

**Rowan City Council Meeting
July 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- Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, Virgil Park, Lennea Groom, Marcos Hurtado. Others present: Nancy Hofmeister, Nate Meyer, Forrest Aldrich.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved with a motion by Park, second by Bruns. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Hollman minus payments to Mort's, second by Groom. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

July Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$49.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,035.75; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$97.60; Gold Eagle Coop (FD Fuel) \$71.47; ICAP (Insurance) \$5,384.30; IRS (payroll taxes) \$1,274.20; IPERS (pensions) \$180.58; Landgraphics (mosquito spraying) \$600.00; Nature's Woodshop (sneeze guards) \$63.61; Reliable1 Heating/AC (diagnose A/C) \$85.00; Rowan Fire (transfer LOST) \$669.40; Rowan Library (LOST) \$669.41; Sewer (transfer) \$3,837.70; Treasurer – IA (Withholding) \$55.00; Treasurer – IA (WET) \$306.00; Treasurer – IA (Sales) \$92.00; Veenstra & Kimm (Engineering Sewer) \$4,894.83; Virgil Park (reimburse furnace filters) \$53.48; Wright County Landfill (Q1FY21) \$987.50; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$395.83; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$86.06; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$427.56; Tamara Hollman (Mowing) \$437.88; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$48.03.

Public Input – Hofmeister would like assistance to purchase a backhoe, while the City appreciates all of the work she has done cleaning up lots, this is not a practice they would like to start. Hofmeister inquired about title transfer on donated lot, clerk will call about getting an appointment at courthouse. Bruns wonders when the Community Center will be reopened, it is his turn to host the County Fire Meeting. It was decided that it is not time yet to reopen. Bruns stated a resident would like a neighbors burn barrel moved, it is too close to lot line and hinders mowing, Bruns agrees to talk to owner of barrel. Park mentioned complaints regarding mosquito spraying, provider drove through faster than usual and three days later there were still an abundance of mosquitos.

Maintenance – Virgil met with Rusty Steenblock and Library A/C is now working.

Mayor Bailey opened Public Hearing. Clerk read each Ordinance Amendment aloud, no public input.

Mayor Bailey closed Public Hearing, reconvened regular meeting.

Ordinance Amendment 20-1 Parking/Snowmobiles. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Ordinance Amendment 20-3 Engine braking (jake brake). Motion by Groom to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Ordinance Amendment 20-4 Urban Chickens. Motion by Park to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Motion by Hollman to waive 3rd reading of Ordinance Amendments 20-1, 20-3, and 20-4. 2nd by Park. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

T-Mobile Lease Agreement – questions and answers with Nate Meyer representing T-Mobile. Council requested to have a removal clause added to both agreements and also to make the new lease expire simultaneously with the first lease. Meyer will be in contact with clerk with new version of lease agreement to be signed.

CDBG Grant – MIDAS has provided a letter template and application to send to residents to see if we have enough interest from qualified applicants to move forward. Motion by Groom to have clerk include those documents in the next water billing, 2nd by Hurtado. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Posts from ball diamond – Motion by Bruns, 2nd by Groom to sell by sealed bid light pole posts and backstop pipes. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously. Council member will get numbers/measurements to clerk.

Trees/Alleys – Resident has a dangerous tree that is rotten and needs to be removed, there is also trimming that needs to be done around the sidewalk and alley. Motion by Bruns to send notice to resident that the City will be having the tree removed and that if trimming is not done around sidewalk and alley the City will also have the work done at owner's expense. City will pay for tree removal. 2nd by Hollman. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

School Sign – Groom states several people have complained that our BK school sign has never been put

up. Council recalls the shop class was supposed to do the work several years ago and didn't. It was decided last year that when the sewer project is complete the posts for the USDA sign will be used in the same location for the school sign. Groom wonders why we don't put it on Hwy 3. Bruns states the City doesn't own any property next to the highway and we would have to apply for State approval to erect the sign on the Hwy. Groom plans to contact shop class teacher. Item tabled.

Rowan Events Center – Groom described plans the Rowan Improvement Foundation has been reviewing for several phases of upgrading the Rowan Events Center. An urgent need at this time is a sink hole that has formed on the East side of the building, due to how the school was removed years ago and left an underground wooden door which is deteriorating and leaking. Motion was made by Park to put some mesh and quick crete in the hole for now to hold it until later improvements can be made. 2nd by Groom. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Sewer Progress – Seeding is still inadequate, Aldrich stated he will get with contractor's about having it corrected in the Fall. Change Order 27, Pay Estimate 19, and Owner's Acceptance all Tabled until September.

Building Permits – Rivera to replace shed that burned at 1005 Bingham. Motion by Park to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call: approved unanimously. Eivins to replace roof at 1014 Bingham. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Groom. Roll call: approved unanimously. Eivins to replace addition on shed at 1012 Bingham. Bruns wants approval to state roof must be all one color. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Roll call: approved unanimously. Hollman to build Chicken Coop at corner Bingham/Pesch. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Park. Roll call: 4 ayes, Hollman abstains. Hollman – fencing around chicken coop at corner Bingham/Pesch. Motion by Groom to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call: 4 ayes, Hollman abstains. Hollman request to have chickens. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Groom. Roll call: 4 ayes, Hollman abstains. Bailey to finish siding and replace roof at 1009 Bingham. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Park. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Motion by Bruns to adjourn, 2nd by Groom.

Next regular meeting of the council will be August 3, 2020 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan