

Rowan City Council Meeting March 6, 2023

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

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

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

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Bruns to pay Josh Riedel \$150 for putting up/taking down Christmas lights, 2nd by Park. Approved. Motion by Bruns to approve and pay bills, 2nd by Bosch. Approved.

March Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water/backwash testing) \$343.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,112.72; Auditor of State (exam fee) \$800.00; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Bruns Machine & Welding (service trucks) \$15.62; Debt Service Reserve (transfer) \$236.00; Frontier (phone) \$125.31; IPERS (pensions) \$358.56; Miller & Miller PC (legal) \$275.00; Mountain Movers (snow removal) \$475.00; Rowan Fire (1/3 LOST) \$418.37; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST, receipt reimb) \$418.37; Sewer (transfer) \$5,226.50; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$418.37; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$32.50; True Value (furnace filters) \$33.98; USDA (loan) \$2,199.00; VISA (EMS Symp) \$65.00; W&H Cooperative (propane) \$1,725.76; Wright Co Landfill (Q4FY23) \$987.50; Wright Co Treas (Court costs) \$40.00; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$759.64; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$874.44; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$64.40.

Public Input – Nancy Hofmeister with Rowan Lions Club presents program for recycling soft plastic, if 500 pounds are collected in a 6-month period, would earn a free park bench. Lions Club would check on it and deliver to recycling center. Want permission to place a collection bin at the City's building. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Bosch. Approved. Luanne with Iowa River Players present, handed out this year's schedule, would like to be on April Agenda.

Fire Dept – Members are currently going through hazmat classes.

Maintenance – changed furnace filters, charged batteries, discussed mounting AED.

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

FY24 Budget – no public input. Ordinance Amendment 2023-01 – no public input.

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

FY24 Budget – Motion by Park to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously with roll call vote.

Motion by Hollman to waive the 3rd reading of the budget, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Ordinance Amendment 2023-01 – Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Bosch. Roll call vote – 3 ayes, 1 nay. Will be a 3rd reading of the Ordinance Amendment at the April meeting.

Ordinance Amendment 23-02 Chapter 35 – Fire Department. Motion by Hollman to approve and set Public Hearing Date for April 3rd at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Resolution 2023-05 setting pay rates for volunteer Fire Dept – Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Ordinance Amendment 2023-03 Add Chapter 36, establishing a Fire Board of Trustees – Motion by Hollman to approve and set Public Hearing Date for April 3rd at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Mowing – Motion by Hollman to hire a seasonal employee and pay \$15.00 per hour, develop a job description, and purchase an electric weed whacker, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Vacate Ballou Street between Main and Bingham and Donation of Historical Society Property – a plotted street has never been used as a street and will not in the future be used as a street. The Community Center leach field is located within the bounds of the plotted street, there is also a tower erected there. The adjacent Historical Society property has recently been leveled and they would like to donate the ground to the City. Motion by Bruns to vacate the street and accept the Historical Society donation of property, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Support of Generator for Community Shelter at the Church – discussion regarding insurance, propane, etc. City would be responsible for maintenance. Would like a Written Agreement between the Church Council and the City Council regarding responsibilities, liabilities, etc.

121 Main Street – City has been awarded ownership of the property. Motion by Hollman to have a “sealed-bid to live auction” sale, 2nd by Bruns. Approved. Sealed bids would be due at noon on April 1st to be opened at the April 3rd Council meeting and then those bidders can attend in person and choose to increase their

bid.

Council Vacancy – Bosch is no longer a primary resident of Rowan and is resigning her position on the Council, the City intends to appoint a replacement at the next regular meeting of the Council.

Community Center Siding and Waterworks Roof – Hollman reports that there are a couple of gaps in the new siding on the Community Center that needs to be addressed by the contractor, also the roof of the Waterworks building is evidently not sealed along the back of the façade and is leaking into the building. A 5-gallon bucket of roof sealer should do the trick, City Maintenance will get it taken care of.

Outdoor Classroom – Sam Hansen from the Wright County Conservation suggests just seeding the property to grass for now and not do anything until next year when the ground has settled. The Mayor has discussed this project with Rhonda Benton, who is becoming a Master Gardener and needs a Community Service Project and would be willing to head a Committee of Community Members to develop a design for the Outdoor Classroom (located where the old Library was demolished). Motion by Bruns to have Benton set up a Committee, 2nd by Park. Approved.

The Selling of Tractor/Mower and Community Center Roof – no updates.

Playground Equipment – Clerk has applied for an additional grant and received updated quotes.

Building permits – None.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk