

**Rowan City Council Meeting  
May 4, 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.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, second by Groom. Roll call vote: Mark Bruns – Y, Dale Hollman – Y, Virgil Park – Y, Lennea Groom – Y.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Groom second by Bruns. Roll call vote Dale Hollman – Y, Mark Bruns – Y, Lennea Groom – Y, Virgil Park - Y.

May Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$49.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,048.48; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; First National Bank of Omaha (postage) \$110.00; Frontier (phone) \$97.73; Hogan Hansen (audit) \$9,000.00; IPERS (pensions) \$229.03; Mort's Water (Tank pumping/filter cleaning) \$8,587.82; Printing Services, Inc. (mowing bid ad) \$50.00; Rowan Fire (transfer LOST) \$569.86; Rowan Library (LOST) \$569.86; Storey Kenworthy (office supply) \$186.94; Veenstra & Kimm (Engineering Sewer) \$5,888.00; W&H Coop (Propane-water dept) \$378.00; Wright Co Sheriff (Q4 Pmt) \$997.50; Sewer (transfer) \$4,249.00; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$614.33; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$86.06; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$427.56; Tamara Hollman (Mowing) \$148.73; Virgil Park (Maintenance) \$20.32.

Public Input – Council members stated they have been approached about having chickens in town. Mayor is against – stating they create foul odors and attract rodents. After further discussion, the council is in favor with conditions attached. Clerk instructed to write Ordinance and put on next Agenda for council to consider.

Maintenance – Virgil replaced several septic tank lids that had been hit by lawn mowers, investigated a possible leak at REC. Questioned why some residents have old flat lids, rather than the sturdier domed lids, Bruns agreed to discuss with Mort's. Discussed seeding, additional properties added to list. Seeding contractor and Tech from Engineering firm plan to come Wednesday to seed properties, weather permitting. Informed by Mort's that two households are flushing wipes. Clerk is to send a letter along with copy of Sewer Ordinance.

FY20 Proposed Budget Amendment Reviewed by Council. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Groom. Roll call vote: Mark Bruns – Y, Lennea Groom – Y, Dale Hollman – Y, Virgil Park – Y.

Set Public Hearing Date for FY20 Budget Amendment. Motion by Groom to hold hearing on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 at 7:00 PM, second by Hollman. Roll call vote: Mark Bruns – Y, Dale Hollman – Y, Lennea Groom – Y, Virgil Park – Y.

Library Board Appointment – Motion by Hollman to approve appointment of Mariah Smith to replace Berne Ketchum, second by Groom. Roll call vote: Dale Hollman – Y, Lennea Groom – Y, Mark Bruns – Y, Virgil Park – Y.

Discussed how library is handling curbside service, they are doing a great job. Discussed ordering sneeze guards for City Hall and Library, hand sanitizer dispenser for lobby, etc. Hollman may be able to build some sneeze guards at a lower price. Will work on getting these things in place before re-opening.

Building Permits – Nancy Hofmeister would like to put white steel siding on her garage at 821 Pesch Street. Motion by Bruns to approve, second by Groom. Roll call vote: Dale Hollman – Y, Virgil Park – Y, Lennea Groom – Y, Mark Bruns – Y.

Terri Curtis dropped off janitor hours during meeting, clerk would like to pay her for the 3.5 hours submitted. Motion by Hollman to approve, second by Bruns. Roll call vote: Virgil Park – Y, Lennea Groom – Y, Mark Bruns – Y, Dale Hollman – Y.

Mayor Bailey asked how the Council would like to have the next meeting. Hollman would like to get back to normal, possibly spread out in the Community Center. Groom would like to continue with Conference Calls for now. Mayor states we will have June meeting via Conference Call and then decide whether to go back to in person in July.

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

Next regular meeting of the council will be June 1, 2020 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan