Rowan City Council Meeting
October 5, 2026

Mayor Hollman opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Heather Baumgartner, Chad Ketchum, David Eriksen and Mark Bruns (via phone).

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

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

October Expenditures –

From General Fund:		
Alliant Energy	Electric	$185.29
Belmond Laundry	Rugs	$40.00
Hawkeye West Pest	CC pest control	$37.45
Off Fire LLC	Fire ext. inspect	$116.00
IPERS	Pensions	$78.77
WMTel	Phone	$43.41
Storey Kenworthy	Office supply	$56.75
Aimee Frohling	Clerk wages/mileag	$673.64
Chad Ketchum	Council pay	$69.19
Dale Hollman	Mayor Salary	$92.35
David Eriksen	Council pay	$46.12
Heather Baumgartner	Council pay	$69.19
Mark Bruns	Council pay	$69.26
Virgil Park	Council pay	$69.26
Tamara Hollman	Mowing	$55.84
Terri Curtis	Janitor wages	$95.76
US Treasury	Payroll taxes	$717.12
IA Dept of Revenue	Payroll taxes	$69.00
From RUT Fund:		
Alliant Energy	Electric	$825.69
From Landfill Fund:		
T&S Sanitation	Dumpster	$25.50
Wright Co Landfill	Q2FY27	$1,106.00

From Water fund:		
Alliant Energy	Electric	$181.49
Clear Lake Sanitary	Water testing	$44.00
David Eriksen	Water assist	$408.00
Iowa DNR	Use Fee	$120.00
Veenstra & Kimm	Engineering	$4,050.00
First Citizens Bank	Loan Pmt	$480.21
IPERS	Clerk	$33.53
Aimee Frohling	Clerk wages/mileag	$168.41
From Library:		
Rowan Public Library	All other exp report	$2,102.91
From Fire Dept LOST:		
Alliant Energy	Electric	$17.57
US Treasury	Payroll taxes	$22.95
From ER FICA/IPERS:		
IPERS	Pensions	$118.20
US Treasury	Payroll taxes	$404.07
From Sewer Fund:		
USDA Rural Dev	Loan pmt	$3,000.00
Bruns Machine & Weld	Septic screens	$191.00
From Law Enforce Fund:		
Wright Co Communicat	Q2FY27	$1,214.32

September Receipts –

To General Fund:		**To Insurance Fund:**		**To ER FICA/IPERS:**	
Property Taxes	$1,967.98	Property Taxes	$1,828.92	Property Taxes	$322.78
Tower Rent	$840.40	**To Emergency Mgmt:**		**To Fire Dept:**	
Coffee	$58.00	Property Taxes	-	Local Option Sales Tax	-
Late Fees	$231.85	**To Debt Service:**		**To Library:**	
To Street Fund:		Property Taxes	$430.33	Local Option Sales Tax	-
Local Option Sales Tax	-	**To RUT Fund:**		All other receipts reported	$4,262.34
To Water Fund:		Road Use Taxes	$1,206.42	**To Sewer Fund:**	
Sales	$3,410.33	**To Mosquito/Dust Cont:**		Sales	$3,734.81
Debt Service Surcharge	$466.86	Dust Control Fees	$53.88	**To Storm Water Fund:**	
Customer deposit	$85.00	Mosq Control Fees	$71.81	Storm Water Fees	$143.64
To Landfill Fund:		**To Quasquicenten Fund:**			
Landfill Fees	$359.11	Donations/T-shirts	$430.00		

Public Input – concern about drains gurgling, fuses blown on septic pump.

Maintenance – Park absent. Still need drain at water department cleaned out.

Veenstra & Kimm - Water Infrastructure Project – Violet Strayner presented the simplified engineering report to the council. Total project cost is $1.5M, the work can be prioritized based on funding received. Bruns moves to approve the report and have it sent to the grant administrator, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Debt Service CD Renewal – Motion by Eriksen to renew for 1 year at 4.05%, 2nd by Ketchum. Approved. Motion by Baumgartner to use interest from current term to pay down principle on sewer loan, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Snow Removal Ad – same as previous years to be voted on at next meeting.

Outdoor hydrant request – A resident wants a farm style hydrant on a vacant lot, discussion regarding how it would be metered. Will do some research. City would install, customer would be responsible for expenses, including meter.

Christmas Tree/Soup Supper – discussion about replacing the large Christmas tree on the corner by the Fire Department after it was broken off in a windstorm. Bruns and Hollman will mount something on the top of the broken tree for this year and will build a 25' pole tree by next year. Cost is roughly estimated at about $500. Will take donations for it at the soup supper. Hollman offers to match donations up to $500! Any additional funds will be used for lights and continued maintenance. Motion by Ketchum to hold the soup supper on December 5th from 5-7 PM, 2nd by Bruns. Approved. Discussed details of the supper.

Sidewalk Repairs – discussed fixing/replacing the sidewalk on the North side of Main Street from the East side of the park to the Post Office, clerk will get estimates to include milling down the edge of the street to create a curb. Would like to shoot for having it completed first thing in the Spring. Plan to apply for grants to cover the cost.

Possible New Construction – possible tiny house, discussed septic.

Broken Stop Sign Replacement – Stop sign is broken off at the corner of Hiams and Bingham, it is more of a customer driveway now, rather than a through street. Will not be replaced, may be used at another location where the stop sign is very faded.

Mural Grant – Further discussion about grant guidelines.

Septic – none.

Nuisance Abatement – none.

Building permits – New deck at 504 Pritchett – Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Ketchum. Approved.

Shaun Groom offers to take down ash trees at the Events Center! Council approves! Just need him to sign a liability waiver.

Motion to adjourn by Ketchum, 2nd by Bruns. Approved.

Next regular meeting of the council will be November 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk

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Mayor