

Rowan City Council Meeting November 2, 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, Marcos Hurtado, Virgil Park and Lennea Groom. Also attending – Kaitlyn Dorr, Tami Hollman, Graycen Dorr, Garrett Downing, Gage Dorr, Forrest Aldrich and Brandon Morton.

D Hollman presented Community Service Awards to Graycen, Garrett, and Gage. Mayor and Council thanked them for their efforts of keeping our town beautiful! They along with Addison Hollman (also receiving an award, but not able to attend meeting) cleaned up all the garbage that had blown into the fields on the Northwest side of town on both sides of Hwy 3!

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

Before approving financials, Mayor Bailey asks for a motion to increase City Clerk's pay to \$20 per hour and to retroactively pay the increase from July 1st in the amount of \$837.00. Motion made by Park, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report except Mort's Retainage to be discussed later on agenda by Groom, second by Hurtado. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

November Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$49.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$975.17; Belmond Independent (Publishing) \$56.00; Mark Bruns (empty backwash) \$200.00; Dale Hollman (empty backwash) \$200.00; DeBour Electric (outlets for iron filters) \$147.42; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$99.59; Houser, Berkland, and Simonson (657A Petition) \$210.00; IPERS (pensions) \$365.72; Mort's Water (filter cleaning, emerg serv., retainage) \$96,963.95; Printing Services, Inc. (snow bid ad) \$50.00; Rowan Fire (transfer LOST) \$491.14; Rowan Library (LOST/Appportionment) \$1,991.14; Sewer (transfer) \$4,538.99; Storey Kenworthy (Office phone) \$89.62; Street Fund (transfer LOST) \$491.14; Team Concrete (FD Driveway) \$11,901.00; USA Bluebook (water sampling supply) \$577.58; Veenstra & Kimm (Engineering sewer/backwash) \$2,445.75; W&H Cooperative (propane) \$688.75; Wright Co. Sheriff (Petition served) \$19.20; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$627.33; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$86.06; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$427.56; Tamara Hollman (Mowing) \$35.71; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$63.03; Aimee Miller (retro pay) \$720.32.

Public Input – Lawn mower replacement, Mayor would like to table for now; D Hollman would like to move his chicken coop to his residence where he can access power for the winter. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Park. Roll call: Hollman abstains, ayes:4; Water bills – couple of households should be disconnected due to non-payment and no arrangements made, clerk will have water department post notice; Owner of 1020 Bingham has been digging along foundation of house, has not applied for building permit, clerk asked to make contact to see what they are doing; Resident at 306 Whitten has erected a storage shed without a building permit, also no permit has been applied for to demolish buildings at the old New Coop site, clerk will send letters.

Maintenance – None.

Pay Estimate 20, Retainage from sewer project – Iowa Law requires 5% to be withheld from project to settle any unpaid bills from sub-contractors, etc. There have been no claims submitted since the closure of the project on October 5th, Engineer recommends payment of the retainage to Mort's water on or after November 5th so long as no claims are made between now and then. Motion by Hollman to approve and pay retainage, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Trees on City Property – D Hollman would like permission to remove volunteer trees along the fence line on the West side of the old ball diamond which are hanging into adjoining farm ground and damaging farmers equipment. If approved there would be no charge to the City, Hollman would haul the wood away to be used as firewood for his own personal use. Mayor states it would be quite expensive to hire someone to remove them. Park states there is also an Ash tree in the park area that is dying and would like to see it removed as well, Hollman agrees to take that tree at same time. Motion by Bruns to approve the removal of the above stated trees by Hollman, 2nd by Park. Roll call vote: Hollman abstains, ayes:4.

Handicap parking – there have been several people take a tumble on the concrete ramp in front of the Rowan Historical Building, Groom had previously purchased paint, however wasn't sure of the specifications at the time. Groom spoke with the Maintenance employee from the City of Dows. He has obtained permission from the City of Dows to use their stencil and do the work for us during his personal time. She will find out what his fee will be and the subject will be on a future agenda. the work will have to wait until Spring with the currently changing weather. Groom motions in the meantime for Park to meet with her this week to put yellow paint on the edge of the curb for now, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: approved unanimously. Would like to add the Code Enforcement Officer Ordinance to the

agenda next month, previously discussed but not acted upon.

Shelter House picnic tables – City was approached by a community member interested in purchasing the picnic tables from the shelter house. Two of the tables have already been refurbished and placed at the Community Center and City Park. Council would like to keep the two remaining tables to be used in the greenspace project in the future.

Rowan Events Center – Update from Rowan Improvement Foundation. Groom states the RIF has been working with an architect to remodel the REC bringing it up to code and ADA Compliant. Originally estimated cost was to be around \$500,000. Now that a full plan has been received, the estimated cost has gone up to \$1.6 Million, which would be much harder to obtain. RIF is re-assessing plans, first item of business must be to fix the East wall on the interior and exterior where there is a wooden door underground that used to connect the school to the gym, which has rotted and caused leaking, then will need to look at electrical updates and restrooms. In the meantime, there is a sink hole in the parking lot that needs to be addressed. Motion by Groom to have it filled with clay, plastic mesh, dirt and rock as a temporary fix until Spring, 2nd by Park. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Santa/Tree Lighting/Charitable Donations – Santa will be taking requests from kids via drive-through on Main Street at 5:00 PM on Saturday, December 5. Tree will be lit at 5:30 PM. Discussion was had regarding all of the fundraising opportunities that have been missed this year due to COVID-19 and all of the activities that have been cancelled this year. City will have a campaign encouraging donations to various groups in the community.

Motion by Bruns to adjourn, 2nd by Groom.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan