

Rowan City Council Meeting January 3, 2022

Mayor Lennea Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, Virgil Park, Marcos Hurtado and Ashley Bosch.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved with a motion by Bruns, second by Park. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Park, second by Hurtado. Approved unanimously. January Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water/backwash testing) \$81.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,143.38; Belmont Laundry (rugs) \$32.00; Brown's Landscaping (trimming) \$85.00; Bruns Machine & Welding (FD Diesel Flo) \$6.25; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$101.12; IPERS (pensions) \$252.75; Mort's Water (Pump septic) \$372.00; Rowan Fire Dept (1/3 LOST) \$384.91; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$384.91; Sewer (transfer) \$6,408.41; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$384.91; Treasurer State of Iowa (WET) \$336.70 (Withholding) \$92.95 (Sales) \$138.74; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,459.98; Virgil Park (reimburse arlo batteries) \$213.96; Wright Co. Landfill (Q3FY22) \$987.50; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$718.12; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$88.64; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$440.97; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$86.56.

Public Input – A resident has been shooting off fireworks on a nightly basis, a council person talked to them about it, however they are still doing it. The Clerk will send them a copy of the Ordinance.

Maintenance – Monitored security cameras, purchased additional batteries for cameras, charger was out of stock.

Vacant Council Seat Appointment – Groom asks for a motion to appoint Ashley Bosch to finish out the remainder of her term as council member. Motion by Hollman to appoint, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously. Oath of Office taken by Ashley Bosch.

Appointment of Mayor Pro-Tem – Groom appoints Marcos Hurtado as Mayor Pro-Tem.

Community Center Damage – An insurance claim has been filed for the siding, trim, and roof cap that were blown off during the December 15th storm. Hollman met with the adjuster and it was recommended to put Tyvek on the entire South side of the building in the interim and that the entire South side should be re-sided. Motion by Bruns to have Hollman go ahead and put the Tyvek on, 2nd by Hurtado. Hollman will have to obtain some lathes, but already has Tyvek on hand. Discussion also concerning the roof issue, Hollman will confer with local contractors and build a plan for the best way to remedy the roof before obtaining estimates or placing it for bid.

Generators – In light of the prolonged power outage after the storm, was decided we should consider installing automatic generators at the Community Center, the Water Dept, and the Fire Dept. There is a grant opportunity from our insurance company and a resident has offered to purchase a generator for the Community Center. Clerk previously called an electrician for ball park estimates on installation. For a large home sized generator, it would cost around \$4,000 in addition to the generator itself. If we needed a larger commercial size generator, it could cost up to \$20,000. The water dept and fire dept could probably get away with the smaller one for heating purposes. The well pump requires 3 phase. We currently own a generator that has never been used, that was purchased approx. 20 years ago, however needs a tractor with a PTO to run it, it is already wired to run the water pump and the church. Discussion regarding availability of a tractor, whether it will start in sub-zero temps, if we went with automatic, how much propane would it use and how long would it last if we weren't able to take a delivery of propane. Mayor Groom requests the fire department to test the existing generator before the next meeting and then we should have a plan in place regarding what tractor would be used, and who is going to hook it up, and when.

Resolution 2022-01 Mileage reimbursement rate – Motion by Hollman to adopt the resolution, increasing to the 58.5 cents allowable under the IRS rules, 2nd by Hurtado. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Resolution 2022-02 Naming Depositories – Motion by Bruns, 2nd by Hollman to adopt resolution, keeping the banks and amounts allowed the same as previously adopted. Roll call vote: approved

unanimously.

FY23 Budget Input – Council suggests to take into consideration the following: additional principle paydown of USDA Sewer loan, replacement of CC roof, demolition of the old library, and new playground equipment.

2022 Planning – Mayor Groom suggests building into the calendar regular planning sessions, possibly the 3rd Monday of the 3rd Month of each Quarter to better work out the details of the City's goals and projects, this may include guest speakers who are resources in the specific matters. Worksheets and examples were given out. Asks Council where they would like to see the town in 5 years? 10 years? Hollman would like to see us more self-sustaining! There is concern about remembering a quarterly meeting. The clerk will develop a calendar and give reminders.

Playground equipment – Clerk met with rep from Boland recreation, designs should be received later in the week and clerk will forward to council. It will be much more affordable if volunteers can take down and dispose of the old equipment and assemble the new equipment. It sounds as if there will be no trouble finding volunteers!

Law Enforcement Agreement – City Attorney is supposed to meet with the Sheriff later this week.

Building permits – None

Motion by Bruns to adjourn.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, February 7, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan