

## Rowan City Council Meeting January 6, 2025

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

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

Minutes of December meeting were approved with a motion by Hollman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved unanimously.

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Bruns to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollman. Approved unanimously.

January Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,125.86; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$80.00; Brown's Landscaping (trimming) \$125.00; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$44.00; Hawkins, Inc. (additives) \$409.20; Industrial Piping Service (water dept piping) \$2,042.00; IPERS (pensions) \$276.61; Mountain Movers (snow removal) \$1,035.25; Nationwide (bonding) \$100.00; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$779.08; S&H Environmental (water super) \$850.00; Sewer (transfer) \$5,255.35; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$21.50; Treasurer State of Iowa (WH) \$35.00 (WET) \$1,791.98 (Sales) \$873.60; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; USPS (box rent) \$84.00; W&H Cooperative (propane) \$1,268.47; WMTel (phone) \$41.04; Wright Co Landfill (Q3FY25) \$987.50; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$806.37; Dale Hollman (council) \$69.26; David Eriksen (water assist/reimb) \$477.71; Heather Baumgartner (council) \$69.19; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Marcos Hurtado (council) \$46.17; Mark Bruns (council/Fire chief) \$323.22; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$89.43; Virgil Park (council/reimb) \$127.26.

December Receipts – Property Taxes \$2,812.91; LOST \$2,337.24; Rents/Interest \$940.40; Road Use Tax \$1,181.38; Utilities \$8,874.10; Fundraising/Donations \$5,035.16; Insurance refund \$50.00.

Public Input – Hollman reported a chlorine hose blew out in the water department, S&H came down and fixed it. Groom handed out Awards to recipients that weren't in attendance at the soup supper.

Maintenance – replaced furnace filters.

Mayoral Appointments – Groom appoints Bruns to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem, Hollman to serve on the Landfill board, and herself to serve on the EMS Commission.

Library Annual Report and Budget – Director Josephine Miller recaps 2024 and shares plans for activities and goals for 2025, presents FY26 budget with a \$550 decrease in expenses resulting mostly from switching phone providers. Motion by Bruns to approve and pay the library the same amount as last year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved.

Resolution 2025-01 Payroll – Motion by Bruns to keep the same pay rates as last year, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollman. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote with Hurtado absent.

Resolution 2025-02 Mileage – Motion by Hollman to keep the mileage rate at 62.5 cents per mile, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruns. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote with Hurtado absent.

Resolution 2025-03 Depositories – Motion by Bruns to approve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollman. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote with Hurtado absent.

Water department iron filters – Hollman reports that a circuit breaker was replaced by Dave, they had been tripping the breaker and this seems to have fixed the problem, there have been discussion about reducing the number of gallons used to backflush the filters so the tanks would need to be emptied less often. S&H is researching this.

Tree removal – one estimate was received from Roger Rout for \$800, Park motions to approve with the conditions of a contract, giving him a deadline of February 28<sup>th</sup>, and either showing proof of insurance or signing a waiver of liability. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Hollman. Approved.

Generator – have not yet received the signed contract from the church.

Storm Drains/Tiles – no news

Nuisance Abatement – vehicles were removed from 1024 Bingham and no fines were sent. Clerk directed to send a 2<sup>nd</sup> notice to 136 Main regarding the fallen tree in the front yard, prefer it to be hauled to the brush pile, however if it is burned it must be supervised the entire time it is burning. The City will haul it away for \$300 if it is not taken care of in specified time frame.

Building permits – None.

Bruns moves to adjourn, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be February 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk