November 4, 2026

Mayor Wentz called to order the regular meeting of the Rockwell City Council at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, 2026. All Council members present. Also present were Christian Hannah-Moser, Zach Laudner and Chief Brunstein.

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

The following bills were presented for approval:

PUBLIC SAFETY		
Astra Security	Monthly Cameras	$ 517.54
Galls	Police Equipment/Clothing	$ 522.94
Electronic Engineering	Tower Service	$ 29.70
Verizon	Service	$ 40.04
Active 911	Service	$ 16.65
Rockwell Coop Telephone	Monthly Billing	$ 66.95
Mid American Energy	Monthly Billing	$ 10.88
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	$ 31.05
Cody Brunstein	Cell Phone	$ 30.00
Total Public Safety		$ 1265.75
PUBLIC WORKS		
Mid American Energy	Monthly Billing	$ 1849.87
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	$ 62.10
Rigs4Less	Tree/Post Puller	$ 1595.00
Menards	Supplies	$ 77.64
Zach Laudner	Cell Phone	$ 30.00
Jon Roberts	Cell Phone	$ 30.00
Total Public Works		$ 3644.61
PUBLIC WORKS ROAD USE		
National Sign Company	Stop Signs	$ 757.32
Martin Marietta	Rock	$ 177.96
Heartland Asphalt	Street Paving	$ 67137.50
Iowa Lot Striping	Street Striping	$ 4635.00
Mercy One Occupational Health	Membership Fees	$ 240.00
Total Public Works Road Use		$ 72947.78
COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Mid American Energy	Monthly Billing/Memorial	$ 23.34
City of Rockwell	LGCC\Course Water	$ 49.00
Shields Landscaping	City Hall Landscaping	$ 4469.47
Total Community and Economic Development		$ 4541.81
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		
Wellmark	Health Insurance	$ 8906.43
Total Employee Benefits		$ 8906.43
DEBT SERVICE STORM WATER and LINN GROVE REC		
UMB	Storm Water Bond Payment	$ 6997.50

UMB	Pool Bond Payment	$	2500.00
Total Debt Service Storm Water Utility and Linn Grover Rec		$	9497.50
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Rockwell Coop Telephone	Monthly Billing	$	82.76
Mid American Energy	Monthly Billing	$	375.32
Mirror Reporter	Publications	$	320.11
SMG	Monthly Charge	$	21.17
Dearborn Group	Life Insurance	$	34.80
Menards	Community Center Supplies	$	42.90
Total General Government		$	877.06
BUSINESS UTILITY WATER			
Mid American Energy	Monthly Billing	$	251.40
Hawkins	Chlorine	$	1924.73
State Hygienic Lab	Water Test	$	174.00
Itron	Subscription	$	3930.35
NIACC	Class	$	75.00
Iowa Rural Water Association	Membership Renewal	$	375.00
Hach	Chlorine	$	301.60
Postmaster	Mail Water Bills	$	275.60
Total Business Utility Water		$	7307.68
BUSINESS UTILITY SEWER			
Eurofins	Waste Water Test	$	480.60
Total Business Utility Sewer		$	480.60

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

October Receipts: General $227371.35; Road Use $12156.88; Water Utility $11350.79; Sewer Utility $7238.57; Local Option $20143.26; Debt Service Pool/Storm Water $59115.75; Storm Water $2516.66; TIF $6708.49

Koob noted there should be a sign on Elm Street West stating the speed change to 35 mph. O'Connor stated there is nothing in our code for the speed limits on Elm Street and felt we need to update the code or make it generic. All felt that west bound Elm Street should be 35 mph to match the east bound speed.

Chief Brunstein asked about putting a Police Department sign on the front of the building. Weier will check on updating the sign.

Mayor Wentz stated the maternal and paternal leave for pregnancies has been updated to allow for accumulated sick leave to be used. Motion by Emhoff to approve the personnel policy change. Motion seconded by Meyer, carried unanimously.

Mayor Wentz asked for Council review on the change of property location with Zeidler Trust for the cemetery location. Council discussed the field tile and how this will affect the location. Koob moved to accept the changes of location with Zeidler Trust for a cemetery. Motion seconded by O'Connor, carried unanimously.

Laudner stated the tractor is in need of tires, prior to winter use, noting a cost of $1,850.00 from Mayland Garage. Council was in agreement to have the tires changed.

Emhoff moved to approve the changes made to the Tree Amendment. Motion seconded by Worley, carried unanimously. Koob felt we should put the fine collected into tree purchases for the resident.

Council reviewed the proposed ordinance adding regulations for scooters and e-bikes. Koob asked what the enforcement action will be. Koob stated the fines can be dictated by Iowa Code and violations outside of Iowa Code can be set at $70.00 plus court cost and fees. Koob also felt the lighting requirements by Iowa Code 321-397 should be included.

Koob thanked Adam Wedmore for his work in getting the street light problem taken care of!

Koob asked about the generator at the water tower. Laudner stated it runs on Natural Gas. Koob asked what we would do if the supply was cut off, how we will run the tower. O'Connor felt we could switch the orifice to be able to use LP. Laudner will look into the type of generator and what can be done.

O'Connor had a concern from a citizen listening online with the audio. Mayor Wentz will look into this.

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

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Larry Wentz, Mayor Lorna Weier, City Clerk