

## **Rowan City Council Meeting June 3, 2024**

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

Council present- Dale Hollman, Marcos Hurtado, Heather Baumgartner, and Mark Bruns.

Minutes of May meeting were approved with a motion by Bruns, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hurtado. Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Hollman to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

June Expenditures – AgSource Labs (water testing) \$93.00; Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,066.25; Belmont Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Bruns Machine & Welding (storm drain supply) \$342.92; Mark Bruns (storm drains/leech fields) \$437.99; Central Waste Solutions (Storm drains/Tank inspections) \$6,560.00; Dale Hollman (storm drains) \$565.43; Frontier (phone) \$133.97; IPERS (pensions) \$417.64; Mort's Water (septic alarm) \$647.75; Sewer (transfer) \$4,012.62; Simmering-Cory (code supplement) \$64.00; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$20.00; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; VISA (postage) \$434.19; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$840.61; Alex Frohling (Water assist) \$129.08; Gene Frohling (Water super) \$602.42; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Tamara Hollman (mowing) \$526.02; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$71.54.

May Receipts – Property Taxes \$941.95; Rents \$905.40; Road Use Tax \$1,172.49; Utilities \$6,609.74.

Public Input – Concern about small children on 4-wheelers on streets, will send letters to parents. Council would also like reminders to go out about burning restrictions in town.

Maintenance – None.

T&S Sanitation Garbage Collection – discussed possibility of going to a City wide tote program and billed through City utility billing. Council is hesitant, some households don't have as much garbage as others and would be a significant increase in cost for those people. Would like to see what Alexander decides on it's ordinance to consider different options.

Septic Inspections and Pumping – Received a report for sludge depths in every tank in town and all filters were cleaned and systems inspected. Recommendation for having 14 tanks pumped, as opposed to 24 recommended from previous contractor, some of which are empty. Motion by Bruns to approve Central Waste Solutions to pump the 14 tanks, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hurtado. Approved.

Farm Nutrients Septic System – Received 2 estimates, Mort's Water for \$11,998.98 and Central Waste Solutions for \$9,373.75. Motion by Bruns to approve the estimate from CWS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hurtado. Approved.

IRP/REC Haunted House – Iowa River Players contacted the Mayor and discussed leaks in the roof, they would like to have a haunted house each weekend in October and possibly the same night as Rowan's Trunk-or-Treat to raise funds for the roof. Would want the use of the downstairs area during that time. Fire Chief Mark Bruns is in favor as long as exits are clear, there is a plan for emergencies, and a couple of extra smoke detectors. Motion by Hollman to approve contingent on Fire Chief's requirements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved.

Waterworks Positions – Dows may not have the certification we are looking for. Wondering if we can incorporate the Maintenance position into the Water Assistant position. Would like to try to find someone already certified for the Superintendent position before doing advertising. Bruns will contact someone he knows at Clarion and the Clerk will see if the Superintendent from Alexander and Meservey would like to look and give recommendations.

Storm Drains – would like to start a regular maintenance program of having sections jetted out every year to prevent clogs and back-ups like we've had this year. Motion by Hollman to hire Chris Vanness to use his locate device to investigate 2 homes having storm drains backing up into their basements, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved.

Nuisance Abatement – Clerk has a list of letters to send out from septic care to lawn mowing to abandoned properties. Mayor wants to make sure copies of the letters are sent out via regular mail as well as certified.

Playground Equipment – Bruns would like some signage to put up at the park for when it's under construction, we also need a new sign that dogs aren't allowed in the park.

Building permits – None.

Bruns moves to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollman. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be July 1, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk