

**Rowan City Council Meeting
April 5, 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 March meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, second by Groom. Roll call vote: Approved unanimously.

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

April Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$49.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,053.67; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$8.00; Mark Bruns (empty backwash) \$200.00; Dale Hollman (empty backwash) \$200.00; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$117.12; Hawkins, Inc.(Additives) \$239.50; Houser, Berkland, and Simonson (attorney) \$135.00; IRS (payroll taxes) \$1,175.12; IPERS (pensions) \$206.06; Landgraphics (mosquito control) \$600.00; Mort's Water (sewer repair) \$1,284.78; Mountain Movers (snow removal) \$1,755.00; Rowan Fire (transfer LOST) \$840.94; Rowan Library (LOST/Appportionment) \$2,340.96; Sewer (transfer) \$5,586.85; Street Fund (transfer LOST) \$840.96; Treasurer State of IA (WET) \$344.00, (Withholding) \$32.00, (Sales) \$97.00; Tri-County Services (Work Comp) \$949.00; Wright Co. Landfill (Q4FY21) \$987.50; Wright Co. Sheriff (Q3,Q4FY21) \$1,995.00; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$480.66; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$86.06; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$428.60; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$87.04.

Public Input – Groom is concerned about a resident with a basketball hoop at the street, clerk will contact them. Groom also concerned about Hackbarth house with open basement, should be fencing around it for safety, clerk will contact owner. New Librarian requests to move furniture back into the library, also several requests to re-open the Community Center. Discussion regarding sanitizing and additional rules for renters. Motion by Groom to move the furniture, and open the Community Center effective immediately after clerk verifies requirements with Insurance agent, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Maintenance – Have been keeping log of water usage and manually charging the water softener since there hasn't been much usage in a year.

710 Duffy Property – Discussion regarding details of bidding out the property with contents and particulars of what the contract will look like. Will put up for bid after clarifying details with City attorney. Would like outside cleaned up by end of summer and all structures demolished and lot leveled in one year. Motion by Hollman to officially approve the bid letting via email after we get responses from City attorney, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

Mowing bids – Received 2 bids, Tami Hollman at \$11.50/hr and Jordan Hansen at \$19.25/hr. Mayor recommends to the council to approve the bid from Tami and to increase the hourly wage to \$15.00 per hour. Groom makes a motion to accept Tami's bid and increase the hourly wage to \$15.00 per hour based on prior experience and satisfaction with prior years work, 2nd by Bruns. Roll call vote: Hollman abstains, 4 ayes. Park would like clerk to track down a more updated map for next year.

Snow Plow issues – Mountain Movers will be billed for the sewer repair bill at the Post Office, Clerk is in the process of obtaining estimates to repair several holes in Pritchett Ave. Heartland has been here, will get a 2nd estimate from Blacktop Services.

Sewer Loan Advance Payment – Motion by Hollman to pay off the smaller loan at approximately \$107,000 and to have the \$346 monthly payment from that loan applied to the larger loan every month, 2nd by Groom. Approved unanimously.

Community Center/Library Doors – Clerk obtained an estimate from Mason City Glass to have the main doors to the Library and Community Center automated. Suggests 4 push button units at 3 North Doors and back door of Library. Bruns suggests that the back doors for the Library and Community Center by the bathrooms could have a lock open unit installed instead. Hollman motions to have clerk get additional estimate for 3 automated door units and 2 lock open units and to work with Groom on applying for a grant. 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Trees – Hollman removed dead tree at park this morning and filled the hole. Would like to plant fruit trees in the old ball diamond area North of the Rowan Events Center, get kids involved in planting them. Groom motions to look into grants for kids to plant trees, 2nd by Hollman. Approved. Bruns pledges \$100 toward matching funds for the trees; Bailey, Hollman, and Hurtado will also donate \$100 toward matching funds!

Backwash Water – Clerk will pick up lay flat hose sometime this week, Bruns will order connectors. Permit is in process.

Sewer – Claude plans to sell elevator property to Rothman, discussion regarding sewer system installation and whether another tank can be dug up and reused, received estimate for \$2,943, not to include leech fields. Resident currently using the tank hasn't officially decided yet whether they will have a use for it. Discussion regarding new owners' intentions with property.

Building permits – Glenn Box to build 2 car unattached garage to East of existing garage. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Motion by Groom to adjourn, 2nd by Park.

Next regular meeting of the council will be May 3, 2021 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan