

October 7, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, 2026. Council members present Koob, Worley, O'Connor and Emhoff. Also present were Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

Koob moved to approve the liquor license renewal for Jonesy's Stop and Shop. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Koob moved to approve the liquor license renewal for the Linn Grove Country Club. Motion seconded by O'Connor, carried unanimously.

The following bills were presented for payment:

PUBLIC SAFETY

Astra Security.....	Monthly Cameras.....	\$ 517.54
Cerro Gordo County Sheriff	Software/September/October.....	\$ 70.00
Galls	Police Equipment/Clothing.....	\$ 145.99
Rockwell Coop Telephone.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$ 46.36
Stop and Shop	Gas/August/September	\$ 741.10
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Safety.....		\$ 1550.99

PUBLIC WORKS

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly Billing/August/September...	\$ 3692.79
Stop and Shop	Gas/August/September	\$ 2309.06
Waste Management.....	Monthly Billing/August/September...	\$ 14320.00
Metal Storm Manufacturing.....	Repairs	\$ 225.00
Floyd & Leonard.....	Supplies.....	\$ 59.38
Menards.....	Supplies.....	\$ 142.77
VanWall Equipment.....	Supplies.....	\$ 119.82
Titan Machinery	Repairs	\$ 752.99
John Ries Excavating.....	Shop Drain	\$ 1268.00
Huber Supply	Supplies.....	\$ 953.40
Grainger	Supplies.....	\$ 552.43
Iowa State University/Extension.....	Class.....	\$ 45.00
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone/Clothing.....	\$ 192.64
Jon Roberts.....	Cell Phone.....	\$ 30.00
Total Public Works		\$ 24663.28

PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE

Deano's	Dust Control/Industrial Park	\$ 975.00
WHKS.....	Bridge Inspection 2026	\$ 893.75
Total Public Works Road Use.....		\$ 1868.75

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Stop and Shop	Supplies/LGR.....	\$ 106.68
Tyler Fessler.....	Cemetery Mowing/August/Sept.....	\$ 3630.00
Weier's Lawn Service.....	Spray Cemetery/City Hall.....	\$ 1300.00
Total Culture and Recreation		\$ 5036.68

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly Billing/Memorial.....	\$ 48.00
Dahley Tree Service.....	Right-of-way Trees	\$ 800.00
City of Rockwell	LGCC Course Water	\$ 381.74
Display Sales.....	Banner Post	\$ 200.25
Total Community and Economic Development		\$ 1429.99

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Rockwell Coop Telephone.....	Monthly Billing.....	\$ 83.51
Mid American Energy.....	Monthly Billing/August/September...	\$ 478.20
Mirror Reporter	Publications	\$ 238.78
SMG.....	Billing	\$ 80.04
Staples.....	Supplies.....	\$ 100.45
Hewett Wholesale Inc	Community Center Supplies	\$ 65.50
Total General Government		\$ 1046.48

BUSINESS UTILITY WATER

Mid American Energy.....	Monthly Billing/August/September...	\$ 705.88
Hawkins	Chlorine.....	\$ 30.00
Nu-Way K&H Coop	LP	\$ 333.36
Iowa DNR	Annual Water Use Fee	\$ 120.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	\$ 25.20
Postmaster	Mail Fluoride Letters	\$ 298.48
Postmaster	Mail Water Bills.....	\$ 276.90
Eurofins.....	Water Test.....	\$ 86.40
Stop and Shop	Supplies.....	\$ 29.69
Total Business Utility Water.....		\$ 1905.94

BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER

Eurofins.....	Waste Water Test.....	\$ 110.16
Total Business Utility Sewer		\$ 110.16

Linn Grove Rec

MidAmerican	Monthly billing	\$ 10.34
Hewett Wholesale	Concession Supplies	\$ 155.09
JCL.....	Supplies.....	\$ 41.17
North Central Mechanical Services	Repairs	\$ 1161.90
Thatcher Pools	Winterizing Pool	\$ 1537.04
Total Linn Grove Rec		\$ 2905.54

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

September Receipts: General \$60046.21; Road Use \$12974.79; Water Utility \$11661.43; Sewer Utility \$7074.07; Local Option \$24287.61; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water \$14367.34; Storm Water \$2562.95; TIF \$3636.19.

Mayor Wentz noted that some ordinances on electric scooters and bikes had been sent for review. Koob felt this could be something the Public Safety Committee puts together with Chief Brunstein. Council was in agreement.

John Groh addressed the Council in reference to trees in the city right of way he had removed, as he felt the trees were a liability to his property. Groh noted he, as well as others, were not aware of the City Ordinance stating you must have Council approval to remove trees in the city right of way. Groh suggested that the code be added to the key check out form. O'Connor stated the City Code states the City needs to supervise tree trimming in the city right of ways. Groh stated he would like to plant new trees, in the spring, within the guidelines and with Council permission. Council will look at the code with the said trees allowed. Groh left the meeting.

Mayor Wentz stated that Attorney Berry agreed that stop signs can be placed at West View Drive South and Oak Street North. Koob moved to make a four-way stop at the corner of West View Drive South and Oak Street North. Motion seconded by O'Connor, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented Resolution #2026-11 setting forth proposal for the disposal of real estate owned by the City of Rockwell. With the alley between lots One, Twelve, Thirteen and Fourteen in A.E. Joiner's Addition to Rockwell, Iowa, by quit claim deed to convey to Matthew and Michelle Robison, with all cost incurred to be paid by the transferee. Koob moved to approve Resolution 2026-11. Motion seconded by Emhoff. Mayor Wentz called for roll call vote; Ayes: Koob, Worley, O'Connor and Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented the 2025-2026 Financial Report. Following discussion, Koob moved to approve the 2025-2026 Financial Report for the City of Rockwell by Resolution 2026-12. Motion seconded by Worley. Mayor Wentz called for roll call vote; Ayes: Koob, Worley, O'Connor and Emhoff, carried unanimously.

Laudner reported that the street striping on First Street and Elm Street are done. Laudner asked about striping B60. Iowa Lot Striping gave a price of \$2,568.00 to do the lines from Highway 65 to Quince Ave. Emhoff moved to have Iowa Lot Striping paint the lines on B60 from Highway 65 to Quince Ave for \$2,568.00. Motion seconded by O'Connor, carried unanimously.

Worley asked about the trees previously discussed. Laudner passed along the information and contact for Worley to reach out to the resident.

O'Connor asked about the Zeidler Trust and cemetery process. It was noted our Attorney has tried to contact their Attorney, this will be followed up on.

Koob stated that the REDC is moving forward with the property, surveying is in the final stages and they hope to list lots for sale by November for new housing.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk