

Rowan City Council Meeting November 1, 2021

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 October meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, second by Bruns.

Approved unanimously.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report by Hollman, second by Groom. Approved unanimously.

November Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$49.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,123.90; Mark Bruns (reimbursement) \$102.16; DeBour Electric (wiring auto doors) \$332.69; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$103.67; IPERS (pensions) \$253.56; Mort's Water (service call) \$459.00; Rowan Fire Dept (1/3 LOST) \$653.38; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST, apportion) \$2,153.38; Sewer (transfer) \$4,122.96; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$653.38; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; Wright Co. Sheriff (Q2FY22) \$997.50; Aimee Miller (City Clerk) \$731.93; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$88.64; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$440.61; Tamara Hollman (mowing/gas) \$245.96; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$92.74.

Public Input – Darrel Carlyle from WCED introduces himself, describes current projects in Clarion and Belmond, job creation and workforce issues. Takes questions from Mayor and Council. Would help in search for and writing of grants for the REC project, will look for options to fund tearing down of the old library. Gives ideas regarding collection of utility bills, negotiating with property owners on vacant properties, other real estate transactions, etc. Dale and Mark, along with Tami and Deb have finished trimming trees in the right-of-way's, they put in about 83 hours. Mayor asks them to submit a bill for their time. Discussion regarding dogs not on leashes and picking up after them, dealing with feral cats.

Maintenance – Park has taken on the task of keeping security cameras charged and monitoring them. Would like 2 more batteries so they can be charged ahead of time, so that cameras would be out of service for less time. He usually donates his time, he will begin turning in a few hours every so often, since this is a time-consuming task.

Reps from Mort's haven't arrived yet, will move on to next agenda item. Received 2 bids for snow guards on the waterworks roof. Hadwiger Roofing & Seamless Gutter - \$1,685.90, Dale and Dustin Hollman - \$750.00. Motion by Groom to approve the bid from Hollman's, 2nd by Bruns. Motion carries with Hollman abstaining.

Mort's arrive, Q&A with Kent and Dallas regarding filter cleaning, changes to checklist and expectations vs. actual services. Determined that an employee had already been dismissed that wasn't doing the required work properly. Misunderstandings are sorted out and resolved. Motion by Hollman to approve the Fall cleaning contract, 2nd by Groom. Approved. Motion by Bruns to pay the bill received today for work done at 700 Duffy for \$459, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Community Center Roof – The roof had a significant leak during the rain storm last week, investigation by Hollman and Park concluded that the plywood between the rafter is sagging. The thickness of the plywood used was not appropriate for the width of the rafters. There is also a section of the ridge cap that is puckered, allowing water in. Recommendation is to have Hollman build a temporary support for the damaged section to prevent it from caving in if there is heavy snowfall this winter and research replacement in the Spring with a metal roof. Motion by Groom to approve the recommended solution, 2nd by Hurtado. Motion carries with Hollman abstaining.

Law Enforcement Agreement – Clerk located contract between the City and the Wright County Sheriff after the last meeting and scanned copies to the Mayor and council, showing that the services we pay for quarterly include enforcing City ordinances. There was also a file showing monthly reports received by previous Sheriff Paul Schultz. The new Sheriff may be unaware of the contract signed in 2004 and updated in 2007. Based on the reception received over the last month, the Council determined to have the clerk contact the City attorney to review the contract and aid in communication.

Board Appointments – Mayor describes to Council what is required for whomever they may decide to appoint to the Landfill board and the Emergency Management Board. He has served on both for the past 8 years. Appointments should be considered and made at the January meeting.

Playground Equipment – Clerk has an appointment next week with Boland Recreation to look at the playground equipment that has a broken section and to have them work up a couple of new designs with

estimated prices and possible grant funding options. Dale Hollman put nearly two ton of pea rock in the playground last month, which was donated by Wright Materials.

Soup Supper and Tree Lighting – Passed around sign-up sheet for soups, bars and other supplies. Historical Society plans to have their bake sale that night as well. Bailey and Groom will check the lights on the tree, Santa and Mrs. Clause will be available and the Rowan Lions Club will donate sacks. Groom volunteers to assist with decorating, etc.

Fire Dept Raffle – Tickets were distributed to Mayor, Council and Fire Chief for the Volunteer Firefighters. Drawing will be held during the Soup Supper.

Fruit Trees at REC – Bruns has them on order.

Building permits – None

Clerk informs council she is obtaining estimates for fire hydrants and water meters to be presented at the December meeting to be paid for with the ARPA funds.

Motion to Adjourn by Bruns, 2nd by Hollman.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, December 6, 2021 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Miller - City Clerk of Rowan