

Rowan City Council Meeting November 6, 2023

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

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

Minutes of the October meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

November Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$203.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,124.51; Belmond Independent (snow ad) \$48.00; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Frontier (phone) \$102.53; Hawkins (additives) \$400.12; Iowa Rural Water Assoc. (dues) \$305.00; IPERS (pensions) \$386.74; Miller & Miller PC (legal fees) \$422.00; Mosquito Control of Iowa (spraying) \$1,050.00; NIACC (water conf) \$60.00; Rowan Library (apportion/LOST) \$2,435.86; Sewer (transfer) \$5,281.84; Storey Kenworthy (office/cleaning supply) \$686.60; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$20.00; USA Bluebook (supplies) \$83.35; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$801.89; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$894.78; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Scott Meyer (mowing/gas) \$141.12; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$57.24.

Public Input – Darrel Steven Carlyle reports that there have been 4 awards in Wright County from the Heart of Iowa Program and one of them is in Rowan! Mayor spoke with Curtis about alley complaint, returned with list of complaints about Bruns. Mayor also spoke with Oliver and the property is being worked on and car has moved. Mayor inquires about fence repair at the church. Council asked questions about progress of new meter installations. There is a phone line hanging low in an alley, clerk will call Frontier.

Maintenance – Park absent. Hollman reports the backwash tanks are filling up faster than they should. He put the handicap parking sign back up at the Community Center.

Snow Bids – received one bid from Mountain Movers, motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Soup Supper/Tree Lighting – passed around soup sign up sheet, Mayor is in contact with Riedel to put lights up, clerk will call Alliant to put pole decorations up. Baumgartner would like to do the bake sale instead of the Historical Society with proceeds going to the new playground equipment – council agrees, we still have to come up with about \$3,000. Santa and Mrs. Clause will be here. Lions club is doing treat bags and a hat and mitten drive.

Junk Cars – Mayor heard there was a new homeowner in town that only bought the property to store vehicles on that Dows is pressuring him to get rid of. There is nothing we can do proactively, if it does happen, will take steps necessary to have them removed. There are a couple of other properties in town that should receive notices for cars as well, will keep an eye on them.

Set January Meeting Date – clerk informs council that the January meeting date falls on January 1st and it might be better to move it with all of the guests we generally have at the January meeting. Motion by Hollman to move the meeting date to Thursday, January 4th at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved.

CPR Classes – Loux and Meyer held a CPR class last week, but it was just too short of notice for anyone to attend. Mayor wonders if we should host one in conjunction with a Fire Department meeting. Bruns thinks that's a good idea, regular meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Will make inquiries.

Housing – 2 properties on Pritchett may hold some interest to neighbors, one is not salvageable. Motion by Bruns, 2nd by Hurtado to have the clerk start the paperwork to work towards abandonment proceedings. Approved.

Playground equipment purchase – Clerk informs council that Alexander also ordered equipment from the same vendor and the lead time was not as long as stated, equipment was delivered several months earlier. Should consider where we might store it if it arrives earlier than expected. Should also get some fundraising going sooner rather than later.

Tractor and Mower – clerk needs more information to list them on the auction and need to set a timeline. After some discussion, was decided to do a sealed bid now with the minimums and chance to raise bid once at opening and then if we don't get any bids would do the auction in the Spring. Motion by Bruns to advertise sealed bids, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Building permits – Hofmeister to close off a door and fix the other at the shed on the South side of town (old bin site) on Hiams Street (no address assigned yet). Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Bruns moves to adjourn. Adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk