

Rowan City Council Meeting November 7, 2022

Mayor Lennea Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, Marcos Hurtado, Ashley Bosch, and Virgil Park.

Minutes of the October 3rd and October 27th meetings were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Bruns to approve vouchers and pay bills, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved unanimously.

November Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$37.75; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,213.20; Belmond Independent (snow bids) \$84.00; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$32.00; Bruns Machine & Welding (fencing, elect box-poles, Fire Truck battery) \$686.78; DeBour Electric (supplies for outlets on poles) \$325.36; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$114.33; Iowa Rural Water Assoc. (dues) \$225.00; IPERS (pensions) \$319.61; Miller & Miller PC (city attorney) \$265.00; Rowan Library (Apportion/cc receipt) \$1,525.00; Sewer (transfer) \$4,922.49; Storey Kenworthy (office supply) \$775.62; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$22.50; True Value (reflective tape) \$27.98; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; VISA (Christmas lights) \$435.62; W&H Cooperative (propane) \$1,675.31; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$851.96; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$88.64; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$440.97; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$130.63.

Public Input – none.

Fire Dept – One volunteer has resigned due to health issues.

Maintenance – regular duties, will change out a septic tank lid at apartments that is damaged. Discussion regarding security cameras in Community Center.

Snow Removal bid letting – One bid received from Mountain Movers, motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Selling of Tractor and Lawn Mower – Both need new batteries, Park will check availability at Fleet Farm and replace this month.

Soup Supper/Tree Lighting – clerk will send out list to council/board members for supper, Christmas lights were purchased for big tree. Will reach out to Alliant and/or Riedel about getting brackets, decorations, lights up.

Old Library Building – Mayor and Clerk presented at Supervisor's meeting, was suggested to see what interest rates we could get at banks first. Eric Rector approached them after the meeting and suggested he might be able to loan us the money over 10 years at 0% interest from a Wright County Conservation Reserve Fund if his board would approve it. Would like to see the space used as an outdoor classroom with native plants that his staff could use for educational purposes. The Council is in favor. Motion by Hollman to approve the bid received from Mountain Movers for demolition after asbestos is abated, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Water Meters – The initial 14 radio read meters have been received and clerk is in the process of getting the software set up with the supplier. We have received the 2nd installment of the ARP money, would be enough to purchase approximately 40 more meters. Motion by Hollman to reserve more meters in the amount of funds available, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Fine Amounts and Chapter 155 – 1.10 Standard Penalty. Motion by Bruns to increase to “no more than \$500 plus costs”, 2nd by Park. Approved. 3.03 Penalties Municipal Infraction. Motion by Bosch to add “plus costs,” 2nd by Bruns. Approved. 50.11 Installment payment of cost of abatement. Motion by Hollman to change from “ten (10) annual installments” to “twelve (12) monthly installments”, 2nd by Park. Approved. 51.06 Junk and Junk Vehicles Fail to Abate. Motion by Bruns to add “plus costs,” 2nd by Park. Approved. 55.14 Penalties Animal Protection and Control. Motion by Hollman to add “plus costs,” 2nd by Bruns. Approved. 70.03 Parking Violations. Motion by Hollman to increase to \$25, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved. 90.06 Permit for Connection to Water – leave the same. 91.08 Meter Deposit – remove, as it is redundant with 92.08. Chapter 155 – no changes.

Emergency Management Planning – no news.

Community Center South Wall/Roof – Contractor is currently working on South Wall, asked about light above door, City will take care of it. Roof will be completed soon.

Lettering on Fire Dept/Waterworks – no news.

121 Main Street Abandonment – clerk has provided pictures and invoices to attorney.

Playground equipment – no news.

Building permits – Chain link fence at 719 Duffy. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Bruns moves to adjourn, 2nd by Hollman.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, December 5, 2022 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk of Rowan