

Rowan City Council Meeting April 6, 2020

Council meeting was held via conference call due to Statewide Emergency COVID-19 Pandemic. Mayor Ronnie Bailey opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Marcos Hurtado, Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, Virgil Park. Also present on call Nate Meyer representing T-Mobile and Forrest Aldrich representing Veenstra & Kimm.

Minutes of the March meeting was approved with a motion by Hollman, second by Bruns. Roll call vote Marcos Hurtado – Y, Mark Bruns – Y, Dale Hollman – Y, Virgil Park - Y.

Financials - Forrest Aldrich explained charges from Veenstra & Kimm, still within budget, however have moved funding from one budget account to another due to changes in the system since 2016, expenses for creation of O&M manual as required by USDA.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Bruns (minus Mort's water payments that have been withheld since July 2019 and December 2019, second by Park. Roll call vote Dale Hollman – Y, Mark Bruns – Y, Marcos Hurtado – Y, Virgil Park - Y.

April Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$98.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,059.84; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Deluxe Checks (GF checks) \$262.69; First National Bank of Omaha (security cameras) \$481.49; Frontier (phone) \$98.40; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,286.22; IPERS (pensions) \$241.61; Mountain Movers (snow removal, rock) \$2,313.00; Rowan Fire (transfer LOST) \$569.85; Rowan Library (LOST/Apportionment) \$2,069.86; Shineway Services (Comm Cent. Floors) \$725.00; The Trash Man (Recycling 4 mo.) \$20.00; Treas State of Iowa (WET) \$323.00; Treas State of Iowa (WH) \$64.00; Treas State of Iowa (Sales) \$89.00; Tri-County Services (FD Ins/Work Comp) \$1,928.00; Veenstra & Kimm (Engineering Sewer) \$6,576.00; W&H Coop (Propane-water dept) \$112.70; Wright Co Landfill (Q4 Pmt) \$987.50; Wright Co Sheriff (Q3 Pmt) \$997.50; Sewer (transfer) \$4,428.47; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$679.20; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$86.06; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$427.56; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$93.04.

Public Input – Forrest Aldrich has been in contact with Mort's regarding seeding and also possible damage at 1010 Bingham. He will make contact again with DNR regarding permit for new iron filter in water department.

Maintenance – Furnace filters and softener salt. Will investigate possible leak in Comm Cent. roof.

T-Mobile – Nate Meyer explained they plan to replace microwave dish on water tower around June or July, they have completed structural analysis and tower is only at 46% capacity. New dish is slightly larger, however will be mounted lower than old one, will not block view of Rowan sign on tower. Council member asked about health concerns of residents below microwave dish, Nate states there would be no RF issue to residents, if someone was going to spend more than 15 minutes on the catwalk would want to have frequencies turned down. Discussed liabilities, T-Mobile provides commercial liability insurance and states the equipment can handle 90 mph sustained winds. Would like to negotiate lease agreement with rent increase from \$529/month to between \$750-\$1,000/month and add that if we hire painting or cleaning contractors T-Mobile will remove equipment and bring in temporary cell tower on wheels at their expense, they would like a 40'x40' area to set up temporary tower with temporary fencing around it. Discussion over locations. Dale Hollman made a motion to move forward with updating the equipment, and amending the lease with continued negotiations. 2nd by Marcos Hurtado. Roll call vote: Mark Bruns – Y, Dale Hollman – Y, Marco Hurtado – Y, Virgil Park – Y.

Mowing bids – Tami Hollman bids \$11.00 per hour plus 7.5 gallons gas every 2 weeks using her own equipment and responsible for her own maintenance and repair, will blow grass in on first 2 passes to keep streets clear and will make concerted effort to keep intakes cleaned out. Terri Curtis bids \$10.00 per hour using City mower and her own weed eater. Virgil Park states

that our mower hasn't been run in a couple of years, would need some work, possibly would need to buy new. Mark Bruns makes a motion to accept Tami Hollman bid, 2nd by Virgil Park. Roll call vote: Mark Bruns – Y, Virgil Park – Y, Marcos Hurtado – Y, Dale Hollman – Abstain.

Landgraphics Contract – Term of 3 years, \$1200/year, 6 applications per year. Motion by Bruns to accept, 2nd by Hurtado. Roll call vote: Dale Hollman – N, Mark Bruns – Y, Marcos Hurtado – Y, Virgil Park – Y.

Maturing CD's – Reviewed rates, Clerk suggests cashing out larger CD since it will be used for the new iron filter in the water department and that will be installed as soon as DNR construction permit is approved, if it were to be approved in the next month or two, would have a penalty for early withdrawal on a CD. Motion by Hollman to open a savings account at either First Citizens or Greenbelt Bank, whichever has the best interest rate and to cash out the larger CD and deposit into the Savings. Additionally, motions to renew the smaller CD at Greenbelt for 12 months. 2nd by Park. Roll call vote: Dale Hollman – Y, Mark Bruns – Y, Marcos Hurtado – Y, Virgil Park – Y.

Building Permits – Les Andrews would like to put 8x10 shed on driveway against existing fence that is located on the lot line. Motion by Mark Bruns to approve with the condition that if someone purchases the neighboring property, they would have to obtain a waiver from the owner or move the shed away from the lot line, per City Ordinance.

Bruns would like to discuss how we will handle past due water bills during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Directions were given to the clerk as agreed upon by the Council.

Motion by Bruns to adjourn, 2nd by Park. Roll call vote: Mark Bruns – Y, Dale Hollman – Y, Virgil Park – Y, Marcos Hurtado - Y.

Next regular meeting of the council will be May 4, 2020 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan