September 2, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 pm. Council members present were Worley, Meyer, O'Connor and Emhoff. Also present were Mike Perrott. Matt Robinson, Ken Gauley, Lorraine Jones, Keith Kaspari, Christian Hannah-Moser, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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		
Astra Security	Monthly Cameras	$ 517.54
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff	County IT	$ 1000.00
Vinyl Addictionz	Police Decal	$ 80.25
Rockwell Coop Telephone	Monthly billing	$ 22.00
Verizon	Monthly billing	$ 40.04
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone	$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		$ 1689.83
PUBLIC WORKS		
Waste Management	Monthly Billing	$ 7160.00
NAPA	Supplies	$ 721.22
National Sign Company	Dump Sign	$ 494.49
Mason City Red Power	Parts	$ 9.96
Tractor Supply (Jon)	Supplies	$ 12.99
Nuehring Concrete	Cross Walk/Repair/ Speed Sign	$ 3596.96
Truex	Repair Bridge Lights	$ 377.00
VanWall Equipment	Supplies/Equipment	$ 1977.28
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone	$ 30.00
Jon Roberts	Cell Phone	$ 30.00
Total Public Works		$ 14409.90
CULTURE AND RECREATION		
Tyler Fessler	Cemetery Mowing	$ 2420.00
Total Culture and Recreation		$ 2420.00
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Dahley Tree Service	Right-of-way Trees	$ 1000.00
City of Rockwell	LGCC Course Water	$ 626.54
Mosquito Control of Iowa	2026 Spraying Season	$ 6725.00
Signs & Designs	Sign Repair	$ 437.50
Total Community and Economic Development		$ 8789.04
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Wellmark	Health Insurance	$ 8906.43
Total Employee Benefits		$ 8906.43
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
Rockwell Coop Telephone	Monthly billing	$ 37.78
Dollar Tree (Larry)	Supplies	$ 10.17

Siblings Roofing LLC	Roofing/Repairs	$ 38921.24
SMA	Contract	$ 21.17
Mirror Reporter	Publication	$ 205.27
Postmaster	Stamps	$ 82.00
Total General Government		$ 39277.63
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY WATER</u>		
Rockwell Coop Telephone	Monthly billing	$ 44.95
Nuehring Concrete	Water Leak Repair	$ 1000.66
Hawkins	Chlorine	$ 30.00
Postmaster	Mail Water Bills	$ 276.25
UPS	Mail Samples	$ 15.23
Visu-Sewer	Leak	$ 3680.00
Total Business Utility Water		$ 5047.09
<u>BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER</u>		
Nuehring Concrete	Lagoon Work	$ 120.00
Visu-Sewer	Clean Out	$ 14697.55
Total Business Utility Sewer		$ 14817.55
<u>LINN GROVE REC</u>		
Rockwell Coop Telephone	Monthly billing	$ 74.12
MidAmerican	Monthly billing	$ 3747.84
Clear Lake Sanitary	Testing	$ 44.00
Hewett Wholesale	Concession Supplies	$ 1261.57
Truex	Slide	$ 1508.00
JCL	Supplies	$ 166.65
McCormack Distributing	Repairs	$ 973.18
Knorr Electric	Motor Repair	$ 116.04
Total Linn Grove Rec		$ 7891.40

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

August Receipts: General $33127.90; Road Use $15713.57; Water Utility $13361.67; Sewer Utility $7679.49; Local Option $21887.22; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water $482.93; Storm Water $2499.73; TIF $0

Lorraine Jones was present to talk about issues with trees dying at her residence, feeling that there was an issue with chlorine from the water tower this spring. With discussion Council agreed to have an Arborist look at the trees and find the root cause to resolve the issue. Jones left the meeting.

Laudner noted that the Planning and Zoning had met and discussed the request to vacate the alley, we will need to publish a public hearing for the next meeting.

O'Connor stated that he had been approached about putting permanent stop signs on Oak Street North and Westview Drive South. O'Connor had researched findings for allowing stop signs and felt that there is certainly enough documented factors to warrant stop signs at this intersection. With discussion, O'Connor moved to proceed with a study to place stop signs at

Westview Drive South and Oak Street North. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

O'Connor moved to approve the Road Use Finance Report by Resolution 2026-9. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Mayor Wentz called for a roll call vote: Ayes; Worley, Meyer, O'Connor and Emhoff. Motion carried unanimously.

O'Connor asked about the grant opportunity that Shelley Oltmans presented. Emhoff noted that this grant may not have been as beneficial for the REDC as some other grants and will be contacting Oltmans about those.

Emhoff asked about nuisances and the nuisance tax abatement timeline. Emhoff also noted nuisance and tree issues at other properties. Worley also noted nuisance and tree issues at other properties. Letters can be sent.

Meyer asked about a small shed that appears to be on the city right of way. Laudner noted it has been there for a long time and maybe was approved at the time.

Worley asked about the front of the city hall and having someone look at this to update the landscaping.

Wentz reported on the Emergence Management meeting.

Emhoff noted the REDC will be meeting in a couple of weeks.

Worley stated that the pool is closed and emptied, she thanked Laudner and Roberts for their work. Worley noted it was a good year. Meyer noted items that needed attention prior to the next season: pumps, heater and painting.

O'Connor asked about the tile maps for Zeidler and the area for cemetery. Weier noted a copy of the map has been dropped off.

Laudner stated that he has signed up for a case study with EMFluids to use a buoy to mitigate the sludge at the lagoon. Laudner noted this is a solar powered buoy, no chemicals needed and a free study for two months. Laudner also noted the lagoon was built in 1982 and has not been dredged, so this is a good opportunity.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor | Lorna Weier, City Clerk