

ROWAN READER

July 2026

ROWAN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Mayor Hollman opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

Minutes of June meeting were approved with a motion by Eriksen, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Bruns to approve and pay bills, 2nd by Ketchum. Approved unanimously.

*See financial report on Pg. 2

Public Input – Josh Coe has 4 large dead ash trees in the ROW at 135 Main, he has an estimate from Wharton Tree Service to drop them for \$500 each, would be willing to split the cost with the City. Bruns moves to accept the 50% proposal, 2nd by Ketchum. Approved. Park wondering about the timeline for work to be done at the Outdoor Classroom, he has been treating weeds there.

Hollman bought a weed torch and plans to use it at the playground. Maintenance – tested the battery for the generator at the church and it was dead, it is holding a charge, but is 7 years old and needs replaced, he will get one. Put a hinge on the door for the generator cord,

wondered about something to block snow drifting there, will keep the block heater on from November through May. Veenstra & Kimm – Water Infrastructure Project – They are working on updating maps showing main and valve locations.

Ordinance Amendment 2026-05 – Increasing rates for bulk water sales, late fees, reconnect fees, and temporary disconnect fees.

Motion by Eriksen to approve as written and set a public hearing date for August 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved. Mosquito Spraying – Hollman upset that he has asked the mosquito control company repeatedly not to spray his properties and they continue to do so. Would like to review the contract and have them come discuss with a City official. Have also not received advance notice of spraying this year.

Septic – no news.

Nuisance Abatement – none.

Building permits – none.

Meeting adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be August 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee J Frohling – City Clerk

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

City Hall Hours

Thursday's

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

1st/3rd Saturday's

9:00 AM – Noon

Library Hours

Monday's/Wednesday's

10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday's

10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday's

9:00 AM – Noon

City Council Meeting

1st Monday – 7:00 PM

HWY 3 CORRIDOR RUMMAGE SALE!

September 3rd – 5th

Thurs – 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday – 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sat – 8:00 AM – NOON

Rowan Events Center
901 Broadway Street

Fundraiser for the
Rowan Public Library



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LIBRARY NEWS

Library Patrons,

July is the slowest month in the library. We understand that this time of the year is busy! Remember, funding from the state is based on checkouts and patron traffic. And no, the food pantry traffic does not count. The best way to support your little library is to stop by and check out materials. The library takes pride in the variety of materials we have. Believe it or not, we have books that have never been checked out or have been checked out by only one patron!

Our next fundraiser will be the Rummage Sale! We will take your unwanted items Monday, August 31st, through Wednesday, September 2nd, from 10 am to 5 pm. The sale will be on Thursday, September 3rd, and Friday, September 4th, from 8 am to 6 pm: Saturday, September 5th, 8 am - noon.

Stay tuned for our Halloween movie night date, time, and movie showing!

Director, Josephine Miller

WELCOME!!

Welcome to the Rowan Reader, a monthly newsletter to keep you "the reader" informed about what's happening in and around Rowan!

If you have an event, story idea, or information that you would like shared, please email me at cityofrowan@gmail.com. This newsletter will primarily be emailed, with a few copies available in the Library or City Hall. Deadline for submissions is the 10th of each month with the newsletter coming out between the 15th and 20th of each month.

City Financial Report:

July Expenditures –					
From General Fund:			From Water fund:		
Alliant Energy	Electric	\$179.71	Alliant Energy	Electric	\$215.98
Belmond Laundry	Rugs	\$40.00	Central Waste Solutions	Water leak	\$2,500.00
Iowa Dept of Revenue	Payroll withholding	\$64.00	Clear Lake Sanitary	Water testing	\$44.00
Iowa League of Cities	Dues	\$410.00	Dakota Supply	Fire hydrant	\$7,407.76
IPERS	Pensions	\$87.48	David Enksen	Water assist	\$458.00
MIDAS	Dues	\$150.34	Iowa DNR	Supply Fee	\$25.00
WM/Tel	Phone	\$42.89	S&H Environmental	Water Super	\$850.00
US Treasury	Payroll taxes	\$694.76	First Citizens Bank	Loan Pmt	\$480.21
Aimee Frohling	Clerk wages/mileag	\$588.68	IPERS	Clerk	\$29.65
Chad Ketchum	Council pay	\$69.19	Aimee Frohling	Clerk wages/mileag	\$147.17
Dale Hollman	Mayor Salary	\$92.35	US Treasury	Payroll taxes	\$62.44
David Enksen	Council pay	\$69.19	From Library:		
Heather Baumgartner	Council pay	\$69.19	Rowan Public Library	Local Opt Sales Tax	\$846.05
Mark Bruns	Council pay	\$69.26	Rowan Public Library	All other exp report	\$3,967.94
Tamara Hollman	Mowing/gas	\$289.30	From Fire Dept LOST:		
Terri Curtis	Janitor wages	\$114.00	Alliant Energy	Electric	\$21.80
Virgil Park	Council pay/reimb	\$114.16	Mark Bruns	Chief Salary	277.05
From RUT Fund:			From ER FICA/IPERS:		
Alliant Energy	Electric	\$789.34	IPERS	Pensions	\$131.30
From Sewer Fund:			US Treasury	Payroll taxes	363.78
Central Waste Solutions	Time of Transfer	\$1,000.00	From Insurance Levy:		
USDA Rural Dev	Loan pmt	\$3,000.00	ICAP	Insurance	\$14,982.00
Bruns Machine & Weld	Septic screens	\$191.00	From Law Enf Fund:		
From Landfill Fund:			Wright Co Communic	Q1FY27	\$1,214.32
T&S Sanitation	Dumpster	\$25.00	From Debt Service Levy		
Wright Co Conservation	Loan Pmt	\$50.00	Wright Co Conservation	Loan Pmt	\$2,000.00
Wright Co Landfill	Q1FY27	\$1,106.00			
June Receipts –					
To General Fund:			To ER FICA/IPERS:		
Property Taxes	\$848.78	To Insurance Fund:	Property Taxes	\$157.23	
Tower Rent	\$840.40		To Fire Dept:		
Real Estate Sale	\$1,200.00	To Emergency Mgmt:			
Late Fees	\$297.02	Property Taxes		Local Option Sales Tax	\$846.04
To Street Fund:			To Library:		
Local Option Sales Tax	\$846.05	To Debt Service:		Local Option Sales Tax	\$846.05
To Water Fund:			All other receipts reported		\$4,538.34
Sales	\$4,595.40	To RUT Fund:		To Sewer Fund:	
Debt Service Surcharge	\$519.00	Property Taxes		All other receipts reported	
To Landfill Fund:			To Storm Water Fund:		
Landfill Fees	\$416.01	To Mosquito/Dust Cont:		Storm Water Fees	
		Dust Control Fees			
		Mosq Control Fees			

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ordinance Amendment 2026-05 PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council will be holding a public hearing on Monday, August 3, 2026 at 7:00 PM for Ordinance Amendment 2026-05, concerning rate changes for late payments, reconnection fees, bulk water rates, and temporary vacancy fees. The full Ordinance Amendment can be found on our website or posted at the City Hall and Post Office bulletin boards.

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