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ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....

NOTICE!

Wright County is still under a burn ban!
THERE IS NO OPEN BURNING OUTSIDE!
No sticks, leaves, garbage in a barrel with
lid or on the ground until further notice.
FINES WILL BE GIVEN!



I have, for many years, said that autumn (fall) was my favorite season. I loved that all the produce (garden & farm) we worked so hard on all Spring and Summer had reached maturity and we could now reap the rewards of our labor. I also love the vibrant colors of fall and love seeing all the trees show their colors before the cold sets in. It is still one of my favorites but as I've gotten older I've learned to appreciate all of the seasons and I am very glad I live in a state that gets to experience four distinct seasons, each with its special gifts. (Although I will admit, I am happy to escape the bitter cold of Winter for a couple weeks if possible!)

While I was putting together this month's newsletter I couldn't help but think that I must not be the only one that thinks fall is when we reap the rewards of the past years labors. That's very evident when you browse through all of the fund raising functions that being scheduled for the next several months. Not only in the community of Rowan but in many of our surrounding communities as well.

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Register for the First Lutheran Food Pantry's

THANKSGIVING TURKEY GIVEAWAY!

Limited number or Turkeys Available and Registration is Required!

We truly Hope that we can help ease any burdens this holiday season!

Firm deadline to register: Friday, November 10th TO REGISTER PLEASE CALL 515-532-3440

CHOOSE ONLY ONE PICKUP LOCATION:

GOLDFIELD: Friday, November 17th, 9:00 a.m. to Noon WOOLSTOCK: Friday, November 17th, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. ROWAN: Saturday, November 18th, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. CLARION: Sunday, November 19th, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Community Meal provided by the First Lutheran Church Congregation and Food Pantry.

Additional Thanksfiving items, such as stuffing, pies, and more will be available as supplies last!

If you are in need of help with a turkey, we kindly ask that you register at only one location per family gathering. Please do not have multiple families register for turkeys for the same gatherings as four funds are limited. Life can be challenging, especially this time of year and we want all families to enjoy a relaxing Holiday Season!



Schedule of Events

City Council Meeting Monday, November 6 7:00 p.m. Rowan Community Center

Tuesday,, October 31
5:00—6:30 p.m.
Trunk or Treat
Halloween Supper
Serving from
5:00—7:00 p.m.
Beef Burger
Sandwiches or
Hot Dogs, Chips, Drinks
and a Bar.

Wednesday, Nov. 8th
United Church of
Rowan Fall Dinner and
Bazaar.

Dinner 5:00—6:45 p.m. Auction a5 7:00 p.m.

Rowan Historical
Society
Annual Gospel Fest
Sunday, November 12
1:30 p.m.
United Church of
Rowan, 811 Pesch
Soup Supper to follow

Saturday, Dec. 2 rd
5:00—7;00 p.m.
Annual Tree Lighting
And Soup Supper
Rowan Community
Center
Santa is coming to
town!
Rowan Historical
Society Bake Sale in
Library

PAY UTILITY BILLS ONLINE 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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From the Clerk's Corner.....

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 September meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Hurtado.

Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Hollman moves to pay the bills and authorize the Clerk to find the best deal on a CD and invest \$25,000 of the debt service reserve, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

October Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$52.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,194.58;

Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Bruns Machine & Welding (hose fittings) \$15.83; Frontier (phone) \$99.01;

Iowa DNR (Use fee) \$115.00; IPERS (pensions) \$351.27; Mort's Water (filter maint) \$2,585.00; Municipal

Supply (gaskets) \$23.79; Off Fire (exting. inspect.) \$508.00; Sewer (transfer) \$3,202.63; T&S Sanitation

(dumpster) \$20.00; Treasurer St IA (WH) \$20.10; USA Bluebook (supplies) \$525.75; USDA (loan)

\$3,000.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,631.84; Virgil Park (reimb) \$10.70; VISA (conf) \$135.68; W&H

Coop (propane) \$1,804.11; Wright Co Landfill (Q2) \$987.50; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$894.66; Alex

Public Input – Burn ban is still in place, would like clerk to make new posters to include Spanish, another resident has chickens without a permit, lots of barking dogs in town, will send some letters. Church fence has another broken section.

Maintenance – fixed the starter on the tractor and cleaned both mowers up for the clerk to take pictures, cleaned out the water department and scrapped some old junk, working on Fire Dept windows.

Playground equipment purchase – Made decisions on moving one piece of equipment to make room for the new set and decided on the set to order. Clerk will get it ordered.

Snow Removal – will put out for bid, same as prior years, due at next meeting.

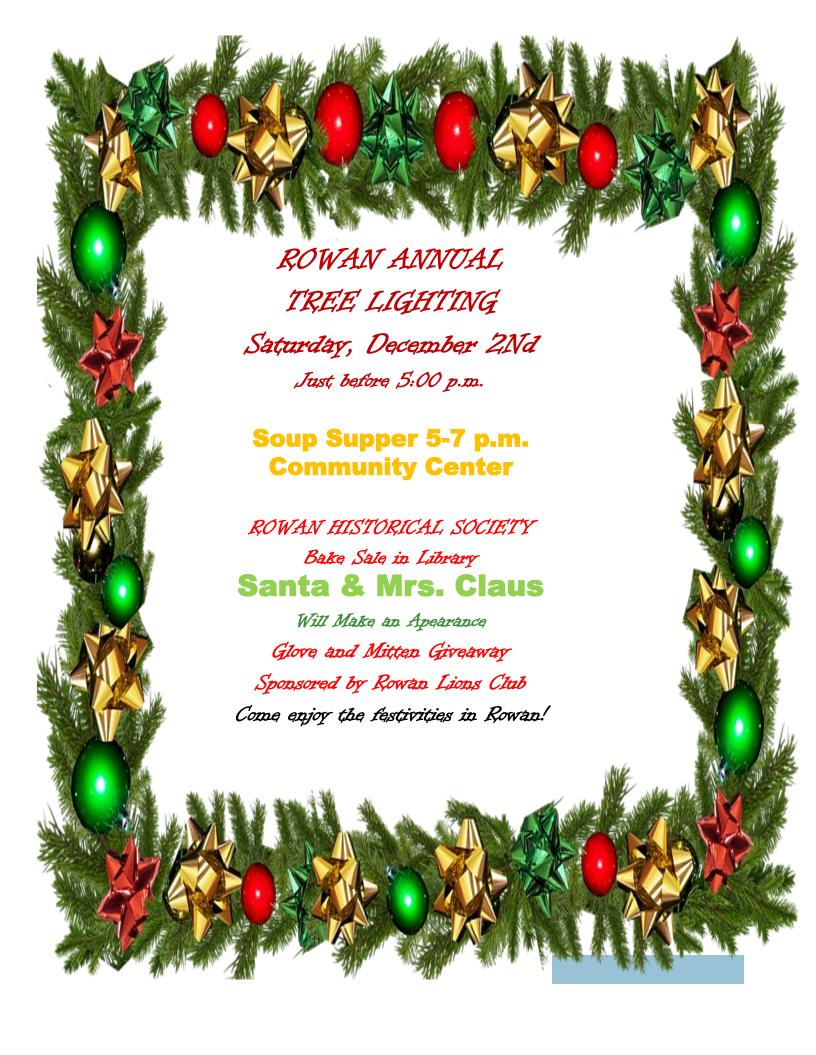
Housing – have had lots of inquiries from people in the last couple of weeks looking for a place in Rowan to rent or buy. Some places could be fixed up but people don't want to pay all of the liens and assessments against them. Council will look into which ones are eligible for the abandonment process and possibly start working on acquiring them.

Motion by Hollman to enter into Closed Session pertaining to a matter that may enter into litigation, 2nd by Park. Roll call vote – unanimously approved.

Next regular meeting of the council will be Monday, November 6, 2023 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk



Rowan City Council Monday, November 6 7:00 p,m.

Library Hours
Mon, Wed
10:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.
Fri
10:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Sat
9:00 a.m.—Noon

United Church of Rowan 10:00 a.m. Sunday Church Service Many of our organizations are hosting fund-raising functions and meals to help support their causes and the projects that they choose to champion! All of these groups are volunteers who put in many hours of time, talent and in many cases finances to help keep the town of Rowan and our surround area alive and vibrant!

I realize it is not possible for everyone to support every event that is scheduled but please try to support those you can schedule in and afford. Our town in who we are as a result of all of these volunteers and we need to support them every opportunity we have.

Don't forget to VOTE on November 7th!

ANNUAL ROWAN GOSPEL FEST

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023 AT 1:30 P.M. UNITED CHURCH OF ROWAN 811 PESCH ST



Listen to an afternoon of Gospel music provided by: Annie Avery, Terrie Avery, Dale Boggess, Charley Deam, Dale Eichor, Becky Gors,. Bob Johnson, Rick and Jenny Mansheim and Don Wrolson

Soup and Sandwich Supper following in the church basement.

Free Will Offering with proceeds to

THE ROWAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Handicap parking on west side of church for the elevator. For more information call 515-689-3986