

**Rowan City Council Meeting  
June 2, 2025**

Mayor Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Dale Hollman, Mark Bruns, Virgil Park, and Heather Baumgartner.

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

Financials/Vouchers – Clerk informs council several bills are expected, however haven't arrived by mail to include one from Alliant Energy, the phone bill, and the Water Superintendent, would like approval to write the check when they are received if they are the ordinary amounts. Motion by Hollman to approve and pay bills including those missing the clerk listed, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved unanimously.

June Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$926.42; Belmont Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Bruns Machine (brake fluid-FD) \$5.50; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$44.00; Drake Insurance (WC Audit Prem) \$78.00; IPERS (pensions) \$324.88; Lamson Dugan & Murray (legal fees) \$669.00; Municipal Supply (water meters) \$9,296.00; Sewer (transfer) \$4,018.98; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$21.50; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$769.61; David Eriksen (water assist) \$344.24; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Tamara Hollman (mowing/gas) \$436.13; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$111.57.

May Receipts – Property Taxes \$4,159.65; Rents/Interest \$890.40; Road Use Tax \$1,159.22; Utilities \$7,345.12; Grant \$5,000.00.

Public Input – AJ Schubert is interested in mowing abandoned properties, discussed a few, clerk will help him get contact info for owners of properties the City isn't already mowing. Hollman requests to have Culligan look at iron filters after speaking with Water Superintendent and Assistant. Discussed issues. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved. Fire Dept is wanting to move the generator for the water dept to the waterworks building to make room for new truck, JD Mower is in the waterworks bldg, have tried to sell it at least twice with no interest. Bruns would give \$400.00 just to get it out of there. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baumgartner. Approved with Bruns abstaining.

Maintenance – sprayed around schoolhouse and shelter house, accidentally burned the edge of the prairie grass area, it is coming back okay, will be more careful in future. Bruns suggests using a concentrated vinegar on the weeds in the park, they are quite labor intensive to pull up but don't want to use round-up in the playground. Baumgartner informs that one of the lights is out on the front of the Community Center.

Landfill Fees – Clerk pulled together history of the landfill account, had a \$14k surplus in 2019, the rate was lowered to offset a water rate increase to keep the bill consistent for customers. Expenses for garbage and recycling have increased and the first payment for our loan to Wright Co Cons came out of that account prior to receiving the tax levy monies for the loan, a small amount is still paid from that account that wasn't levied on taxes. The account has been reduced to under \$1k. We are currently collecting \$2.00/month and to break even for normal expenses would need to collect \$4.44/month. Originally collected \$5.67/month before the 2019 decrease. Motion by Bruns to increase the fee to \$5.00/month and hold a public hearing on the Ordinance amendment on July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollman. Approved.

REC Water Issue – Groom reports that when the water was turned on at the Events Center for Memorial Day a pipe in the women's bathroom was broken and spraying, flooding the bathroom and hallway. Water was shut off and Ed Osier capped the pipe so the water could be turned on. Bathroom hasn't been used in a long time and is now unusable. Iowa River Players had to be called that day, they left the haunted house stuff in the way in the basement. They came and cleaned it up.

IRP Contract – Krabbe has arranged to meet with Lennea a week from Thursday to discuss. Council members have had several interactions with Krabbe over the past month, they can not make decisions individually, has to be brought to the council. One complaint was about lawn mowing, not close enough to the building, the person approached is not the person who does the mowing, it was reported to council that the IRP is leaving paint cans, lids, and sticks in the yard and dumping old paint in the grass.

REC Roof – ICAP did reopen a claim we had from the derecho and sent adjuster to look at the roof, have not yet heard the outcome. We won't have to pay a deductible, the deductible has already been paid on the original claim.

Septic – Work was done at Drury's and he is very happy with the outcome and service received! The resident at 719 Duffy has discovered that the system there was never fully completed. Kitchen sink and washing machine (gray water) are running across the basement floor to a sump pump and disposed into the yard. It should have been piped to the septic tank. Council advises that she should have H&K plumbing do the work and the City will reimburse her.

Nuisance Abatement – None.

Building permits – Addition of deck to 701 Duffy Street. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollman. Approved. Hollman moves to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Adjourned.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk