

ROWAN RING

City of Rowan—A small but friendly town

Musings from the Mayor.....

PRIDE....

The state or feeling of being proud, a becoming or dignified sense of what is due to oneself or one's position or character, self-esteem, pleasure or satisfaction taken in something done by or belonging to oneself or believed to reflect credit upon oneself, civic pride.

RESPECT.....

Due regard for the feelings, wishes, rights, traditions or belongings of others.

I wanted to bring these two words to everyone's attention because it seems to me that there seems to be a real lack of both pride and respect in the community of Rowan these days. Especially when it comes to people's own personal properties and for respecting others personal properties.

For instance, I have received multiple calls recently about people's dogs running loose around the town and bothering other people's dogs who are obeying the ordinances of keeping their dogs penned in the yard, not barking incessantly or keeping their animal on a leash. Graffiti on the bulletin board of the post office and smoking in the bathroom at the library.

There has been multiple reports of kids trespassing on private properties, breaking into abandoned houses and even breaking out windows in the house of a lady in town while she watched TV in her own living room. At the April council meeting Dan Roberts attended the meeting and expressed this, they shot out a window on a truck of his and a window of a house he owns with some sort of high-powered pellet gun. Has noticed all the other unoccupied houses that have been sitting for years unbothered, suddenly have the windows broken and doors that don't stay closed. Recalls an incident where kids broke the window out of a porch recently where an elderly person who lived there alone was home and heard it happen. Something needs to be done, maybe a curfew or something? Worried that he might go on vacation for a week and come home to his house being destroyed.

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United Church of Rowan
Vacation Bible School—June 5,6 &7
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. each evening

This year's theme:
OUTBACK ROCK
WHERE KIDS VENTURE INTO SOLID FAITH



For Ages 3 years through the 6th Grade
There will be a short program on
June 7th at 7:00 p.m.

For more information or to register for Bible School contact
the Rowan Public Library, Paster Nancy Hofmeister or
Rhonda Benton

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT
THE
LIBRARY**

Sign up now for
Youth
Summer Reading
Program

May Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 8
5:00 p.m.

**SUMMER LIBRARY
FUNDRAISER**
Saturday, June 1, 2024
NOON

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Stories From the Library

SUMMER LIBRARY FUNDRAISER
Saturday, June 1, 2024 NOON

GRILLED HOT DOGS & SIDES—Free Will

YARD GAMES, BINGO, FACE PAINTING
FOOD CONTEST—Enter your best bars!
BINGO

PIE IN THE FACE CONTEST!
LIVE MUSIC: Clint Riedel
More details to come!

If you have additional questions please
contact Josie at Library. The library still needs people to vol-
unteer to bring bars for the baking contest, judges for the
baking contest and volunteers for a pie in the face!

From the Clerk's Cor-

Mayor Lennea Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM. Council present- Dale Hollman, Marcos Hurtado, Heather Baumgartner, and Virgil Park.

Minutes of all 3 March meetings were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

Public Input – Dan Roberts concerned about kids vandalizing the whole town, they shot out a window on a truck of his and a window of a house he owns with some sort of high-powered pellet gun. Has noticed all the other unoccupied houses that have been sitting for years unbothered, suddenly have the windows broken and doors that don't stay closed. Recalls an incident where kids broke the window out of a porch recently where an elderly person who lived there alone was home and heard it happen. Something needs to be done, maybe a curfew or something? Worried that he might go on vacation for a week and come home to his house being destroyed. Jared Evanson also in attendance to answer any questions about the Farm Nutrients business moving into the old coop building. Describes what they do. They will want water to the building in the near future.

Maintenance – Mounted smoke alarms around the Community Center, Library, City Hall; changed camera batteries, recharged water softener, etc.

Guests – Gary and Kathy Nielsen representing the Lions Club to discuss the generator. Discussed grant monies from Wright Co. Charitable Found, Foster & Evelyn Barkema Trust, and ICAP along with monies pledged from the Lions Club. Groom has already requested an extension from the WCCF, Nielsen's have been in contact with Barkema Trust. There is still some electric work to be completed. ICAP grant covered the propane tank install. May end up returning some of the grant money in the end. Concrete was donated, etc.

Septic Filter Cleaning – Have received information from the engineer's office that households with less than 4 occupants probably only need to be done once per year. Still need to confirm requirements with DNR, etc. and find out about raising pumps. Bruns is absent and may have some of that information. Tabled for now.

Resolution 2024-04 Setting a Public Hearing on the Adoption of Proposed "Code of Ordinances". Motion by Hollman to set the Public Hearing for May 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved.

Ordinance Amendment 2024-02 Raising water rates (minimum bill and usage fees) – Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Ordinance Amendment 2024-03 Lowering sewer rates – Motion by Park to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Motion by Hollman to hold the Public Hearing for both Ordinance Amendments on May 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

PAY UTILITY BILLS ON LINE

**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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Clerk's Corner cont.....

Lawn Mowing Position – Mayor Groom summarized her conversation with Meyer regarding his resignation and reasoning. Motion by Park to accept the resignation, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved. Motion by Hollman to place an ad to hire the position with the same requirements as before, 2nd by Park. Approved. Hollman will mow if it needs to be done prior to getting someone hired.

Playground Equipment – Instruction manual has been given to Bruns. Fence at Church – Have not gotten estimates yet.

Building permits – none. Hurtado moves to adjourn, 2nd by Hollman.

Adjourned.

FY25 Budget Public Hearing – April 6, 2024 at 9:00 AM. Next regular meeting of the council will be May 6, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk

Musings of the Mayor cont....

I take pride in this small town that I have lived in for nearly my entire life but recently I am wondering how many others do when I see the number of junk vehicles parked in people's yards, garbage piled in people's yards, and unmowed lawns. I am wondering where our sense of pride has gone! There are ordinances governing many of these topics that have been in place for many years and it's my thought we are going to have to put some teeth behind them and begin enforcing the rules and regulations. Maybe we can regain a sense of respect for our neighbors and pride in ourselves and our community. I am open to any suggestions that anyone might have.

And don't give me the "this is just Rowan" excuse. I won't listen to it! We have to follow the same rules and regulations as Des Moines, Mason City, Fort Dodge and multiple others. How do you feel and what do you say when you drive through the slums in those cities?

LET'S START HAVING RESPECT AND TAKING PRIDE IN OUR TOWN!

NOTICE!
Beginning Monday, May 6th
T & S Sanitation will be picking up garbage
In Rowan on
Monday instead of Tuesday!
Time of pickup will not vary from what it is now!