

## **Rowan City Council Meeting August 7, 2023**

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

Council present- Mark Bruns, Dale Hollman, Virgil Park, Heather Baumgartner, and Marcos Hurtado.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Discussion regarding JG Remodeling bill, would like more detail on bill. Different material was used for window trim, did we get credited for the original materials purchased? Will inspect corrections made, back door still needs to be looked at. Request itemized bill and send to council when received before approval. Motion by Bruns to approve bills, withholding JG Remodeling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved.

August Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$52.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,297.64; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$80.00; Mark Bruns (gas receipt) \$16.00; Doug's Small Engine (mower blades) \$59.25; Frontier (phone) \$95.68; Hawkins (additives) \$354.55; Iowa DNR (Supply fee) \$25.00; IPERS (pensions) \$306.86; Midas (dues) \$137.61; Mort's Water (fix leak) \$5,013.29; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$431.44; Sewer (transfer) \$4,375.48; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$431.45; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$32.50; The Trash Man (recycling) \$71.50; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; Wright Co Emerg. Mgmt (FY24) \$431.63; Wright Co Public Health (program FD pagers) \$75.00; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$715.31; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$602.42; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$107.31.

Public Input – Dead tree on Pritchett, discussed ownership, believed to be property owners responsibility. County to replace signs, one just needs new post, the other will see if we have one on hand. Question regarding placement of generator at church. Mayor received complaint from citizen about the 710 Duffy property, will follow up with the contract holder about progress.

Fire Dept – Board has had its first meeting and elected officers, will have another meeting in 2 weeks. Received 2 pagers from the County. Will remove this item from the Agenda going forward, Board should report to Council annually in January.

Hollman reports on Landfill meeting – found out that vape pens are toxic waste and businesses that sell them have to send them to a hazardous material location in Des Moines!

Maintenance – got lawn mower blades, wonders if the deck is set too low as it's scalping a few places and gouged a septic lid, will put the new blades on and look everything over. Plans to spray the playground and finish windows at the Fire Dept. Clerk notified him just received a note about the refrigerator leaking, will look into that as well. Clerk is going to look into other options for exterior door locks.

Mayor Groom closed the regular meeting of the council and opened the public hearing for Ordinance Amendment 23-06, adding chapter 122 with provisions for food trucks with a requested change to include surrounding school districts under 122.17. No public input. Groom closed the public hearing and opened the regular meeting of the council.

Motion by Bruns to approve Ordinance Amendment 23-06 with the change, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollman. Roll call vote – approved unanimously. Motion by Hollman to waive the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading of the Ordinance, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hurtado. Approved.

Fence at Church – Nothing has been done with it yet. Hollman has a piece of the board at his shop if someone is going to Menards they can take it with to make a match. Park will check into it.

Water Meters – Questioned whether any had been installed yet. 5 of the 14 have been installed with plans to have the rest installed by the next quarterly meter reading in September.

Clerk presented FY23 Annual Financial Report and FY23 Street Finance Report, no questions.

Dirt Pile – City received a bunch of black dirt from the County when they were working in the area,

would like to use it to level the leech fields at the ball diamond. Hollman and Bruns are willing to donate their time and equipment to sift, distribute and level the dirt, but would like to be reimbursed for their fuel. Motion by Park to approve fuel reimbursement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hurtado. Approved.

Water Leaks – Leak appeared on Main Street on Saturday morning, Mort's will be here to fix it tomorrow morning. Baumgartner should let Bruns or Hollman know when they arrive, so they can try to determine the cause while the hole is open. Would also like clerk to research and try to pinpoint when the excessive water usage started on Bingham and if it happened around the same time WM-Tel was here boring.

Intake behind Community Center – Estimate received from Mountain Movers for \$4,004.82. Bruns thinks there is some cement tile by the Fire Dept that could be used to lower the cost, will have Mountain Movers take a look at it. Planning to wait until Spring, so it doesn't cause problems over the Winter.

Generator – Community Shelter – Park will find out how Emergency Management had it set up, discussion regarding building inspections (or the lack there of) in the County.

Playground Equipment – There is a sale going on right now and we have the funds to go ahead and purchase something! There will need to be some adjustments in the park to make the spacing work, possibly move the swing-set and/or merry-go-round to a different area within the park. Clerk will send the flyer to the council for a decision to be made at the next meeting.

Building permits – none.

Motion by Park to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, September 4, 2023 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk