

ROWAN READER

October 2026

SPOOKY ACTIVITIES IN ROWAN!

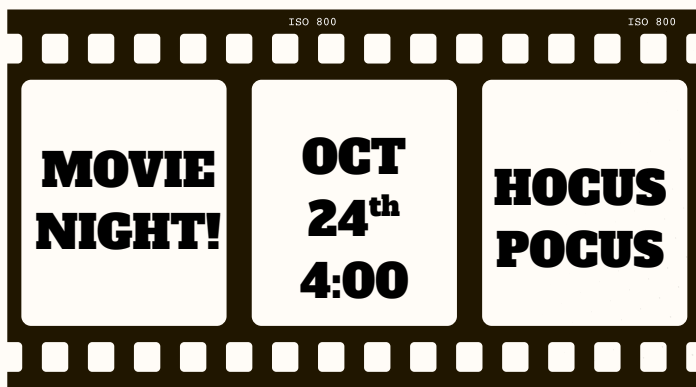
Anyone is welcome to "trunk-or-treat" on Main Street in front of the Community Center or set-up a table inside!

Maybe you are a rural resident and don't get trick-or-treaters? Come on down!

Traditional Trick-or-Treating will also be held from 5-7 PM on Saturday, October 31st. HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Movie night at the Rowan Public Library! Free will donation!



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October 24 - 4:00 PM

Rowan Public Library Movie Night showing Hocus Pocus

October 31 - 5:00 PM

Trunk or Treat
Walking Tacos/Bake Sale!

November 2 - 7:00 PM

Rowan City Council Meeting

November 3 - 7:00 AM

Election Day!

November 12 - 5:00 PM

United Church of Rowan
Fall Bazaar Supper

UPCOMING

December 5 - 5:00 PM

City of Rowan and Rowan Public Library Annual Soup Supper and Tree Lighting
*more details to come



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ROWAN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

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.

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.

**see financials on Pg. 4*

HOURS:

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

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T-Shirt is available in a range of colors and sizes!

Red, Navy, Royal Blue, White, Heather Navy, Heather Red, Vintage Red, and Vintage Denim.

Sizes from Newborn to Adult 4X!



ORDER YOUR T-SHIRTS!

Order by November 1st

if you want them before Christmas.

Order forms are available on the City Website and at the Library and City Hall, payment due at time of order.

If you live out of town and would like a shirt shipped to you, you can order through the City's "Make a Payment" platform, there will be additional charges for shipping and card fees.

FOOD PANTRY:

ALL ARE WELCOME!

101 Main Street - Rowan

Open:

Monday 10 AM - 6 PM

Wednesday 10 AM - 5 PM

Friday 10 AM - 4:45 PM

Saturday 9 AM - NOON

NEED A RIDE?

The MIDAS Bus is available to everyone in Wright County, whether you're heading to work, shopping, appointments, or meeting up with friends.

Ask about ride passes and scheduling options!

Contact MIDAS Transportation to learn more: 515-573-8145

**FALL
BAZAAR
SUPPER**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER
12TH 2026**

SUPPER : 5 PM TO 6:45 PM

AUCTION : 7 PM

SCALLOPED CHICKEN | BEEF BURGER | SALAD & PIE

FREE WILL OFFERING | CARRY OUT AVAILABLE!

**LOCATION : UNITED CHURCH OF ROWAN
811 PESCH ST, ROWAN IA 50470**

MEMORIAL BENCHES

**DONATE A BENCH
TO THE CITY OF
ROWAN AND
HONOR A
LOVED ONE!**



HOW TO ORDER!

**Order before
February
to ensure it is
delivered
before the
Quasqui-
centennial**

Contact:
Iowa Falls Plastic Recycling
1 (800) 338-1438
orders@plasticrecycling.us

Be sure to tell them it is
coming to the City of
Rowan! Your bench should
be the 6' Malibu with
Cedar Planks.

**Engraving
prices:**

**\$15.00
set-up fee**

**\$4.00/
character**

**inquire
about
clip-art
pricing,
as it varies
by design.**



PRICE STARTS AT

\$383.76

***before engraving, taxes,
and shipping**

MORE INFO!

The Library Board of
Trustees
and
The Fire Board of
Trustees
Meeting Agendas
and Minutes
can be found on our
website!
www.cityofrowan.com

UPDATES

Get alerts about water
outages, weather
closures and more by
following us on
Facebook!

Don't have Facebook?
In town residents can
ask the City Clerk to be
added to a group text
for emergency
announcements. Stop
by City Hall or call
641-853-2345 during
regular business hours.

City Financial Report:

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
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From Landfill Fund:

T&S Sanitation	Dumpster	\$25.50
Wright Co Landfill	Q2FY27	\$1,106.00

September Receipts –

To General Fund:

Property Taxes	\$1,967.98
Tower Rent	\$840.40
Coffee	\$58.00
Late Fees	\$231.85

To Street Fund:

Local Option Sales Tax	-
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To Water Fund:

Sales	\$3,410.33
Debt Service Surcharge	\$466.86
Customer deposit	\$85.00

To Landfill Fund:

Landfill Fees	\$359.11
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To Insurance Fund:

Property Taxes	\$1,828.92
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To Emergency Mgmt:

Property Taxes	-
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To Debt Service:

Property Taxes	\$430.33
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To RUT Fund:

Road Use Taxes	\$1,206.42
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To Mosquito/Dust Cont:

Dust Control Fees	\$53.88
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Mosq Control Fees	\$71.81
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To Quasquicenten Fund:

Donations/T-shirts	\$430.00
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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
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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
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To ER FICA/IPERS:

Property Taxes	\$322.78
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To Fire Dept:

Local Option Sales Tax	-
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To Library:

Local Option Sales Tax	-
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All other receipts reported

	\$4,262.34
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To Sewer Fund:

Sales	\$3,734.81
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To Storm Water Fund:

Storm Water Fees	\$143.64
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