

**Rowan City Council Meeting  
March 2, 2026**

Mayor Hollman opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Heather Baumgartner, Mark Bruns, Chad Ketchum, Virgil Park and David Eriksen.

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

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Park to approve and pay bills, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

March Expenditures –

**From General Fund:**

Alliant Energy	Electric	\$135.56
Belmond Laundry	Rugs	\$40.00
Brown's Landscaping	Trimming	\$130.00
IPERS	Clerk/Janitor	\$57.97
Lamson Dugan & Murray	Legal fees	\$1,365.00
Storey Kenworthy	Office supply	\$14.80
WMTel	Phone	\$42.89
Wright Co. Comm. Elect.	Election	\$540.05
Aimee Frohling	Clerk wages	\$544.66
Aimee Frohling	Mileage	\$42.40
Dale Hollman	Mayor Salary	\$92.35
Terri Curtis	Janitor wages	\$95.76

**From RUT Fund:**

Alliant Energy	Electric	\$796.36
Mountain Movers	Snow removal	\$1,045.00

**From Sewer Fund:**

Central Waste Solutions	Post office septic	\$500.00
USDA Rural Dev	Loan pmt	\$3,000.00

**From Fire Dept LOST:**

Alliant Energy	Electric	\$19.61
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**From Library:**

Rowan Public Library	Local Opt Sales Tax	\$599.93
Rowan Public Library	All other exp report	\$2,636.60

February Receipts –

**To General Fund:**

Property Taxes	\$215.48
Comm Cent Rent	\$50.00
Tower Rent	\$840.40
Contributions	\$57.03
Late Fees	\$252.38

**To Street Fund:**

Local Option Sales Tax	\$599.93
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**To Water Fund:**

Sales	\$3,916.27
Scrapped material	\$30.00
Customer Deposits	\$185.00
Loan Proceeds	\$20,000.00

**To Insurance Fund:**

Property Taxes	\$193.31
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**To Emergency Mgmt:**

Property Taxes	\$5.93
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**To Debt Service:**

Property Taxes	\$49.88
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**To RUT Fund:**

Road Use Taxes	\$934.72
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**To Mosquito/Dust Cont:**

Dust Control Fees	\$66.22
Mosq Control Fees	\$88.32

**To Landfill Fund:**

Landfill Fees	\$441.57
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**From Water fund:**

Alliant Energy	Electric	\$560.31
Bruns Machine & Weld	Frozen water tower	\$530.00
Central Tank Coatings	Frozen water tower	\$49,850.00
Clear Lake Sanitary	Water testing	\$44.00
First Citizens Bank	Loan Pmt	\$480.21
Hawkins, Inc.	Additives	\$965.71
IPERS	Clerk/Water Assist	\$95.60
Mountain Movers	Rock-water main br	\$344.67
Nature's Woodshop	Frozen water tower	\$290.00
S&H Environmental	Water Super	\$850.00
Storey Kenworthy	Office supply	\$3.70
W&H Cooperative	Propane	\$448.42
Aimee Frohling	Clerk wages	\$199.72
Aimee Frohling	Mileage	\$10.60
David Eriksen	Water Assist wages	\$351.12

**From Landfill Fund:**

T&S Sanitation	Dumpster	\$21.50
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**From ER FICA/IPERS:**

IPERS	Clerk	\$75.42
IPERS	Janitor	\$11.60

**To ER FICA/IPERS:**

Property Taxes	\$39.92
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**To Fire Dept:**

Local Option Sales Tax	\$599.93
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**To Library:**

Local Option Sales Tax	\$599.93
All other receipts reported	\$1,740.49

**To Sewer Fund:**

Sales	\$4,739.00
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**To Storm Water Fund:**

Storm Water Fees	\$176.62
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Requested Appeal on Ordinance Violation – Dallas McDaniel – not in attendance.

Public Input – Bruns would like the old water tower piping for a \$1,000 donation to the water department. Motion by Ketchum to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved with Bruns abstaining.

Maintenance – changed a couple light bulbs that were out. Steenblock worked on the East furnace.

Guests from MIDAS and WC Econ Dev – Steven Stransky presented a USDA Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant that he thinks we are eligible for. Discussion about obtaining an engineering report, which would be covered by grant funds. Also discussed other emergent items that might be included in the grant aside from a circulation system, possible replacement of sectional shut-offs and main tower shut-off and coating of the interior of the tank. Motion by Eriksen to authorize the clerk to work with MIDAS on starting the application, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketchum. Approved unanimously. Also discussed possible application for Surface Transportation Block Grant to help with city street. Aaron Budweg will help facilitate the communication with MIDAS and also discussed the Heart of Iowa Regional Housing Trust

Fund and a possible Alliant Franchise Fee.

FY26 Budget Amendment – Increases in revenue due to utility rate increases, insurance claims, and proceeds of debt. Increases in expenses due to underbudgeting of Emergency Management and Animal Control, out of the ordinary legal fees, expenses related to insurance claims and water repairs paid for with the proceeds of debt. Motion by Bruns to approve and hold a public hearing on March 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Rowan Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance Amendment 2026-01 Adding a Water Debt Service Surcharge to utility bills until loan is paid. Motion by Bruns to approve and hold a public hearing on March 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Rowan Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketchum. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance Amendment 2026-02 Increasing limit of chickens and striking out section barring sale of eggs. Motion by Park to approve and hold a public hearing on March 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Rowan Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baumgartner. Approved unanimously.

Ordinance Amendment 2026-03 Increasing fines for violation of Animal Protection and Control Ordinance from \$25 and up to \$200 and up. Motion by Eriksen to approve and hold a public hearing on March 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM in the Rowan Community Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved unanimously.

Parking at Water Department – Residents are regularly parking their cars at the water department, making snow removal difficult and taking spaces from employees and contractors to use. Motion by Ketchum to purchase 4 signs to indicate no parking on the East or South sides of the water department except for authorized personnel, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Insurance Claim Update – Bills totaling over \$55,000 have been submitted to ICAP, the claim is still under review.

County Maint on City Streets – City attorney was supposed to be touching base with County Engineer either Friday or today.

Abandoned Properties – no news

Septic – line froze at the post office, the post master will park in front during the winter going forward in order to keep snow insulation over the system.

Nuisance Abatement – none.

Building permits – 1020 Bingham Ave to build a deck on the East side of the house. Council questions set back distance from the sidewalk/street. Motion by Bruns to have clerk send copy of ordinance and ask them to place flags in the corners to show where they intend to build, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Tax Levy Public Hearing will be March 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

Special Meeting/Public Hearings for Budgets and Ordinance Amendments will be March 23, 2026 at 6:30 PM.

Next regular meeting of the council will be April 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk