

Rowan City Council Meeting June 5, 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 May 1st meeting were approved with a motion by Bruns, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Hollman to pay the bills with the exception of Mort's for replumbing the storage tanks (they are leaking) and JG Remodeling (project not completed), 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

June Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$52.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,207.53; American Fire Equipment (nozzle extens) \$775.80; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$80.00; Bruns Machine & Welding (fire equip, lube) \$135.15; Mark Bruns (County Fire Mtg) \$43.46; Floyd & Leonard (leaf blower) \$159.99; Frontier (phone) \$94.98; Hawkins (additives) \$551.89; Simonson (lien search) \$214.39; Iowa DNR (operator cert) \$60.00; IPERS (pensions) \$397.12; Miller & Miller PC (legal fees) \$217.50; Mort's Water (contract pumping) \$5,802.82; Rowan Fire (1/3 LOST) \$547.51; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$547.51; Sewer (transfer) \$4,971.10; Steenblock Plumbing (charge library AC) \$652.30; Storey Kenworthy (cleaning supply) \$213.04; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$547.51; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$32.50; True Value (light bulbs) \$27.99; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; VISA (gas cans) \$52.39; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$775.56; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$602.42; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Scott Meyer (mowing) \$422.57; Virgil Park (maint) \$219.31; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$132.34.

Public Input – Mayor announced that the Community received 4 grants from the Wright Co Charit Found. Discussion about chickens, someone in town has roosters, will receive a letter and a fine. Several lawns still need to be mowed. A basement was flooded with sewage twice during contract septic maintenance, customer plans to send Servicemaster bill to the City. Received complaints about library hours among other things.

Fire Dept – Burned the brush pile yesterday. Would like the Council to appoint the following as Board Members: Dale Hollman, Dale Arends, Les Andrews, Al Bailey, and Mark Pluff. Motion by Park to appoint all 5 to the Fire Board of Trustees, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved with Hollman and Bruns abstaining.

Maintenance – charged batteries, has been working on the mowers, John Deere is running but needs one tire fixed or replaced, C Tractor – had to rebuild the carburetor, hope to have it going soon. Had the library A/C charged. Conduit on the back of the building was held up by some plastic clips and they were broken and the equipment was hanging down, went ahead and fixed that. Had to fix a tire on the new lawn mower, also changed the oil and purchased a leaf blower. Will be working with the Mayor and the Lions Club on the generator project. The back door of the Comm Center isn't closing right.

Mayor closed the meeting and opened the public hearing. 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-04 Dust Control Fee and 2nd reading of Ordinance 2023-05 Vacate Ballou Street. No public input. Mayor closed the public hearing and re-opened the general session.

Motion by Bruns to approve Ordinance Amendment 2023-04, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote. Motion by Hollman to approve Ordinance Amendment 2023-05, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Mosquito Control Contract – Motion by Bruns to approve without the granular application and would like to be notified when they are coming, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Intake behind Community Center – when we get a heavy rain water runs to the alley behind the Community Center from Main Street, would like to pipe it to a nearby intake. Hollman made a motion to get some estimates, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Kids on 4-wheelers – it is not legal for kids under the age of 16 to drive 4-wheelers on the streets without an adult. Letters will be sent to parents and a reminder put in the water bill for all.

Library Request to close Main Street on July 29th for an event – Motion by Bruns to table until we have more information: will they be purchasing additional insurance for bounce houses, will they obtain proof of insurance and inspection from food trucks, where will bounce houses or food trucks be placed, etc?

Tree Removal at 136 Main – why was the tree removed? Was in telephone line, walnut trees not allowed in ROW.

Generator – Community Shelter – Is ready, can get whenever we are ready. Lions Club received a grant and will be overseeing the project with Virgil Park as the City Contact.

Library Cameras – Reviewed Library policy.

Water Hydrant at SW corner of Bingham and Main – Groom recommends to table, the estimates were between 1500 and 2000. Bruns placed a portable water container there for now, would like to wait a couple years to see if the

Community Garden continues.

Selling of Tractor and Mower – Almost ready to place for auction, agreed to set minimum bids at \$1500 for C Tractor with belly mower and \$650 for JD rider.

Community Center Roof – Have not heard from contractor, will not make any more payments until the project is completed.

Playground Equipment – Received a grant from WCCF for \$6,000. Will get updated prices on selected equipment and also additional estimates on slightly smaller sets. There is a 38 week lead time and prices continue to rise. If we can find a set close to the amount we have already raised, would consider going ahead and ordering.

Iowa River Players Contract – Tabled until Fire Chief inspects the area.

Building permits – none.

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

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, July 3, 2023 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk