

Rowan City Council Meeting
August 5, 2024

Mayor Lennea Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Dale Hollman, Marcos Hurtado, Heather Baumgartner, and Virgil Park.

Minutes of July meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

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

August Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$53.50; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,098.61; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Central Waste Solutions (install/repairs) \$10,253.75; Floyd & Leonard (repair string trimmer) \$55.58; Iowa DNR (supply fee) \$25.00; Iowa One Call (locate serv) \$7.20; IPERS (pensions) \$424.89; MIDAS (dues) \$142.27; Mountain Movers (boulders UCR leech field) \$940.00; MT Shearing (flood debris) \$150.16; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$459.81; Sewer (transfer) \$3,934.73; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$20.00; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; VISA (website renew) \$124.93; WMTel (phone) \$95.33; Wright Co Emergency Mgmt (FY25) \$461.63; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$831.14; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$645.44; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Tamara Hollman (mowing) \$592.05; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$67.96.

July Receipts – Property Taxes \$952.62; LOST \$1,379.44; Rents/Interest \$1,293.36; Road Use Tax \$1,171.49; Utilities \$7,549.20; Donation \$40.00.

Public Input – question about some dead ash trees, discussion about whether brush burn pile can still be used, yes, it will need to be burned at least one more time since there is some down there, will likely have permission to move it to SE corner of town but not finalized yet. Hollman cleaned up the cement at the burn pile, got dirt and ashes cleared out. Baumgartner along with volunteers will be packing backpacks tomorrow for 20 children. Complaint about a septic system, will discuss further during Storm drains/Tiles agenda item.

Maintenance – Sprayed parking lots.

S&H Environmental Water Superintendent Proposals – AJ Stone and Mitch Hanson in attendance, answered questions. Hollman would like to wait until September to officially approve one of the two proposals and have in house duties assigned. Tabled to next month.

Waterworks duties (in house) – Hollman has agreed to do the daily testing, however would like to have another person trained to do it as well, Fire dept will flush hydrants. Still need to decide on meter reading and installation, handling disconnects, doing One Call locates, and pay rates for each. Will have these decided by next meeting.

Generator Contract – UCR Committee wanted language added about who was paying for propane and who would activate it during an emergency. Motion by Hollman to make those changes, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved. Groom reports that the Lions Club has \$2,994.16 remaining from WCCF grant and has gotten approval to give to the City for continued maintenance. Barkema grant will be returned.

Storm Drains/Tiles – Central Waste Solutions in attendance, would like to dig on North Bingham and Pesch street to investigate tile lines, have found maps to be inaccurate and unable to access those lines through manholes, etc. Septic pump is continuously running at 723 Duffy, it is too close to the water table and thinks we should test the water coming out of the tank and possibly put in a different type of system or discharge it differently. Also discussed putting in a catch basin and connecting it to the tile/intake in the alley behind the Community Center for storm water. Motion by Park to approve the digging and taking a sample from septic at 723 Duffy, 2nd by Hollman. Approved. Hollman will put some fill dirt in the hole at the apartments where we previously dug and has settled out.

Nuisance Abatement – Will send additional letters to nuisance properties, discussed whether we should screw down some D-Box lids, it seems kids have been putting things in them.

Playground Equipment – Have started putting together, waiting to have Mountain Movers dig and haul some dirt out.

Building permits – 1020 Bingham, small porch on kitchen addition. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Hollman moves to adjourn, 2nd by Baumgartner. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be September 2, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk