Rowan City Council Meeting October 2, 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 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 Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Dale Hollman (council) \$69.26; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$646.17; Heather Baumgartner (council) \$73.84; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Marcos Hurtado (council) \$69.26; Mark Bruns (council) \$69.26; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$67.96; Virgil Park (council/Maint) \$157.03.

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.

Annual Soup Supper/Tree Lighting – Set for December 2nd.

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.

Building permits – none.

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