

Rowan City Council Meeting January 2, 2023

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

Council present- Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, and Virgil Park.

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

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Bruns to approve vouchers and pay bills including an additional payment of \$30,000 to the principal of the sewer loan, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

January Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water/backwash testing) \$83.75; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,133.33; Belmont Laundry (rugs) \$32.00; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$119.85; IPERS (pensions) \$308.29; Nationwide (bonding) \$100.00; Rowan Fire (2022 Payroll) \$889.08; Sewer (transfer) \$4,481.43; Storey Kenworthy (Office/cleaning supply) \$572.71; Treasurer – State of Iowa (WET) \$545.24 (WH) \$85.02 (Sales) \$154.00; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,513.50; W&H Cooperative (propane) \$1,365.46; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$832.36; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$88.64; Ashley Bosch (council) \$92.35; Dale Hollman (council) \$92.35; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$443.21; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Marcos Hurtado (council) \$69.26; Mark Bruns (Fire chief/council) \$369.40; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$90.89; Virgil Park (council) \$92.35.

Public Input – None.

Fire Dept – None.

Maintenance – new cameras were installed, changed furnace filters.

Resolution 2023-01 – Motion by Bruns to table until next month. WCED Director was to present.

Resolution 2023-02 – Mileage, suggested rate by IRS \$0.655, motion by Hollman to set it at \$0.625, 2nd by Bruns.

Roll Call Vote: Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2023-03 – Depositories, same as last year. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Roll Call Vote: Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2023-04 – Authorizing a Debt Service Levy for WCCB Loan of \$41,000. Motion by Bruns to approve, with the understanding that it will be brought in front of the council each January until paid to discuss other funding sources, 2nd by Park. Roll Call: 2 aye, 1 nay. Passes.

Appointment to Wright County Landfill Commission Board – Mayor appoints Dale Hollman.

FY24 Budget – discussion, changes made. Motion by Bruns to approve with changes and understanding that amounts for Emergency Management, Fire Department, and Library budgets will be officially set at the next meeting, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Set Public Hearing Date for Max Levy of FY24 Property Taxes. Motion by Hollman to set it for February 6, 2023 at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Mosquito/Dust Control Rates – Currently billing customers \$1.00/month for mosquito control, revenue is falling approximately \$200 short of costs each year. This year we did dust control and it was very favorable to residents. Bruns motioned to have an Ordinance Amendment drafted to increase the rate to \$1.75/month, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Employee Compensation – Mayor did some research of other towns and discussed wages with employees at the County level, presents findings to the council and discusses duties/responsibilities of the Clerk and Water Dept employees. Motion by Hollman to increase Water Superintendent Salary to \$700.00/month plus \$50.00/meter for installation, increase Water Assistant Salary to \$150.00/month, increase Clerk Wage to \$22.00/hour, and 8% increases to other City positions (Maint/Janitor); 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Water Department Piping – Water Superintendent would like some plumbing to be changed for the backwash system, the pipes between the tanks are 4” while the overflow pipes are 6”, water cannot flow fast enough between tanks and goes into the overflow. Seal on #2 is bad and leaks. #1 iron filter is not cycling and/or is not on the right schedule. Council would like estimates from Mort’s, Steenblock, and Kinseth for the piping. Call Mort’s about the iron filter.

Only development in old business is a note from the City Attorney that he expects to get a court date for the 121 Main Street property within the week. It is 10:00 PM, weather is deteriorating.

Building permits – None.

Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, February 6, 2023 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk