

**Rowan City Council Meeting
March 1, 2021**

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, Marcos Hurtado and Lennea Groom.

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

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Bruns, second by Groom. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

March Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$466.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,060.80; Auditor of State (Periodic Exam Fee) \$1,500.00; Belmond Independent (Public Notice) \$17.76; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$8.00; Bruns Machine and Welding (Fire Truck batteries) \$161.99; Mark Bruns (empty backwash) \$200.00; Dale Hollman (empty backwash) \$100.00; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$117.00; Houser, Berkland, and Simonson (attorney) \$285.90; IPERS (pensions) \$218.65; Mort's Water (water/sewer repair) \$564.33; Rowan Fire (transfer LOST) \$499.76; Rowan Library (LOST) \$499.76; Sewer (transfer) \$4,875.33; Storey Kenworthy (office/cleaning supply) \$193.21; Street Fund (transfer LOST) \$499.77; Tri-County Services (FD Insurance) \$989.50; W&H Cooperative (propane) \$1,080.90; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$558.56; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$86.06; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$428.60; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$72.03; Ronnie Bailey (Mayor) \$138.52; Virgil Park (Council) \$45.71; Dale Hollman (Council) \$45.71; Lennea Groom (Council) \$45.71; Mark Bruns (Council) \$45.71; Marcos Hurtado (Council) \$45.71.

Public Input – Hollman suggests installing snow guards on Waterworks roof, clerk will obtain estimate from contractor that replaced roof, Hollman found a plugged intake behind the community center, cleaned it out, put cover on it. Would like sewer loans on next agenda to discuss paying additional principle.

Maintenance – Changed furnace filters, filled softener salt.

Close regular meeting, open public hearing

Public Hearing – FY22 Budget. No questions

Close public hearing, open regular meeting

Hollman motions to approve the FY22 Budget, 2nd by Groom. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Motion by Hollman to waive the 3rd reading of the budget, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Fire Dept Insurance – No changes, no discussion.

Snow Issues/Request – Groom requests to have City clear snow at Events Center in advance of St. Patrick's Day Parade (if there is any). Approved. Snow removal contractor had discussed items close to streets/alleys and concern of putting pressure on things when snow gets too deep, with the recent thaw it shouldn't be an issue, Bruns also states that they should be able to invert the plow to go around those items without damage. Side of hill behind Community Center is torn up, contractor blames hired help, it's his responsibility to train them. Discussed potential liability if snow slides off waterworks roof and damaged a car in the parking or caused injury, clerk will discuss with Insurance agent on preventative measures.

710 Duffy Property – Officially owned by the City effective March 5th, Council encourages to view the property prior to the April 5th meeting. Motion by Lennea to table discussion as to what to do with property until next meeting so council can assess, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

Mowing Bids – Discussion regarding how to move forward, motion by Bruns to advertise for bids, stating they must have their own equipment and bid it at an hourly rate and the City will reimburse for lawn mower gas. 2nd by Groom. Roll call vote: approved unanimously. Clerk will pull up an average of the last 3 years hours and reimbursements and put together a map of locations needing mowed.

Backwash Water – No news, just waiting on approval from DNR. Discussed people driving over hoses and not using black hose guard ramps. Clerk will put a note on water bills, Motion by Groom to purchase 2-300' rolls of hose and connectors, 300' for City, 300' to replace damaged hoses owned by Hollman, Bruns will purchase any leftover section, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved with 4 ayes, 1 abstain

Sewer – Table for now

Building permits – Dan Roberts deck, motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: approved unanimously.

Motion by Groom to adjourn, 2nd by Bruns.

Next regular meeting of the council will be April 5, 2021 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan