

Rowan City Council Meeting April 3, 2023

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

No petitions were received to hold a special election to fill the council seat vacancy, Mayor Groom makes a recommendation to the Council to appoint Heather Baumgartner. Motion by Hollman to approve the recommendation, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously. Baumgartner takes the oath of office.

Council present- Mark Bruns (via speakerphone), Dale Hollman, Virgil Park and Heather Baumgartner.

Minutes of the March 6th meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Hollman to pay the bills to include a note that invoices need to be received within 6 months of work being completed to one vendor, a principle payment to the USDA loan of \$5,000 and to increase the monthly payment to \$3,000, 2nd by Park. Approved.

April Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$52.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,151.58; Belmond Independent (publishing) \$147.00; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$96.42; Hawkins, Inc. (additives) \$395.34; IPERS (pensions) \$330.40; Riedel Tree Service (remove tree in ROW) \$1,400.00; Rowan Fire (1/3 LOST) \$559.92; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST, apportionment) \$2,059.93; Sewer (transfer) \$4,573.96; Simmering-Cory (Code Draft) \$900.00; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$559.93; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$32.50; Treasurer – State of Iowa (Withholding) \$15.70; Tri-County Services (FD Ins/Work Comp) \$2,281.50; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,680.02; VISA (IMFOA dues) \$52.68; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$697.16; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Ashley Bosch (council pay) \$69.26; Dale Hollman (council pay) \$92.35; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$602.42; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Marcos Hurtado (council pay) \$23.09; Mark Bruns (council pay) \$92.35; Virgil Park (council pay) \$69.26; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$89.43.

Public Input – Some vandalism in town, reportedly by minors was discussed, pieces of the fence surrounding the leach field at the church were smashed, the City will replace as it's part of the sewer system, windows have been broken at vacant houses, Hollman will look into getting some trail cams. Library requested permission to allow the State Mobile Museum to be parked in front of the library starting April 19th, motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Discussed the security camera in the library, City Maintenance and Mayor will have a meeting with the Library Director this week. Discussed the scholarship can collection bin, needs improvement.

Fire Dept – Batteries were replaced in the Township truck.

Maintenance – looking at different options for sealing up the waterworks roof, helped the Library Director with door counters.

Mayor Groom closed the regular council meeting and opened the Public Hearing

121 Main Street Bid Opening – One bid received from Troy and Heather Baumgartner for \$100.00.

Motion by Hollman to accept, 2nd by Bruns. Approved with Baumgartner abstaining.

Ordinance Amendment 2023-02 – No public input, Ordinance Amendment 2023-03 – No public input.

Mayor Groom closed the public hearing and re-opened the regular council meeting.

Iowa River Players Annual Report – Luanne Krabbe presents – the IRP are thankful for the gift of water, the use of the building, the volunteers, supplies, and labor. It has been a long-term investment in the Community and they are overwhelmed by the support. Recounted stories of updates to the building and gave honorable mentions to Jimmie Johnson, Jack Burt, Rex and Nell Boyd, Joan Rietz, the Luick Trust, the Wright County Charitable Foundation, and the Foster & Evelyn Barkema Trust. Rowan brings something special to the County! Going forward they would like a rolling annual lease agreement and asked for some minimal snow removal so they may gain better access to the building when needed in the winter. Would like to give a tour to the Council members when it is convenient.

Lawn Mowing Applications – received 2 applications, it was decided to hire Scott Meyer. Will discuss options for purchasing fuel with Scott and make arrangements as needed.

Resolution 2023-08 Support of LOST – Approved unanimously with roll call vote, a signed copy will be sent to Dennis Guth and Mark Thompson.

Ordinance Amendment 2023-01 – 3rd reading, doesn't pass.

Ordinance Amendment 23-02 Chapter 35 – Fire Department. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Ordinance Amendment 2023-03 Add Chapter 36, establishing a Fire Board of Trustees – Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Water Hydrant at old Barber shop location – Groom will get estimates for next meeting.

City Wide Clean-Up Day – Tentatively set for May 20, Groom will verify availability with MT Shearing. Hollman gave update from Wright Co Landfill Board.

Rowan Fun Day Request – Mayor wonders if the council would be in favor of allowing alcohol in the Community Center in the future and/or beer gardens for events. Council is in favor, would need to look at the rental agreement and would like to see what other venues have for rules and regulations. Will review at the next meeting. RFD will be on June 3rd this year.

Selling of Tractor and Mower – Park will get them operational before the next meeting.

Community Center Siding and Waterworks Roof – JG Remodeling plans to come next week, weather permitting and will replace a couple of pieces of siding where needed and begin work on roof and trim.

Playground Equipment – No updates

Building permits – None.

Motion by Hollman to adjourn, 2nd by Park. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk