

Rowan City Council Meeting September 7, 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- Dale Hollman, Virgil Park, and Marcos Hurtado. Also attending – Forrest Aldrich.

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

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Park, second by Hurtado. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously. September Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$186.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,127.99; Auditor of State (Filing fees) \$275.00; Bruns Machine & Welding (service Firetruck) \$9.15; Mark Bruns (empty backwash) \$300.00; Dale Hollman (empty backwash) \$300.00; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$99.86; IPERS (pensions) \$220.22; Mort's Water (Curb stop) \$568.22; Rowan Fire (svc air trailer/dues) \$44.32; Rowan Fire (transfer LOST) \$491.13; Rowan Library (LOST) \$491.13; Sewer (transfer) \$4,971.21; Steenblock Plumbing (library A/C) \$632.25; Street Fund (transfer LOST) \$491.14; Wright Co Emergency Mgmt (annual contrib) \$437.15; Wright Co Landfill (Q2 FY21) \$987.50; Wright Co Sheriff (Q1 FY21) \$997.50; Wright Co Treasurer (prop tax) \$338.00; Veenstra & Kimm (Engineering Sewer) \$1,659.70; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$658.47; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$86.06; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$467.35; Ronnie Bailey (Mayor Salary) \$138.52; Tamara Hollman (Mowing) \$63.64; Dale Hollman (Council pay) \$45.71; Lennea Groom (Council pay) \$30.47; Marcos Hurtado (Council pay) \$45.71; Mark Bruns (Council Pay) \$30.47; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$57.02; Virgil Park (Council pay) \$45.71.

Public Input – Lilac bushes are crowding alley behind post office, should be removed to protect snow removal vehicles. Clerk will send letter. Mayor Bailey asked about the length of prairie grass at old ball diamond, Hollman explains prairies typically grow sometimes 8'-10' tall and should not be mowed until after flowers have gone to seed.

Maintenance – Hung a picture in the library.

Resolution Requesting Reimbursement from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund for \$386.04.

Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Roll call vote approved unanimously.

Resolution Accepting Street Finance Report. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

Snow Removal – Motion by Park to place ads in newspaper accepting bids for 20-21 season, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved unanimously.

Mayor asks for a motion to move Backwash water agenda item to now so Forrest Aldrich can speak. Motion made by Hollman, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

Discussion regarding options for disposing of backwash water, after meeting with iron filter manufacturer representative along with the Mayor, Water employees, and Mort's Water the most affordable option would be to test the water after the storage tanks, if testing meets allowable levels of chlorine and iron per the DNR, we would flush down the drain and have the Fire Dept flush out the iron accumulation every 6-8 weeks as before. The manufacturer advises against reducing the amount of water backflushed or spacing it out over more time, as it will plug up the media and the filters won't last as long. Forrest concurs that this is an option and explains the process for getting DNR permit, also stating we would still have the ability to land apply if desired. Motion by Park to have Forrest investigate obtaining a permit, 2nd by Hollman. Approved unanimously. Forrest states the expense would be covered by the USDA grant under previously obtained budget amount of \$2,800.

Rowan Events Center Project – Lennea was going to update council on plans the Rowan Improvement Foundation has been working on with an architect to bring the building up to code, ADA compliant, and updating bathrooms and kitchen, etc. Lennea was unable to attend tonight. Tabled to next month.

Mowers – Bruns sent estimates he obtained, Mayor requests Hollman to bring additional estimates to next meeting.

Community Center Door – Three different estimates from Mason City Glass reviewed for different levels of repair or replacement of parts, costing up to \$3,500. Council asks clerk to obtain an estimate for replacement of the entire unit.

Sewer Progress – Filter Cleaning Contract – Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously. Briefly discussed grass seeding.

Building Permit – 903 Broadway Chicken Coop. Motion by Hollman to approve provided an additional 20 square feet is added to the outdoor portion to comply with Chicken Ordinance and that they were approved to have 6 chickens. 2nd by Hurtado. Approved unanimously.

Clerk states Terri Curtis brought in hours during the meeting and would like permission to write her payroll check. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

Motion by Park to adjourn, 2nd by Hollman.

Next regular meeting of the council will be October 5, 2020 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan