

Rowan City Council Meeting September 5, 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 August 1 meeting were approved with a motion by Park, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

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

September Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$50.75; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,269.35; Belmont Laundry (rugs) \$32.00; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$108.89; Gold Eagle Coop (FD fuel) \$83.03; Hawkins, Inc. (additives) \$406.34; Houser, Berkland & Simonson (lien search) \$175.00; IPERS (pensions) \$248.96; Landgraphics (mosquito spray) \$600.00; MIDAS (FY23 dues) \$129.19; Miller & Miller PC (city attorney) \$125.00; Rowan Library (CC receipts) \$65.00; Sewer (transfer) \$3,862.10; Steenblock plumbing (fix water leak) \$197.73; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$22.50; True Value (marking paint) \$14.98; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; Virgil Park (receipt reimb) \$53.49; VISA (printer, comp backup) \$785.36; WC Emerg. Mgmt. (FY23) \$437.15; WC Treasurer (Prop tax) \$486.00; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$492.98; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$88.64; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$440.97; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Tamara Hollman (mowing) \$469.27; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$80.96.

Public Input – Kevin and Betty Hadley in attendance, would like to put up the school sign on Heaberlin property, would get proper DOT permission, etc. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved. Would also like to move the scholarship pop can bin to the barbershop location, since the old coop property is now privately owned. Discussed methods of keeping the cans from blowing out of the container. Motion by Bruns to move the can bin, 2nd by Hollman. Approved. Bruns expressed concern that there is an ant problem in the Community Center. Terro has been put out, will keep an eye on it. Virgil wonders if we can get rid of scrap dirt pile by the school, the clerk is going to be filling an old cistern this Fall, council is okay with using it for that to get it out of there.

Fire Dept – Will potentially be adding a new member.

Maintenance – Sprayed weeds, recharged cameras, checked water softener, will start tracking water usage at CC to better know how much salt we should be using.

Mayor requests the Library Board Appointment on the Agenda be moved to now so Steve can get home. Approved.

Library Board Appointments – Mariah Smith originally finished out Berne Ketchum's seat and they would like to appoint her for a 6 year term. Jessie Winter is going off the board and would like to replace him with McKenna Pentico. Motion by Bruns to approve both, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

City Attorney – Mayor has spoken with Brian Miller from Hampton and he would be willing to represent the City of Rowan. Eric Simonson has expressed concerns that two of the items he is currently working on for the City will have conflicts with his position as County Attorney, he would have to find alternate representation for those. He gave his blessing for the City to go with Miller and would assist in any way he can and forward whatever files to his office. Miller has been invited to attend the planning session on September 19th and the council will make an official decision at that time.

Recodification – Clerk presented first round of questions to council from Simmering-Cory. Will go through them line by line at the 3rd Quarter Planning Session.

Lawn Mower – Discussion regarding whether the City should sell the old riding lawn mower and C tractor and purchase a commercial grade lawn mower for next years mowing season. This would be a good time to purchase. Will confirm with attorney legal options for selling those items. Bruns and clerk will make contact with dealers of commercial lawn mowers.

FY22 AFR – clerk presented to council, no questions.

FY22 SFR – clerk presented to council. Hollman wonders whether the Street fund should pay back the \$3,949 to the General Fund for the overage spent on street patching. If that's what the council

would like, it can be done. Will discuss fund balances after the winter snow removal bills are paid this year.

Mileage Resolution – Mayor wants to make sure the council is aware that the rate also affects the Library and the Fire Department. They understand. Matter dropped.

Emergency Management Planning – Lions Club has submitted a grant for a generator.

Community Center South Wall/Roof – JG Remodeling has been paid for materials and ½ labor, materials have been ordered. Discussed coordination with multiple utilities that come through the South side of the building.

Lettering on Fire Dept/Waterworks – Hollman will follow up with Sinwell.

121 Main Street Abandonment – lien search has been completed, different attorney will have to continue the process as Wright County owns a tax certificate.

Playground equipment – Alliant Energy grant has been approved for \$1,000. Discussed other grant opportunities.

Law Enforcement Agreement – Hollman suggests the Sheriff would be willing to meet with the council if it was during daytime hours. Hollman will get in touch with them regarding setting up a meeting.

Building permits – 127 Main Street – windows. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved. 127 Main Street – chicken coop. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved..

Bruns moves to adjourn.

Planning Session – Recodification – Monday, September 19, 2022 at 7PM.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, October 3, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Frohling - City Clerk of Rowan