

Rowan City Council Meeting December 2, 2024

Mayor Lennea Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Dale Hollman, Mark Bruns, Heather Baumgartner, Marcos Hurtado, and Virgil Park.

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

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously.

December Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,094.42; Gold Eagle Coop (FD fuel) \$33.09; Hawkins, Inc. (chem tanks) \$455.00; IPERS (pensions) \$254.23; S&H Environmental (water super) \$850.00; Sewer (transfer) \$3,198.36; Storey Kenworthy (office supply) \$903.47; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$21.50; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; VISA (antivirus renew) \$96.29; WMTel (phone) \$41.04; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$708.07; David Eriksen (water assist) \$344.24; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$107.31.

November Receipts – Property Taxes \$3,889.05; Rents/Interest \$952.58; Road Use Tax \$1,227.55; Utilities \$5,936.73.

Public Input – Report of a locust tree in ROW that is split and ice running down the side of it, will send a letter to the home owner that we intend to have it removed, maybe he would split the cost.

Maintenance – None.

Public Hearing – Mayor closed the regular meeting and opened the public hearing for Ordinance Amendment 24-04 raising water rates. No public input, Mayor closes public hearing and resumes regular council meeting.

Ordinance Amendment 24-04 – Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Hollman. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote. Motion by Bruns to waive the 3rd reading of the Ordinance, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

City Attorney – Jason Palmer in attendance, introduces himself to council. Has practiced law for 27 years and specifically municipal law for the last 20 years for Cities and Counties. Works out of the West Des Moines office where there are 13 lawyers. Palmer’s primary focus is representing Cities and litigation. Mayor and City Clerk have been in contact with him and sent relevant documents over, he has not been able to make contact with former City Attorney yet.

Water Dept Piping Quote – Estimate received for \$2,042.00 to replace piping in the well room. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Generator – have not received signed contract from the church yet. The Lions Club had funds remaining after the installation and received approval from Foster & Evelyn Barkema Trust to put \$4,000 toward the outdoor classroom. Other funds meant for the generator in the amount of \$2,994.16 was given to the City for continuing maintenance and propane for the generator.

Soup Supper – Lights will be going up this week.

Water Meters – Vendor will hold price until Spring.

Sewer System – Mort’s raised the distribution box at 723 Duffy and replaced some pipes, time will tell if the fix is satisfactory. Should not be receiving a bill from them, engineer should also be held accountable for ongoing issues. Discussed another system where it was found holes for electrical wires were drilled in the wrong place and then hole stuffed with a ball of electrical tape. All pumps have been pulled and cleaned.

Storm Drains/Tiles – have gotten permission to do “probing”, however it is probably too late to do anything this year, will revisit in the Spring.

Nuisance Abatement – Discussed sending fines to a nuisance property owner who has received notice, Mr. Palmer will assist, clerk will send info to him tomorrow.

Building permits – None.

Park moves to adjourn, 2nd by Bruns. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be January 6, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk