

ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....

I am finishing this issue of the Rowan Ring while attending the Iowa League of Cities Conference in Cedar Rapids, IA. Today was the first day of the conference and I made some new acquaintances and renewed some from last year. The networking that is achieved at this conference is immeasurable and you quickly learn that the issues we are experiencing in Rowan and in Wright County are not unique to our community but are being felt state wide!

Most of today's presentations revolved around discussion about HF718 which is the new tax levy laws for property taxes and the effect it will have on our city budgets in the next 4 years. I hope to learn much more about this over the next two days and will share that information with all of you.

The other focus I picked up on was the important role that I as mayor and that the city council have to serve the people that elect us and that we serve. It is also amazing the number of people who do not vote in the off years for city and school elections. It is vitally important for you as citizens of Rowan make an effort to register and to vote in the upcoming election. It is an important part of getting the things accomplished in our community that you want to see happen in Rowan.

There are three people up for election this year in Rowan. Those people are Lennea Groom for Mayor and Mark Bruns and Heather Baumgartner for City Council. All of them are running as incumbents. The election will be held on Tuesday, November 7th and our voting location is the city hall in Belmond. You can also vote by mail -in ballot or early voting at the Auditor's office in the court house in Clarion.

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Get to Know Your Neighbor... Josie Miller



Josephine (Nelson) Miller is the new library director in Rowan. Please stop by and welcome her to the community.

Josephine is 24 years old and grew up in Clarion. She married William Miller on September 9th in rural Clarion. She enjoys working on their farm south of Rowan. Especially working with the chickens and ducks.

Stay tuned in the library. She is currently busy decorating the library for the upcoming spooky Halloween Season and will be including the recommended movies and books for you to enjoy in October.

"I am so very excited to work in Rowan. Please stop by and say, Hi!"



ROWAN TRUNK OR TREAT!

Tuesday, October 31st

5:00 to 6:30 p.m. in front of Community Center

Free Will Fundraiser in Community Center

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Pulled Pork Sandwiches or Hot Dogs with fixins!

Proceeds will go to the Outdoor Classroom Project on Main Street.

Donations should be made out to City of Rowan

From the Clerk's Corner.....

Mayor Lennea Groom opened the meeting on September 4th at 7:00 p.m. with all council members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. During the discussion of the financial vouchers Hollman wants to know if Debt Service Reserve can be put into a CD. the clerk will check with the Rural Development Office. Motion made by Hollman to approve all bills and pay an additional \$15,000 to our USDA Principal, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved.

During public input council received a complaint about some chickens that are "free range", will find try to find out who owns them. Council also received a complaint about someone who went into a citizens garden and poked holes in all of the pumpkins.

During the Maintenance Report Virgil reported that he had pulled out the refrigerator in the Community Center and cleaned good underneath and behind and was unable to find a leak. He fixed a tire on the mower, replaced the blades and cleaned off the deck. The blades were pretty worn for only 3 months use and maybe the deck should be raised a little. Bruns will look into some heavy-duty blades. Bruns and Hollman worked on leveling the leech fields down at the old ball diamond.

The Playground equipment purchase was briefly discussed. There was discussion about moving some of the old equipment to make adequate room for the new piece. Council will do some measuring and a decision will be made at the next meeting.

Several city alleys require some trimming before winter again this year. There was also discussion about trees on city property that need to be removed. Letters will be sent to property owners whose alleys need trimming and have other nuisance trees on city property.

Also discussed was a car that is being parked on a city street overnight on a daily basis. The mayor has the authority to ticket or tow but asks the council for approval to move forward with that. The vehicle owner has been emailed more than once. Motion by Hollman to authorize the mayor to ticket the car, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

A resident has a sump pump and reflector going into an alley. The drain hose can withstand being driven over but the reflector needs to be removed. The owner needs to understand that the hose may be damaged during snow removal.

Halloween Trunk or Treat will be held on Tuesday, October 31st from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. A free will meal will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m and proceeds will go toward the Outdoor Classroom project.

No building permits were submitted.

The meeting was adjourned.

Schedule of Events

City Council Meeting

Monday, October 2
7:00 p.m.

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

On the first and third
Saturday

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

Rowan Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, October 31st
5:00—6:30 p.m.

Free Will Fundraiser
Serving Pulled Pork or
Hot Dogs and fixins'
from

5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Proceeds will be donated
to the Outdoor
Classroom Project

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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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Musings from the Mayor...

If you have questions about getting registered to vote or would like to have a ride to the polls in Belmond please contact City Hall and we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

It is also important to remind everyone that City Council meetings are public meetings and everyone is welcome to attend the meetings. There is a section of each month's agenda that is specifically set aside for Public Input and we would be happy to hear from anyone. It makes no difference if it's a complaint, criticism or you just have a question. You are also welcome to just sit in and listen. We can not address it if we don't know about the issue. We can't improve if we don't know what's wrong. That's what we are elected to do and that's the role we want to fill!

Recipe of the Month.....Slow Cooker Nacho Soup

1 # Ground Beef, browned and drained	1 1/2 t. chili powder
1 C. onions, chopped	1 1/2 t. salt
1 C. green bell pepper, chopped	1 t. black pepper
3 cloves garlic, minced	1/8 t. red pepper flakes
1 jalapeno, seeds removed, diced	3 1/2 C. chicken or beef broth
15 oz. corn, drained	8 oz. cheddar cheese shredded
15 oz. black beans, drained & rinsed	1 C. heavy cream
15 oz. diced tomatoes, drain	3-4 T. AP flour
Chopped green onions for garnish	

- To the bowl of a 5-6 qt. slow cooker bowl add beef, vegetables, beans, broth and seasonings. Stir gently to combine. Cover and cook on high for 4 hours.
- After 4 hours stir in cheese. Whisk together heavy cream and flour until smooth. Pour into slow cooker and stir to combine. Cover and continue cooking for 30 minutes.
- Serve warm with chopped onions and tortilla chips.

I recommend using the chicken broth for the version with beef. If you wanted to make it vegetarian soup, eliminate the ground beef and use the beef broth for flavoring or use vegetable broth.