	\$ 70.00
Electronic Engineering.....	Service.....	\$ 29.70
Verizon.....	Monthly billing	\$ 40.04
Rockwell Coop Telephone.....	Monthly billing	\$ 88.95
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	\$ 31.05
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 516.90
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 1324.18

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 3671.62
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	\$ 62.10
Stop and Shop	Gas	\$ 2249.10
Floyd & Leonard.....	Supplies.....	\$ 1842.96
VanWall Equipment.....	Supplies.....	\$ 30.04
Fleet Farm	Supplies.....	\$ 34.22
NAPA.....	Supplies.....	\$ 298.43
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 201.82
John Ries Excavating.....	Dump Clean up	\$ 29812.50
Waste Management.....	Service.....	\$ 7160.00
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 45422.79

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Mid States Equipment & Supply	Cold Mix	\$ 1553.20
Martin Marietta	Rock	\$ 486.77
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 2039.97

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Pool	\$ 136.87
Tyler Fessler.....	Cemetery Mowing	\$ 1850.00
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 1986.87

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing/Memorial	\$ 44.85
City of Rockwell	LGCC Course Water	\$ 1432.34
Total Community and Economic Development		\$ 1477.19

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 406.75
Rockwell Coop Telephone.....	Monthly billing	\$ 78.35
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	\$ 34.80
EMC Insurance	Audit/Workers Comp.....	\$ 537.00
State Auditor	Exam	\$ 175.00
Rachelle Thompson, CPA.....	Exam	\$ 6500.00
SMA	Contract.....	\$ 11.27
NIACOG	Membership Dues	\$ 1124.55
Iowa Valley Plumbing & Heating.....	Move Air Units	\$ 492.72
Storey Kenworthy	Nameplate	\$ 7.46
Mirror Reporter	Publication	\$ 107.39
Total General Government		\$ 9475.29

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly billing	\$ 1052.52
Rockwell Coop Telephone.....	Monthly billing	\$ 44.95
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 40.95
John Ries Excavating	Water Shut Off Repair	\$ 385.00
Hawkins	Chlorine.....	\$ 10.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 26.20
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 43.20
Core & Main	Supplies.....	\$ 234.80
Fleet Farm	Supplies.....	\$ 282.68
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Water Supply Permit.....	\$ 115.29
Postmaster	Mail Water Bills.....	\$ 276.90
Truex Electric.....	Water Tower	\$ 150.00
Harbor Freight.....	Supplies.....	\$ 208.63
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 2871.12

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

John Ries Excavating.....	Manhole Repair.....	\$ 4000.00
Iowa Department of Natural Resources	Sewer Operation Permit.....	\$ 210.00
Staples.....	Supplies.....	\$ 12.49
Tyler Business Forms	Utility Bills.....	\$ 890.46
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 5112.95

LINN GROVE RECREATION

Rockwell Coop Telephone.....	Monthly billing	\$ 74.01
Carrico Aquatic	Supplies.....	\$ 528.60
Dahley's Plumbing.....	Install sink/repair water heater	\$ 637.10
Rockwell Coop Telephone.....	Monthly billing	\$ 112.74
MidAmerican	Monthly billing	\$ 2650.76
MidAmerican	Monthly billing	\$ 11.20
Clear Lake Sanitary.....	Testing.....	\$ 288.00
Rec Supply	Supplies.....	\$ 155.54
Kiefer Aquatics	Supplies.....	\$ 96.75
Hewett Wholesale	Concession Supplies	\$ 1169.05

Chadd Blanchard.....	Supplies.....	\$ 5954.50
Linn Grove Country Club	Concessions.....	\$ 182.00
Total Linn Grove Rec		\$ 11860.25

Worley moved to approve the bills as presented. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

July Receipts: General \$11362.92; Road Use \$12624.71; Water Utility \$11993.50; Sewer Utility \$6751.51; Local Option \$22619.82; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$1134.58; Storm Water \$2309.46; TIF \$0

Shelley Oltmans was present to present information on behalf of the North Iowa Corridor. Oltmans went over Rural Housing Readiness grant information and the uses for the funding. Following her presentation, she left the meeting.

Laudner stated that the dump is cleaned up and feels we should be ready to allow trees again. Council discussed the signage and rules for future use. Roberts had a bid from Watters for fencing and gates at a cost of \$2,435.00. Council felt we could wait on fencing to see how it goes. Council discussed cameras for the area as well, keys will be signed out at City Hall for access. Worley moved to approve the guidelines as set out and the signs to be ordered to allow for the opening of the tree dump site. Motion seconded by O'Connor, carried unanimously.

Laudner had bids from Heartland Asphalt for the street work for this season, with work on the alley between 3rd and 4th Street North and Washington Street East between 5th and 6th Street along with a couple of patches, the cost comes to \$63,305. Laudner noted that he will talk to the County and Five Star to help with the patching due to equipment damages. Meyer moved to go forward with the project at a cost of \$63,305.00 and contact said places for contribution. Motion seconded by O'Connor, carried unanimously.

Lauder had a bid from Iowa Lot Striping for \$3,795.00 to stripe 1st Street, Madison Street, Elm Street and the parking at City Hall and Main Street. O'Connor moved to approve the work. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Laudner stated that Zeidler Trust has donated land to the City for a cemetery, and we have met with them as the Rockwell Cemetery is running out of sellable lots. Laudner noted that we would like to see the property squared up and this will cost the City the court and Attorney fees to do so, and then the cost of plotting, fencing, driveway, upkeep and all will be on the City. Council felt this is what we will need to do.

Weier stated that the current software we use will not be supported at the end of the year, and presented to the Council options and cost. Mayor Wentz aske to check with others what company they are using.

Mayor Wentz noted the NTPA this weekend and that he has talked with the Lions Club, they have hired a company for security. Mayor Wentz stated that Chief Brunstein will still be on duty and there will be extra hours patrolling within the community as well as checking the grounds with the crowd of people. Mayor Wentz noted this is a big commitment and significant comp time by Chief Brunstein. Meyer felt that Chief Brunstein needs to be in town following the pulls and anything above his normal hours should be time and a half. Chief Brunstein also noted that

next weekend the truck show will be the same way. Council was in agreement.

Mayor Wentz noted he will be discussing a request to gate the North entrance to Faith United Church for safety issues.

Worley stated the pool is doing ok, as usual the heater is having issues. Meyer also noted the pumps, and some work to be done after the season. Meyer also noted an issue on the roof. Worley stated the annual Chicken BBQ is the 16th, the cost of the meal is \$14.00. Meyer noted that the tentative closing date is August 23rd, with possible weekend openings.

Chief Brunstein stated he has received notification of a grant award of \$2,000.00 for AED's from First Security Bank.

Worley noted a tree on resident's property that is dead and looks to be unsafe. Weier noted a notice can be sent to property owner to take care of said tree.

Worley also noted the landscaping in front of the City Hall/Community Center. Council agreed it needs attention.

Mike Perrott had questions in reference to the REDC property, the Council addressed.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk