

Rowan City Council Meeting October 3, 2022

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

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

Minutes of the September 5th meeting were approved with a motion by Bruns, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved unanimously. Minutes of September 19th meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Bosch. Approved.

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Bruns to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2nd by Hollman. Approved unanimously.

October Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$512.75; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,234.70; American Fire Equipment (nozzles) \$4,924.00; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$32.00; Deb Bruns (Fire meeting meal) \$85.82; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$109.35; Hawkins, Inc. (additives) \$250.58; Houser, Berkland & Simonson (legal fees) \$195.00; Iowa DNR (Use Fee) \$115.00; Iowa Falls Fire Extinguisher (Inspection) \$85.00; IPERS (pensions) \$346.56; Miller & Miller PC (city attorney) \$250.00; Rowan Fire Dept (1/3 LOST) \$1,045.93; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$1,045.93; Sewer (transfer) \$4,616.74; Simmering-Cory (recodification pmt) \$900.00; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$1,045.94; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$22.50; Treasurer – State of Iowa (withholding) \$76.95; True Value (keys) \$5.00; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,531.16; VISA (Hotel room – ILOC Conf) \$632.00; Wright Co Landfill (Q2FY23) \$987.50; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$984.59; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$88.64; Ashley Bosch (council pay) \$69.26; Dale Hollman (Council pay) \$92.35; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$486.02; Lennea Groom (Mayor/mileage) \$211.31; Marcos Hurtado (council pay) \$69.26; Mark Bruns (Council pay) \$69.26; Tamara Hollman (mowing) \$204.65; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$100.82; Virgil Park (Council pay/maint) \$296.78.

Public Input – None.

Fire Dept – Received nozzles, worked with at last meeting.

Maintenance – Went to Indianola to pick up some free filing cabinets and a desk from Simpson College, offered through Iowa Waste Exchange. Went to Garner for a lawn mower estimate. Tracked water usage at the Community Center, used about 400 gallons in past month. Kept camera batteries charged.

Snow Removal – Motion by Bruns to set bid letting date for November 7th at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Halloween – Motion by Bruns to have Trunk-or-Treat at the Community Center on October 29th from 4:00-6:30 PM, 2nd by Bosch. Approved.

Clerk Hours – Informational for council – Aimee has accepted a position as City Clerk for the City of Woolstock, bringing her up to 4 towns. She will be there on Friday's. Has already been working additional hours here (outside of regular business hours), but would like to have set hours on Tuesdays for 4 hours of uninterrupted work time. There is enough in the budget to support this.

Fall Maintenance Contract – Sewer Filter Cleaning – Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Approved. Additional discussion regarding bugs clogging filters.

Selling of Tractor and Lawn Mower – City attorney advised that the City is obligated to get the best price possible for the equipment and there is no legal provision for it to be sold a certain way. The Council believes we would have better luck going through a consignment auction rather than putting out bids. Clerk will get more information from Wisconsin Surplus, it is her understanding that the City would not have to pay a premium and could put a reserve on the prices. Bruns has been working on charging batteries, may need new. Bruns makes a motion to make sure they are in working order before they are put up for sale, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Christmas Lights – Tree lighting and Soup Supper will be December 3rd. Discussed lights, Hollman made a motion to buy new for the big tree, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved. Alliant may be willing to put them up, when they put up the pole decorations. If not, Josh Riedel will do it.

Old Library Building – The building has noticeably moved in the past month or so, discussed

options. Groom asks for a motion to do whatever needs to be done to put a fence around the front of the building to the outside edge of the parking area. Hollman makes that motion, 2nd by Park. Groom will talk to MT Shearing about purchasing or borrowing some hog panels, Bruns will make some posts to put them up. Mayor or Clerk will reach out to COG or County about whether there is some emergency funding to take that building down. It may collapse under snow accumulation.

Lawn Mower purchase – was decided that future bids will require use of the City’s equipment, Maintenance of a lawn mower and paying an hourly wage would still be cheaper in the long run than hiring a contractor. Quotes presented from Hansell Ag and Doug’s Small Engine. Hollman makes a motion that the clerk get more information regarding price, warranty, availability, and service of the two and move forward with the best deal. 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Recodification – Council members need to review chapter 155 as well as any fine amounts throughout the Code for discussion and approval at the next council meeting.

Emergency Management Planning – Will be working on over coming months.

Community Center South Wall/Roof – Mayor will follow up with contractor, roof is the priority before snow falls.

Lettering on Fire Dept/Waterworks – Hollman received a quote for \$490 for vinyl 18” x 10’ with 9” letters. Will continue to explore options.

121 Main Street Abandonment – petition has been filed and paperwork transferred to new attorney.

Playground equipment – Grant monies received from Alliant, submitted application to Foster and Evelyn Barkema Trust.

Building permits – none.

Bruns moves to adjourn, 2nd by Hollman.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Frohling - City Clerk of Rowan