

**Rowan City Council Meeting
July 7, 2025**

Mayor Groom opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

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

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

Financials/Vouchers – Motion by Park to approve and pay bills, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved unanimously.

July Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,120.60; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Bruns Machine (brake fluid-FD, water dept ext) \$38.24; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$44.00; Deb Bruns (spray park) \$99.49; Deluxe Checks (checks) \$726.25; Dorsey & Whitney (legal fees) \$2,855.57; Hawkins (additives) \$322.15; ICAP (Insurance) \$14,345.00; Iowa League of Cities (dues) \$398.00; IPERS (pensions) \$372.39; Lamson Dugan & Murray (legal fees) \$372.50; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$837.53; S&H Environmental (Water Super) \$850.00; Sewer (transfer) \$4,644.68; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$21.50; Treas – St IA (withholding) \$44.00; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,438.66; VISA (postage) \$219.00; WMTel (phone) \$41.04; Wright Co Conservation (loan pmt) \$2,050.00; Wright Co Landfill (Q1FY26) \$987.50; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$698.61; Dale Hollman (council) \$92.35; David Eriksen (water assist) \$645.44; Heather Baumgartner (council) \$92.26; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Marcos Hurtado (council) \$23.09; Mark Bruns (council/fire chief) \$323.22; Tamara Hollman (mowing/gas) \$347.70; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$97.27; Virgil Park (council) \$92.35.

June Receipts – Property Taxes \$1,153.14; LOST \$2,512.59; Rents/Interest \$1,708.80; Road Use Tax \$1,610.16; Utilities \$8,747.27; Insurance Claim \$30,000.20; Sale of Equip \$400.00.

Public Input – Trees at REC need trimmed, hanging over driveway and rubbing on Park's house. Hollman and Bruns will take a look. Brush Pile – people aren't putting branches on top of the pile, but next to the pile and then they have to be pushed up with a skid loader, if people can't put them on top of the pile it will be fenced with a locked gate and dumping will only be allowed by appointment. Groom will put something to that effect in the newsletter.

Maintenance – had to reset the timer for the CC lights a couple times due to power outages, wonders if we should replace the lights with a sensor style instead of on timer, not a priority for Mayor and council at this time. Need to make sure doors are getting latched/pushed all the way shut when exiting the building, Clerk will update some signage.

Mayor Groom closed the regular meeting of the council and opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2025-01 Landfill Fees, no public input. Mayor Groom closed the public hearing and resumed the regular meeting of the council.

Ordinance 2025-01 Landfill Fees – Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote. Motion by Hollman to waive the 3rd reading of the ordinance, 2nd by Park. Approved.

Water Meters – Clerk obtained a quote for 2 – 1" water meters, the apartments have the larger meter for more capacity. Cost is \$285/each. We already have radio units and they will work with the larger meter. Would have 2 spare meters. Motion by Hollman to approve, 2nd by Park. Approved.

REC Roof – Received \$30,000.20 from ICAP, Mayor met with Insurance agent, the coverage we have on that building is "Functional Replacement", so we likely won't get any more from them. Siblings Roofing described the work planned to include full tear off of old material and replace with a combination of rubber and metal shingles. Not sure what the decking will look like underneath, there is a possibility of having to replace some, it is not included in the quote since it is unknown and would be a guess. If the entire decking had to be replaced it would add approximately \$24,000 to the price tag of \$91,596.72. Siblings have provided references, insurance, and offers a 10-year labor warranty and the manufacturer offers a 25–40-year material warranty. They would get the largest possible rolls of rubber which are 30'x100' to minimize seams. With approval they could have it completed before Labor Day, weather permitting. Much discussion, Groom will talk further with the insurance agent to see if any of the decking could be covered. Krabbe is in attendance along with 3 members

of the Iowa River Players, could not provide proof of the amount of funds they already have raised toward the roof, the council is hesitant, the City can't afford to cover the remainder of the cost after the \$35,000 we have on our books for it. Krabbe personally guarantees that there is at least \$80,000 in their funds to be spent on the roof and would provide documentation. This would provide enough funds for the worst-case scenario of having to replace all of the decking. After much consideration, Hurtado moves to approve the contract with Siblings Roofing, 2nd by Park. Approved with Hollman abstaining.

IRP Contract – Groom will be attending the IRP Board meeting in August before the next Council meeting, item tabled.

Septic – A property on Duffy had an alarm going off, the residence is currently vacant, so the system was turned off. Almost done pumping tanks, there were 2 left ends of today. Work has not started at Ahrens property yet.

Nuisance Abatement – Couple of lawns need mowed, there are small kids from two residences on Bingham riding 4-wheelers in the street. Clerk is working with attorney to resolve matters at the 710 Duffy property which is still in the City's name and in breach of contract.

Building permits – None.

Mayor requests a motion to go into closed session to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. Motion by Hollman to go into closed session, 2nd by Park. Approved unanimously upon roll call vote.

Regular meeting Adjourned.

Next regular meeting of the council will be August 4, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk