

**Rowan City Council Meeting
Planning Session
June 20, 2022**

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

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

Dust Control – County would charge approx. \$1,000 to fix and level the gravel portion of Patton Street and apply dust control, also discussed was installing speed bumps. Deano's out of Mason City would charge \$0.68 per linear foot, would not include the grading work. A motion was made by Park to authorize the County to grade 2 blocks of Patton Street and apply dust control to those 2 blocks on Patton Street and the one gravel block of Duffy Street. 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

July Regular City Council Meeting Date – Motion by Hurtado to set the date for July 7, 2022 at 7:00 PM. (changed due to 4th of July Holiday), 2nd by Park. Approved.

Planning Session Topic: Community Beautification

Discussed the historical museum, would like to see new siding and gutters on the building. Park thinks deck planking on the ramp would be better than the plywood that is there now. Groom, as a member of the Historical Society, will talk to that group about applying for a grant to make those improvements. Discussed asbestos abatement at the old library building and the DNR grant, which is due in February. After the asbestos abatement, will still need demolition. Ideas regarding greenspace after building is gone, to include a gazebo, trees, benches, water fountain, etc.

Discussed lettering/signage at Library and City Hall. The City Hall is not easy to locate for non-residents as it's not clearly marked on the building. Motion by Hollman to get estimates on lettering to go on the inside of the upper windows of both the Library and City Hall, if it is less than \$200.00, go ahead and order them. 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Discussed lettering on Fire Dept and Waterworks Garage Doors, would like to take a closer look at the doors to decide what's appropriate (stickers, stencils and spray paint, etc.) Would also like a sign on the East Side of the Fire Department, as that is the most visible side of the building. Clerk will get estimates. Also need to remove the old lettering on the Waterworks building that says "Fire Dept".

Discussed painting the 2 buildings on the North side of Main owned by Mark Bruns. Hollman states that Mark has been looking for some replacement windows and is looking into putting steel on the front of the building. Also talked about sidewalks on the North side of Main Street, the street needs to be ground down and it would make more sense to replace sidewalks at that time. May look into ways of smoothing them out in the meantime.

Discussed purchasing and putting up Christmas decorations on Main Street and Bingham. If we supply the materials, Alliant Energy would install the fixtures and would also put them up and take them down for us. Hollman moves to purchase 6 pole mounted Christmas decorations and wiring, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Council viewed estimates received for the Community Center repairs, will vote on at the next meeting. Groom will ask the contractor to attend to answer any questions.

Old Business – Code Enforcement. Groom thinks we should have Simmering-Cory go through our Code and update, re-codify and then we can address some issues with Ordinances such as burning and fireworks. Will get an estimate before next meeting. Thinks approx. \$2,500.

Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Thursday, July 7, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan