

Rowan City Council Meeting September 4, 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 August meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Hollman wants to know if the Debt Service Reserve can be put into a CD, clerk will check with the Rural Development office. Motion by Hollman to approve bills and pay an additional \$15,000 to our USDA Loan Principal, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved.

September Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$131.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,213.11; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Frontier (phone) \$96.46; IPERS (pensions) \$427.65; Mort's Water (fix leak) \$2,087.23; Mountain Movers (water repairs, curb stop) \$1,931.00; Municipal Supply (annual fee) \$2,150.00; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$953.32; Sewer (transfer) \$4,758.01; Street Fund (1/3 LOST) \$953.33; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$32.50; True Value (trimmer line, FD supply) \$56.95; USDA (loan) \$18,000.00; Wright Co Treasurer (property taxes) \$552.00; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$909.80; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$775.25; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Scott Meyer (mowing) \$289.57; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$67.96; Virgil Park (Maint) \$117.84.

Public Input – Received a complaint about some chickens that are “free range”, will try to find out who owns them. Also received a complaint that someone went into a citizens garden and poked holes in all of their pumpkins.

Maintenance – pulled the Community Center fridge out and cleaned everything behind and under, didn't find a leak, but no longer leaking. Fixed a tire on the mower, put new blades on and cleaned the deck. The blades were pretty worn for only being used 3 months, maybe should raise the deck a little. Bruns will check into some heavy-duty blades. Bruns and Hollman have worked on leveling the leech fields.

Playground equipment purchase – Briefly discussed moving the swing set or other equipment, will do some more measuring and make a decision at the next meeting.

Tree trimming in alleys – There are a couple of places that need to be trimmed again before winter. Discussion regarding some trees on City property. Will send letters out to property owners with trees overhanging the alleys and another property that is still a nuisance.

Street Parking – there is a car that has been parking in the street and blocking a road, the Mayor has the authority to ticket or tow, but asks for Council permission to move forward with that. The owner has been notified more than once. Motion by Hollman to authorize the Mayor to ticket the car in question, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Blocked Alley – a resident has a sump pump line and reflectors going into an alley, the line/hose can stand to be driven over, but the reflectors need to be removed. They should understand though, that if the line is left there, it could be damaged by the snow plow. There is also a pick-up at the residence that hangs into the alley.

Halloween – Trunk or Treat will be on October 31st from 5-6:30 PM, proceeds will go to the Outdoor Classroom/Greenspace.

Building permits – none.

Motion by Hurtado 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, October 2, 2023 at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk