

Rowan City Council Meeting March 3, 2025

Mayor Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

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

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

March Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,197.05; Central Waste Solutions (septic alarms) \$650.00; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$44.00; IPERS (pensions) \$253.99; Lamson Dugan & Murray (legal fees) \$2,202.50; Mountain Movers (snow removal) \$1,531.25; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$394.64; S&H Environmental (water super) \$850.00; Sewer (transfer) \$4,646.56; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$21.50; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; W&H Cooperative (propane) \$1,663.55; WMTel (phone) \$41.04; Wright Co Landfill (recycle bins) \$80.00; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$744.99; David Eriksen (water assist) \$344.24; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$98.41; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$82.27.

February Receipts – Property Taxes \$398.40; LOST \$1,183.92; Rents/Interest \$840.40; Road Use Tax \$1,038.81; Utilities \$8,674.72.

Public Input – Park has questions about generator maintenance, Josephine Miller would like permission to close off Main Street on June 7th from Noon – 5PM for an event at the Library, motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Approved. Hollman states that snow is not being shoveled away from doors at the Community Center and the doors are being forced closed, causing them to freeze shut, he also doesn't think we should allow plow trucks to continue driving on the sidewalks, they are grinding the edge off of the sidewalk. Bruns offered to discuss with snow removal company. Hofmeister is looking at buying a house that needs torn down, it has a septic tank, wonders if the council will waive septic fees since there is already a precedent set for that. Bruns wants to know what her intentions are, if she will leave it a bare lot or sell it or build something, would prefer to see something put back there rather than a vacant lot, have had people inquire over the past year or two about lots to build on. No action was taken on the matter.

Maintenance – none.

Coe – Interested in pursuing abandoned properties. Coe did some research and found that the County is holding the tax sale certificates for both 135 and 138 Main Street because they did not sell at the last tax sale, wonders if the town would have them declared abandoned so he could get a clean title to them. Hollman moves to pursue abandonment on both, 2nd by Bruns. Approved. It is understood that if the City acquires them, we would have to sell them by sealed bid.

Iowa River Players Contract – discussed a few changes to the previous contract to include requiring them to supply us with Insurance Certificate annually as well as make their part of the building accessible to our Insurance company's loss control people during their annual inspection. Motion by Bruns to approve with changes, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Tree Removal Contract Expired – Tree in the ROW at 201 Elizabeth was to be cut by February 28th, never received communication requesting an extension or insurance information. Another contractor is scheduled to look at it this week. Rout in attendance, requests a 10 day extension and will call insurance company first thing in the morning. Motion by Bruns to give extension with the expectation that work will be done by the end of the day on March 14th and no work should be completed before supplying us with insurance information, 2nd by Hollman. Approved.

Septic Issues – Coe states that the line between the septic tank and the D-Box is frozen at 409 Emerson, the line is only 12" underground and it is clean water that travels more than 100' without much grade, it is possible that the line has settled unevenly as well. Discussed long term fix, possibly moving the tank, digging up the line. Will plan to run a camera or laser to see if there are any dips or anything and then pull out the dirt above the line and place 2" rigid foam above it and cover with more dirt. A pipe on a pump at 205 Elizabeth had twisted and shattered, they replaced the pipe. Discussed some other fixes for ongoing issues.

Nuisance Abatement – Will send letters that didn't go out last month to add an additional letter about roosters.

Building permits – Groom submitted one for the shelter house that will be started March 18th on City and Historical Society property where the old library used to stand. Project has already been approved, just a formality for record keeping purposes. Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Hurtado. Approved.

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

Public Hearing/Special Meeting March 25, 2025 5:15/5:45 PM

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

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk