

Rowan City Council Meeting February 7, 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 January meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, second by Park.

Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report minus the three Mort's bills from 2020 by Bruns, second by Hurtado. Approved unanimously.

February Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water/backwash testing) \$81.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,138.56; Belmont Independent (Ad) \$42.00; Belmont Laundry (rugs) \$32.00; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$100.31; Gold Eagle Coop (FD Fuel) \$78.02; Hawkins (additives) \$764.02; Iowa One Call (location) \$2.70; IPERS (pensions) \$285.15; Mort's Water (Backwash maint/partial sewer filter cleaning) \$1,898.01; Mountain Movers (snow removal/Curb stop) \$2,410.00; Nationwide (bond) \$100.00; Rowan Fire Reimb (Payroll, WC Fire Assoc) \$878.31; Rowan Fire Dept (1/3 LOST) \$384.91; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST, CC Sale) \$409.91; Sewer (transfer) \$4,330.19; Storey Kenworthy (office/cleaning supply) \$111.29; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$384.91; USPS (box rent) \$72.00; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; W&H Coop (propane) \$1,911.79; Wright Co. Sheriff (FY22 Q3) \$997.50; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$873.74; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$88.64; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$440.97; Lennea Groom (Mayor/reimb) \$152.35; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$77.29.

Public Input – None.

Fire Dept – Groom updates the council of the events over the past month. Recommends to the Council not to accept the resignation of Fire Chief Mark Bruns, also recommends giving the Fire Chief a salary of \$600.00 per year. Motion by Park to accept both recommendations, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Maintenance – Changed camera batteries, ordered a box of ceiling tiles from Menards. Spoke with Mason City Glass regarding the crash bars on the interior doors, they can not install the lock open mechanism, as the doors are in a fire wall. They suggested wiring in an electric striker bar. Park will fabricate a slider to put on the door when the rooms are in use.

ISU Extension/Outreach – Missy Loux is the Program Coordinator for the Wright County Extension and would like to increase food access to residents of Rowan. She described various programs that are offered. Rowan uses 25% of the resources at the First Lutheran Food Pantry in Belmont. Would like to bring a food pantry to Rowan, the Extension office would provide the shelving unit and a small fridge and would maintain it weekly. The Extension office has also received a grant toward raised beds for a community garden. They would help maintain it and there would be programming to get others involved. Bruns makes a motion to approve both the food pantry and the raised beds, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Fire Dept Insurance – Presented by Scott Bahr. Premium went down a little, should see the Work Comp policy soon, don't expect any major changes to that. Would be interested in quoting the City's general liability insurance.

Iowa River Players Annual Report given by Luanne Krabbe. They have called Rowan home for 22 years and look forward to many more! The building contract with the City expired last year. The City will plan to get together with them to determine if any changes need to be made.

Library Board Annual Report, Budget Approval and Board Appointment – Katie Meyer, Board President presented the FY23 Library budget; Steve Sutter, Library Director gave highlights from the past year including a grant that was received for a projector, screen, and PA system, and programs and fundraisers that were held. Looking forward to more activities in the coming year and working with local groups, such as the ISU Extension/Outreach which is holding a school ready readers program in March. Katie Meyer recommends Kaitlyn Dorr to be appointed to the Library Board to fill a vacancy. Motion by Hollman to accept and appoint Kaitlyn to the Library Board, 2nd by Bruns. Approved. Motion by Bruns to accept the library's proposed budget, 2nd by Hollman. Approved. Groom recommends the library set up a meeting with Duane Asbe to discuss Endowment Funds.

121 Main Street Abandonment – Motion by Hollman to contact the City Attorney to start the process of declaring this property abandoned, 2nd by Bosch. Approved.

Office equipment purchases – clerk describes the need for a higher end printer and a new shredder, the current printer is still usable and can be hooked up to the computer used by the Mayor and Water Superintendent. Estimates cost for both at approx. \$1,000. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Community Center Repair Plan – Hollman described conversations with contractors and his recommendations. Will get specs to clerk to get ready for bidding and will approve those specs at the meeting later this month, whenever the Public Hearing Date is set for Tax Levy.

Generators – Bruns hasn't made connections with Roger Leist yet to test the current generator due to weather, etc.

FY23 Budget – Motion by Hollman to approve as presented, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Set Public Hearing for Proposed Max Tax Levy – Motion by Hollman to hold on Feb 21st at 6:00, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

2022 Planning – Mayor Groom discusses the need to review and update Ordinances before Recodification in 2023. There will be a few chapters assigned each month (or less depending on how long they are) for the council to review.

Playground equipment – Council directs clerk to begin working on grant applications, discussion regarding the removal of the old equipment, a resident has volunteered to take it down and dispose of it, they should get in touch with Bruns first to make sure all the concrete/pipe is removed completely.

Law Enforcement Agreement – No updates.

Building permits – None

Adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan