

ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....



The site of the old Library and City Hall is currently in the condition pictured to the left. Plans are to seed the area in the very near future and then let it settle for 1 year before plans are put into action for the future green space and outdoor classroom.

Rhonda Benton has volunteered to be the project manager for this project and will be leading a committee to come up with possible plans for the community to make suggestions and the council to approve. Below is a rendition of one possibility that the Wright County Naturalist presented to the city as a guideline of where to begin. It is by no means the final plan. If anyone is interested in serving on this committee please give your name to Mandi Rink in the Rowan Public Library and she will pass information along to Rhonda.

If anyone has an idea as to what they would like to see in the space Mandi has generated a google doc that can be completed on line and sent back to the library or blank forms can be filled out and are available either at the library or at City Hall. The link to the Google Form is <https://rb.gy/kj6ux>. The goal is to create an outdoor classroom that will be used by all ages for meetings, summer reading program and also have interactive areas for people to use and learn. A project of this magnitude is

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Two Fliers attached with additional information about the Traveling Museum & the Lions Club Recycling Project.



United Church of Rowan Vacation Bible School Pets Unleashed

Pets Unleashed is the theme for this year's Bible School at the United Church of Rowan. Ages three years old through sixth grade are invited. Children will be learning through Bible lessons, music, crafts, games and snacks that **Jesus Cares For Us**. The dates are **June 7, 8, 9 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**. There will be a short program for families and friends at 7:00 on Friday. The church is handicapped accessible. To register your children or grandchildren, get a registration form at the Rowan Library, from Pastor Nancy, or Rhonda Benton.

Thank You from Glenn Box!

A heartfelt thank you for all the cards, calls, and visits after my fall on the ice and double knee surger. Thanks to Rowan Outreach and Rowan Church Council for the monetary support, and for the nice lab blanket. It's been a long two months and I'm glad to be tack home.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

Board Meeting:
Second Wednesday
at 5PM

Mobile Museum:
April 19, 21 & 22
See attached flier!

National Library
Week:
April 23 – 29

Adult Spring
Reading:
May 1 – 31st

Contact: Mandi Rink,
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Stories From the Library

Spring is upon us! With the added sunshine, that library is adding a few programs to the calendar. First up is the Mobile Museum. The State of Iowa museum owns a travel trailer full of artifacts that makes various trips around Iowa. The traveling museum will be at the Rowan Public Library April 19, 21 and 22. As far as I am aware, we are the only place in Wright County offering this. The exhibit will be open during library hours. If you want to visit outside library hours, please call me to set up an appointment. The library is also holding an Adult Spring Reading Program in May. This is for ages 18 and over. Participation is easy. Stop at the library and pick up a Bingo Sheet! Once you have gotten three squares in a row, drop the sheet off at the library and enter your name into a prize drawing! The program will end May 31st .

Do not forget to purchase your new Rowan Library merchandise! This style will be retired at the end of May. Proceeds of this fundraiser help support the programming at the library.

On a more personal note, I would like to thank the town of Rowan for their support during my first few months as director. Willow and I have been having the most fun! It almost does not feel like work at all...most days.

Musings from the Mayor cont.

to take a village to be successful so your input is very much appreciated.

Recycling update.....

Some of you may have noticed that several time when recycle came to town in the last couple of months that they were using a regular garbage truck to pick up the recycle. I called to find out why this was happening and got an update on the latest process. Nick Nuehring in dispatch responded with an email as follows:

“We have switched to what we call single stream recycling program. Which allows us to use our packer trucks (garbage trucks) to collect the recycling from residents. This has upped our efficiency from the previous curbside sorting program. This might have raised some concern that we are throwing the recycling away. Which is not the case, we collect the recycling and then it comes to our recycling facility, and gets baled. We now have a market for that type of recycling. I hope this helps with some questions that people might have.”

I asked him about the glass since it gets crushed in the packer truck and he says that isn't an issue. The bales get marketed to another facility where it is sorted and glass is sifted out..

Vandalism concerns in Rowan....

In the past year there has been several issues with kids breaking into abandoned houses in Rowan. Some of the houses are standing open and several have had locked doors kicked in to gain entry. This is of much concern to the city council and residents of Rowan. First of all, it is illegal and it's defined as breaking and entering if a person crosses the threshold of a property that does not belong to them without permission. Secondly, if the house has been sitting empty for a long time and persons go in without knowing what the conditions are like it could be very dangerous and result in serious injury to the individual (s). Recently a house on Main Street was entered and an upstairs window was broken out from the inside.

The city council is not going to tolerate this kind of behavior without taking action. The homeowners are being notified by letter that their properties have been broken into and if they want to take action they are entitled to do so. Also, the city, with their permission, will install security cameras on the property if they so desire until the perpetrators are caught. The Wright County Sheriff's Department has been notified this is going on and will be keeping an eye out on the properties trying to catch the guilty parties. Let's make these activities come to an end. **IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!**

Schedule of Events

**Mobile Museum:
April 19, 21 & 22
See attached flier!**

**National Library
Week:
April 23 – 29**

**City Clerk's Week
April 30th thru
May 6th**

**Monday, May 1st
7:00 p.m.
City Council
Meeting**

**Monday, May 29
Memorial Day
Pancake Breakfast
at Rowan Events
Center
7:30—9:30 a.m.**

**Memorial Day
Services at the
Cemetery at
10:00 a.m.**

**Rowan Fun Day
Saturday, June 3rd
Details to come
later**

**City-wide Cleanup
Saturday, June 10**

**PAY UTILITY BILLS ON
LINE
Go to
cityofrowan.com
And click on
MAKE PAYMENT**

**Office Hours:
Thursday 2:00 -5:00 pm
1st & 3rd Saturdays
9 a.m.—Noon
Tuesday after regular council
meeting 10:00 a.m.—Noon**

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**THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANKYOU!
Celebrating
CITY CLERK'S WEEK!
April 30th—May 6th**

**Please take time to stop by
Rowan City Hall
And Thank Aimee
For all that she does for the
City of Rowan!
She deserves every accolade
we have to offer!**

From the Clerk's Corner.....

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

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.

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From the Clerk's Corner continued....

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 – 3 rd 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 (Rowan Fun Day) 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.

CITY-WIDE CLEANUP!

Saturday, June 10th

Two dumpsters will be on Main Street for items that are not allowed for curbside pickup with the same rules as last year.

MT Shearing will be doing curbside pickup around town also with the same rules as last year.

More Details will follow as soon as we receive guidelines!

Food Pantry Hours

Monday

10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Friday

10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:00 a.m.-Noon

City Council May 2nd

at 7:00 p.m.

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**The deadline for
submitting articles for
the Rowan Ring is the
15th of each month.**

SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday, June 3, 2023

ROWAN FUN DAY

**This year's theme is
"Moving Forward, Looking Back"**

The day will begin with the traditional Pancake Breakfast followed by numerous games and activities for all ages!

Activities will include the Pancake Toss, Cake Walk, Bake Sale, a Kick Ball Tournament, Quilt Show, Silent Auction, Shine and Show Car Show, and much, much more. Come join us for fun in Rowan!

Let's Keep Rowan Rockin'

PLASTIC FILM RECYCLING CHALLENGE!

The Rowan Lions Club has taken on a project that will benefit the environment as well as the community. We have six months to collect our goal of 500 lbs. or more of soft plastic to earn a free park bench. This is some of the plastic that currently is not recycled and go into the landfill or be burned.

Collection bins are in the entrance to the library/community center at the United Church of Rowan. Any Lion member would be able to take your plastic and get it to the proper place.

Acceptable plastic is anything that stretches such as grocery bags, bread bags, bubble wrap, dry cleaning bags, ice bags (without the metal closure), plastic shipping envelopes. Ziploc and other reclosable food storage bags, cereal bags, case over wrap from water bottles etc., wrap over paper towels and toilet tissue, softener salt bags, pallet wrap and stretch film, produce bags. Bags must be clean.

Lions members will collect from the collection bins, weigh, report to Trex the amount collected, then deliver them to a collection place. A flier explain the project is attached to this newsletter.