

September 16, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 16, 2026. All Council members were present. Also present were Matt Robinson, Christian Hannah-Moser, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

Emhoff moved to set Trick or Treat from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 31st. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year by Resolution 2026-10. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Mayor Wentz called for roll call vote; Ayes: Koob, Worley, Meyer, O'Connor and Emhoff. Motion carried unanimously.

Worley moved to have Weier's Lawn Service spray the Rockwell Cemetery at the same cost as the prior year, \$1,300. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

At 5:35 p.m. Koob moved to open the public hearing to discuss the request to vacate an alley. Motion seconded by Emhoff, carried unanimously. Laudner stated that the Planning and Zoning Board had met and recommend allowing the East-West alley, abutting property legally described as: LOTS ONE (1), TWELVE (12), THIRTEEN (13) AND FOURTEEN (14) IN A. E. JOINER'S ADDITION TO ROCKWELL, IOWA or locally described as 319 Mulberry Street, be vacated as the property owner has asked to build. O'Connor asked if there are any utilities in the alley. Laudner stated there are not. Koob moved to close the public hearing at 5:38 p.m. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Council discussed the recommendation, Laudner will have Attorney Berry write what is needed to deed the property and the associated fees involved.

Christian approached the Council about the use of scooters with kids on cell phones and golf carts driven by kids. Christian stated the kids are not paying attention, or following traffic signs, he noted a concern for someone being hurt and felt there needs to be more awareness. Mayor Wentz noted that the golf cart permit process we implemented was to help curb some of these issues. Chief Brunstein stated that the City can set their own ordinances for scooter use. Koob noted there is nothing out there, Legislation needs to set some laws, noting that maybe NIACOG can help with this if there is anything set. Mayor Wentz stated that all here have the same concerns and feels education is important.

Mayor Wentz presented two bids for updating the landscaping in front of the Community Center/City Hall building. With discussion, Emhoff moved to accept the bid from Shields Landscaping for \$4,469.47. Motion seconded by Worley. Koob asked about planting in the spring rather than now or if the bid would still be the same in the spring. Motion carried.

Chief Brunstein reported back on the discussion of placing stop signs on Oak Street North and Westview Drive South, noting that the Council can place a stop sign at their discretion. Koob noted he was not against the stop sign but asked to make sure that if a ticket is written it will hold up.

Worley asked if an Arborist had looked at the trees in question prior. With discussion, Koob asked to have the company that did the tower work give any information they may have from the process.

Worley stated the pool needs painted before next season, the cost is about double now. Worley also noted the heater needing repairs. Meyer noted he has been trying to get some cost.

Meyer reported on the 911 meeting.

Emhoff gave a shout out to Ashley Kruger for her work on the Farmers Markets this season, they were a success!!

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk