

Rowan City Council Meeting April 7, 2025

Mayor Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Dale Hollman and Virgil Park. Heather Baumgartner attended via phone.

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

Financials/Vouchers – Groom would like to hold the Rout check until insurance certificate is received. Motion by Hollman to approve bills and hold the Rout check, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

April Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,090.02; Auditor of State (exam fee) \$800.00; Belmont Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Bruns Machine (service fire truck) \$17.00; Central Waste Solutions (septic issues) \$650.00; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$44.00; Drake Insurance (FD/Work Comp) \$2,247.50; Gold Eagle Coop (FD fuel) \$154.00; Hawkins (additives) \$327.15; IPERS (pensions) \$337.17; Mountain Movers (snow removal) \$1,847.50; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$445.84; S&H Environmental (water super) \$850.00; Sewer (transfer) \$4,393.35; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$21.50; Treasurer State IA (WH) \$30.00; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,432.32; VISA (postage/toilet seat) \$107.65; W&H Cooperative (propane) \$460.32; WMTel (phone) \$41.04; Wright Co Landfill (Q4FY25) \$987.50; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$891.72; Dale Hollman (council) \$115.44; David Eriksen (water assist) \$559.38; Heather Baumgartner (council) \$92.26; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Marcos Hurtado (council) \$46.17; Mark Bruns (council/water assist) \$242.41; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$70.76; Virgil Park (council) \$115.44.

March Receipts – Property Taxes \$1,156.10; LOST \$1,337.51; Rents/Interest \$963.40; Road Use Tax \$935.18; Utilities \$8,693.72.

Public Input – none.

Maintenance – replaced clock batteries, charged water softener.

Mayor Groom closed the regular meeting and open the Public Hearing for the FY26 Budget. No public comment. Mayor Groom closed the Public Hearing and resumed the regular meeting of the council.

REC Roof – Joe Starr presented from Siblings Roofing LLC, willing to do a free estimate and research a date of loss due to hail damage, there is a significant leak. Offers a 10-year labor warranty and materials also carry a longer warranty, recommends replacing fascia as long as the roof is being replaced. The company also likes to give 5% back to the community! Hollman moves to approve the free inspection and help with an insurance claim, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Gravel replacement at church – Church requested replacement since the City dug for storm drain repairs, Coe and Hollman explain it was in a grassy area that they dug, discussed re-seeding instead. Hollman will have a look at it and possibly level things out if necessary.

Property Abandonment Petitions – City attorneys have prepared the paperwork, should be minimal cost to get possession of the 2 properties. Motion by Hollman to move forward, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Iowa River Players Contract – motion by Hollman to approve the draft, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Septic Issues – A suggestion was made to use softener salt to keep tanks from freezing. Hollman votes no, Park agrees we should not do that. Coe replaced another pipe that had shattered and is keeping an eye on a control panel that may need to be replaced.

Nuisance Abatement – Park will send some pictures to the City Clerk.

Building permits – none.

Groom asks for a motion to go into closed session. Hollman makes that motion, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Discussion regarding strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.

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

Next regular meeting of the council will be May 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk