

**Rowan City Council Meeting
December 4, 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 November meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

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

December Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$52.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,107.51; Belmond Independent (ads) \$160.00; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Frontier (phone) \$103.09; IPERS (pensions) \$343.61; Sewer (transfer) \$4,284.44; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$20.00; Tri-County Services (Work comp) \$207.00; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; Wright Co Comm Elec (election) \$533.55; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$856.18; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$731.50; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$75.12.

Public Input – Mayor was approached by a resident that would like to buy an adjoining lot that is owned by the City and has leech fields on it. Motion by Bruns to not sell the property, 2nd by Hollman. Approved. Clerk described items that came up during a visit from ICAP, playground related items will be taken care of next Spring after new equipment is put up. Mayor would like to tour the Events Center with Fire Chief and any council members available before renewing contract with IRP, will meet tomorrow morning. Joe West hands out his resume and expresses interest in the Fire Chief position, he has also given it to the Fire Board who will be recommending a Fire Chief to the Council next month. Baumgartner summarizes the bake and craft sale fundraiser that was held Saturday night during the Soup Supper, \$1,330.50 was raised with proceeds going to the new playground equipment. Hollman has a small raffle with a limited number of tickets (200) with proceeds also going toward the new playground equipment and sold quite a few during the Soup Supper. Clerk reports that the Soup Supper brought in a record profit of \$691.20 which supports the Community Center Building fund. The event was attended by approximately 115 people.

Maintenance – Park absent. Mayor reports that the fence at the church leech field has received more damage and needs to be fixed. Clerk expresses concern about the AED not being mounted on the wall and is afraid renters could knock it over and break it. Discussed front door, seems to be an issue with the handicap accessible door opener not working properly.

Open Sealed Bids for C Tractor and JD Mower – Received one bid for the C Tractor from Nancy Hofmeister in the amount of \$2,001.00. Motion by Bruns to accept the bid, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Resolution 2023-11 Opposing Alliant Energy's Electric Rate Increase and partner with CEDI. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved unanimously. Mayor signs Resolution and Agreement.

Renew Charitable Gambling License – Motion by Hollman to renew for 2 years, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Community Center Roof – Mayor will talk to Contractors, stops further discussion.

Employee Compensation – Motion by Bruns to raise the Maintenance pay to match the Janitor pay effective January 1st, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved. Motion by Bruns to table COLA to next month, 2nd by Hurtado.

CPR Classes – Will be held tomorrow night at 6:30 with mostly Fire Dept Volunteers in attendance. Mayor will make sure the building is unlocked for trainer to set up early.

Housing – Will ask attorney about next steps. Deed holder address on file is not accurate, mail returned.

Playground equipment purchase – Covered during public input, will make inquiries about possible storage locations.

Building permits – none.

Bruns moves to adjourn. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be **Thursday, January 4, 2023 at 7 PM. (change due to holiday)**

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk