

October 21, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, October 21, 2026. Council members present were Worley, Meyer, O'Connor and Emhoff. Also present were Christian Hannah-Moser, Jon Roberts, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

Worley stated that she and Emhoff met with Laudner to review the tree amendment. Emhoff noted they went through the prohibited and recommended trees following the DNR and Iowa State guide lines. Laudner asked to have the supervision of tree trimming changed to approval by the City Superintendent. Updates will be made to the amendment as discussed.

Laudner stated that there are rouge trees at the Lagoon that need to be taken out, and has looked to rent an attachment for the skid loader to do this. Laudner stated there is nothing to rent, and has found one to purchase at a cost of \$1,595.00. Following discussion, Emhoff moved to purchase the attachment for tree removal. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz read Resolution 2026-13:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE ERECTION OF STOP SIGNS ON THE INTERSECTION OF OAK STREET NORTH AND WESTVIEW DRIVE SOUTH WHEREAS, Section 3-3-19 of the Rockwell Municipal Code states: At the intersections of through highways and at intersections upon streets other than through highways, where, because of heavy cross-traffic, pedestrian/bicyclist/scooters and no sidewalks, narrow streets, parking reduces width/visibility and particular hazard exists, the Chief of Police is hereby authorized to determine whether vehicles shall stop or yield at one or more entrances to the intersection and shall present recommendations to the Council, and, upon approval of the Council, shall erect an appropriate sign at every place where a stop or yield is required.

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that stop signs should be erected on the intersection of Oak Street North and West View Drive South for the purpose of facilitating the safe movement of traffic at said intersection.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Rockwell, Iowa, as follows:

1. Stop signs will be erected at the intersection of Oak Street North and Westview Drive South.

Emhoff moved to adopt Resolution 2026-13. Motion seconded by O'Connor. Mayor Wentz asked for roll call vote; Ayes: Worley, Meyer, O'Connor, Emhoff. Carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz presented the employee health insurance renewal. Mayor Wentz stated the policy we have had with Wellmark will increase 10.50%. With discussion, Emhoff moved to approve

continuing with the same policy at the 10.50% rate increase. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz asked for review of the personnel policy, with needing clarity on the maternity/paternity leave. With discussion the policy will be updated to state: Pregnancies shall be treated as sickness for purpose of sick leave; allowing Maternal and Paternal leave from accumulated sick leave.

Emhoff reported that she and Meyer, as the Public Safety committee, met with Chief Brunstein to discuss concerns and proposed ideas for electric scooters and E bikes. Emhoff noted that Chief Brunstein will try to do an information class with students and have stickers for participants stating they are aware of safety and laws.

Emhoff also noted the North Iowa Landfill meeting, they have purchased the adjacent land for expansion.

Worley stated the landscaping looks nice, some painting on the sign is needed. The City guys will take care of this.

Mayor Wentz asked where they are with stump grinding. Laudner noted they have the North part of town left and will be back at grinding soon.

Worley asked about the trees on the REDC property. Council agreed that if anyone is looking for firewood, they can take what they would like from there. This will be at your own risk, with the REDC or the City, not responsible for accidents. Laudner noted this will then be taken to the tree dump when we burn later this fall.

Meyer asked about the lagoon buoy trial. Laudner noted it appears to be working, the water is clearer, when they take the buoy out they will measure the sludge.

Chief Brunstein reported that along with the grant from First Security Bank Rockwell, Seed has also offered to donate towards the AED project. Chief Brunstein noted the AED's will be placed at the Library, Swimming Pool and the City Hall.

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

Larry Wentz, Mayor

Lorna Weier, City Clerk