

Rowan City Council Meeting February 3, 2025

Mayor Pro-Tem Mark Bruns opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

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

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

February Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,187.39; Belmont Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Central Waste Solutions (septic alarms) \$3,800.00; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$44.00; Gold Eagle Coop (FD fuel) \$124.71; Industrial Piping Service (water dept pipe modif) \$1,393.00; Iowa One Call (locate serv) \$11.70; IPERS (pensions) \$258.09; Lamson Dugan & Murray (legal fees) \$1,545.00; Dan Roberts (animal control) \$170.00; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$598.78; S&H Environmental (water super) \$2,554.72; Sewer (transfer) \$3,990.84; Storey Kenworthy (cleaning supply) \$112.30; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$21.50; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; VISA (postage) \$292.00; W&H Cooperative (propane) \$357.56; WMTel (phone) \$41.04; Wright Co Conservation (loan) \$2,050.00; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$763.94; David Eriksen (water assist) \$344.24; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$85.85.

January Receipts – Property Taxes \$202.37; LOST \$1,796.34; Rents/Interest \$2,375.18; Road Use Tax \$1,223.34; Utilities \$8,271.99.

Public Input – none.

Maintenance – put Christmas lights away, two of the outlets on the poles need attention.

IRP Annual Report – Luanne Krabbe, Nancy Huisenga, and Tish Arnold presented regarding roof repairs/replacement that needs to be done sooner rather than later! Brought in some samples of metal shingles and discussed several other options and quotes they have received from different contractors, much discussion about what might work best on that style of roof. Presented a grant application to the Wright County Charitable Foundation and asked the City's support and fiscal sponsorship. Motion by Hollman to support the project and act as a fiscal sponsor, 2nd by Park. Approved. There was some hail damage discovered; clerk will see if there are any insurance funds that can be claimed.

Bruns entertains a motion to move Septic issues to now on the Agenda, so guests can go if they like. Motion by Hollman to move the agenda item, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

Josh Coe of Central Waste Solutions describes issues we are having with septic tanks and D-box's freezing and causing pump alarms to go off. He jetted out about 10 systems and pumped a couple tanks. Was suggested by a council member we buy some hay bails and cover those tanks/boxes, another suggested the hay would blow away and we could use some rubber matting and tent spikes. No official decision made, Coe will be starting inspections on April 1st and will try to get some of those lids closer to the ground to help prevent freezing.

Fire Board Annual Report and Budget – Presented by Dale Hollman, the Board recommends keeping Bruns as the Fire Chief. Motion by Hollman to appoint Bruns to Fire Chief, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved unanimously with Bruns abstaining.

FY26 Budget – Motion by Park to approve the Property Tax Levy as proposed, 2nd by Hurtado, approved 3-1 with Hollman opposed.

Set Hearings – Hollman moves to have the Property Tax Levy Public Hearing at 5:15 PM on March 25th and a Special Meeting at 5:45 PM on March 25th to set the Public Hearing for the Full Budget, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Nuisance Abatement – Two households will receive letters about burning garbage in town, another for violating chicken permit by having a rooster.

Building permits – None.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk