

**Rowan City Council Meeting  
May 4, 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 April meeting were approved with a motion by Eriksen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

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

May Expenditures –

**From General Fund:**

Alliant Energy	Electric	\$145.62
Belmond Laundry	Rugs	\$40.00
IPERS	Clerk/Janitor/Mow	\$70.36
Lamson Dugan & Murray	Legal fees	\$1,474.00
VISA	IMFOA dues	\$50.00
W&H Cooperative	Propane	\$788.76
WMTel	Phone	\$42.89
Aimee Frohling	Clerk wages/mileage	\$612.84
Dale Hollman	Mayor Salary	\$92.35
Tamara Hollman	Mowing	\$108.50
Terri Curtis	Janitor wages	\$150.46

**From RUT Fund:**

Alliant Energy	Electric	\$791.12
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**From Sewer Fund:**

USDA Rural Dev	Loan pmt	\$3,542.67
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**From Landfill Fund:**

T&S Sanitation	Dumpster	\$21.50
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**From Water fund:**

Alliant Energy	Electric	\$151.82
Bruns Mach & Weld	Parts/Labor	\$227.58
Mark Bruns	Mileage	\$146.26
Central Waste Solut	Curb stop/fire hyd	\$5,000.00
Clear Lake Sanitary	Water testing	\$44.00
David Eriksen	Water assist/ins met	\$608.00
W&H Cooperative	Propane	\$496.16
First Citizens Bank	Loan Pmt	\$480.21
IPERS	Clerk	\$31.24
Aimee Frohling	Clerk wages/mileage	\$153.21

**From Library:**

Rowan Public Library	Local Opt Sales Tax	\$484.68
Rowan Public Library	All other exp report	\$1,626.41

**From Fire Dept LOST:**

Alliant Energy	Electric	\$8.81
W&H Cooperative	Propane	\$401.37

**From ER FICA/IPERS:**

IPERS	Clerk/Jan/Mow	\$105.59
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April Receipts –

**To General Fund:**

Property Taxes	\$5,136.53
Tower Rent	\$840.40
Comm Cent Rent	\$100.00
Late Fees	\$45.16

**To Street Fund:**

Local Option Sales Tax	\$484.68
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**To Water Fund:**

Sales	\$3,043.28
Debt Service Surcharge	\$118.03

**To Landfill Fund:**

Landfill Fees	\$344.46
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**To Insurance Fund:**

Property Taxes	\$4,434.30
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**To Emergency Mgmt:**

Property Taxes	\$135.89
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**To Debt Service:**

Property Taxes	\$1,144.38
CD Interest	\$527.30

**To RUT Fund:**

Road Use Taxes	\$1,183.24
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**To Mosquito/Dust Cont:**

Dust Control Fees	\$51.68
Mosq Control Fees	\$68.88

**To ER FICA/IPERS:**

Property Taxes	\$915.46
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**To Fire Dept:**

Local Option Sales Tax	\$484.67
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**To Library:**

Local Option Sales Tax	\$484.68
All other receipts reported	\$1,806.49

**To Sewer Fund:**

Sales	\$3,713.20
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**To Storm Water Fund:**

Storm Water Fees	\$137.77
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ECWAG Grant – Hire Engineer to complete Preliminary Engineering Report – Jason Petersburg and Violet Strayner in attendance from Veenstra & Kimm. V&K scored the highest on the RFQ. Council wonders if we can fast track the tower mixer portion of the project to have it complete before next winter. They will move as fast as they can under approval of certain requirements of the USDA. Motion by Bruns to hire Veenstra & Kimm to prepare the preliminary engineering report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketchum. Approved unanimously.

Public Input – Complaint about sump pump discharge into neighboring property at parsonage.

Maintenance – will spray for dandelions/creeping charlie and trim down stump at 120 Main again, discussed testing generator at emergency shelter.

Motion by Ketchum to close the regular meeting and open the public hearing for proposed sale of municipal real estate, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Proposed Sale of Municipal Real Estate – 135 & 138 Main Street – Megan Ring presented proposal, offering \$1,200 for both properties with redevelopment agreement including demolition of both properties and construction of 1200 sq ft homes. Demolition to be completed by Fall of 2026 with first home to be built in 2027 and the other in the first half of 2028. Julia Anderson from Chapel in the Woods has objections and would like to make a counter offer to the City for \$1,200 to restore both homes to their former glory and showcase their historical value. Much discussion among council and the 2 interested parties.

Motion by Bruns to close the public hearing and re-open the regular meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketchum. Approved

unanimously.

Resolution 2026-09 Real Estate Purchase and Redevelopment Agreement – Motion by Bruns to accept the proposal from Joshua Coe and Megan Ring and authorize the sale of both properties in the amount of \$1,200.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eriksen. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Trey Bush Payment Agreement 122 Main Street – There is approximately \$4,000 in back sewer fees on the property, the new owner (not present) is requesting a longer term on a payment agreement, the clerk is only authorized to offer up to 12 months which comes out to \$332/month on top of the regular monthly bill. Motion by Bruns to authorize a payment agreement up to 24 months, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketchum. Approved unanimously.

Propane Trucks using alleys – One of the local propane companies is using an alley that is not graveled and is making deep ruts in the grass. Park moves to prohibit propane trucks from using un-graveled alleys and asks the clerk to send letters to that effect to the 3 companies servicing Rowan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketchum. Approved unanimously.

Robot Lawn Mowers – A resident in town is a Stihl dealer and has multiple robot lawn mowers that are outdated models that he would allow the City to use, he would maintain them and set everything up, much discussion on where they might be used. No action taken at this time.

Septic – Bruns brought in a completed pump with the new screen to show the council.

Nuisance Abatement – Will send out several letters for junk vehicles and garbage.

Building permits – 810 Pesch Street – 20x30 carport – motion by Park to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Eriksen. Approved with Bruns abstaining. 1026 Bingham – 4' chain link fence with 4x4 wood posts in back yard. Motion by Eriksen to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Park, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketchum.

Next regular meeting of the council will be June 1, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk

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