City of Rowan Special Meeting Minutes March 25, 2025

Mayor Lennea Groom called the special meeting to order at 5:45 PM.
Council Members Present: Heather Baumgartner, Dale Hollman, Virgil Park, and Mark Bruns.

Hearing – Ziller letter – Sloan Ziller and Mariah Smith requested a hearing on the letter they received regarding having a rooster and taking away their chicken permit. They presented a video testimony from Josh Riedel who is in possession of the bird, has had it since early February and intends to keep it for the rest of its life. Ziller states two roosters were dumped on his rural property, likely from someone in Rowan that was told to get rid of their roosters and he wasn't going to let it die, he rehabilitated the remaining bird and rehomed it. He states that his "morals supersede any law" and that he would do it again. Requests that chicken permit be reinstated. Motion by Bruns to reinstate the permit, 2nd by Hollman. Approved. Council would like them to communicate any further problem with roosters being dumped on their property. Council asks clerk to bring a list of people holding chicken permits to the next meeting and would like to investigate to make sure everyone is being treated equally in this matter. Clerk notified the Council that she also received complaints from both of the other receivers of letters, claiming they are not burning garbage, rather they are burning sticks and paper products. Council will make a better attempt of gathering evidence and showing proof before having further letters sent to residents.

FY26 Budget – Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Motion by Bruns to hold public hearing for FY26 Budget on April 7, 2025 at 7:00 PM, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Motion by Bruns to adjourn, 2nd by Hollman. Adjourned at 6:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk of Rowan