

**Rowan City Council Meeting
March 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 February meetings were approved with a motion by Hollman, second by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Bruns, second by Park. Approved unanimously. March Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water/backwash testing) \$83.75; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,126.62; Office of Auditor of State (periodic exam fee) \$800.00; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$32.00; Mark Bruns (telehandler rent) \$150.00; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$100.31; IPERS (pensions) \$235.73; Mort's Water (previously unapproved bills) \$1,388.19; Mountain Movers (snow removal) \$678.75; Natures Woodshop (patch CC wall) \$140.00; Rowan Fire Dept (1/3 LOST) \$326.98; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$326.99; Sewer (transfer) \$5,359.66; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$326.99; Tri-County Services (FD Insur.) \$981.50; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; W&H Coop (propane) \$825.89; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$635.69; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$88.64; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$440.97; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.35; Virgil Park (Maint/reimb) \$250.10; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$86.56.

Public Input – Discussion regarding drain at corner of Bingham and Patton, property owner keeps building up the dirt/lawn which doesn't allow storm water to reach the drain. Groom will call them to find a resolution. Dumpsters have been sitting full at Main Street residence for many months, residence is unoccupied, creates a health hazard and eye sore. Motion by Hollman to use the Community Beautification fund to have the owner of the dumpsters haul them away and request that they not bring another empty, 2nd by Bosch. Approved.

Fire Dept – In process of purchasing radios, West found a company that would take old turn out gear and donate to Central America. KCCI plans to be in town Thursday to run a story about it.

Maintenance – Nothing out of the ordinary, regular duties. Will be unavailable for about a month following surgery starting Thursday the 17th.

Groom opens Public Hearing for FY23 Budget. No public input. Public Hearing closed.

Motion by Hollman to approve FY23 Budget, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: approved unanimously. Motion by Hollman to waive the 3rd reading of the budget, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Janitor Wages – Janitor has not received any significant wage increases since starting in 2007. Currently making \$13.39 per hour. Motion by Bruns to give a \$2.00/hour raise, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Mort's Water – Park describes issues he's been having with a check valve freezing at his residence, Mort's assures it's a warranty issue and there won't be a bill. Discussion regarding the three bills that have gone unapproved for more than a year. Other discussions to include whether time of transfer inspections are necessary since the City has the systems maintained and inspected twice annually. Motion by Hollman to pay the previously unapproved bills in the amount of \$1,388.19, 2nd by Bruns. Approved. Spring Filter Cleaning Contract will be on April Agenda.

Community Center Repair Plan – Council reviewed specifications compiled by Hollman. Motion by Hollman to approve with changes and to get it advertised, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Ordinance and Code Enforcement – Council has been provided with copies of Clarion's Ordinances and given chapters of our own Ordinances to be familiar with. Darrel Steven Carlyle and Clint Middleton will be at our planning session on the 21st to discuss Code Enforcement. What are the main Ordinances to focus on?

121 Main Street Abandonment – City Attorney has been out of office, is starting work on this now.

Generators – Bruns hasn't tested the current generator yet due to weather, etc.

Playground equipment – Clerk has learned of additional grants available, is pursuing those.

Law Enforcement Agreement – No updates.

Annual Planning – 1st planning session will be March 21st at 7:00 PM.

Building permits – None

Motion by Hollman to adjourn, 2nd by Hurtado.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, April 4, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan