

**Rowan City Council Meeting  
October 6, 2025**

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

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

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

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

October Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,255.84; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Mark Bruns (pothole patch) \$574.50; Central Waste Solutions (replace curb stop) \$2,300.00; Clear Lake Sanitary District (water testing) \$88.00; David Eriksen (air compressor) \$192.28; Iowa DNR (Water Use) \$115.00; IPERS (pensions) \$389.45; Lamson Dugan & Murray (legal fees) \$507.00; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$864.69; S&H Environmental (Water Super, supplies) \$850.00; Sewer (transfer) \$4,278.77; Siblings Roofing (REC Roof) \$80,171.72; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$21.50; Treasurer St of IA (withholding) \$54.00; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,582.10; Virgil Park (batteries) \$19.36; WMTel (phone) \$41.65; Wright Co Landfill (Q2FY26) \$987.50; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$910.65; Dale Hollman (council pay) \$92.35; David Eriksen (water assist) \$645.44; Heather Baumgartner (council pay) \$92.26; Lennea Groom (Mayor) \$92.26; Marcos Hurtado (council pay) \$92.35; Mark Bruns (council pay) \$69.26; Tamara Hollman (mowing/gas) \$204.31; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$108.01; Virgil Park (council pay) \$92.35.

September Receipts – Property Tax \$6,971.15; LOST \$2,594.07; Rents/Interest \$1,829.10; Road Use Tax \$1,584.33; Utilities \$7,770.10.

Public Input – Park showed photos of a bench he received from a woodworking friend, he is going to seal it before Spring and would like it in the outdoor classroom. Josephine Miller (Library Director) requests use of the REC during the Hwy 3 Corridor Garage Sales going forward with proceeds to the library, since the church won't be doing it anymore. Would also like permission to close the street for Fun Day on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Hollman to approve both, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baumgartner. Approved unanimously. Groom announces Trunk-or-Treat and Meal will be on October 30<sup>th</sup> to support the Outdoor Classroom, trick-or-treating around town at the same time.

Maintenance – recharged water softener, replaced vent grill in bathroom, reset timer on outdoor lights, replaced batteries in smoke detectors, and fixed a camera in the Community Center.

Fly Control – resident complained about flies, would be willing to pay more on water bill to do something about it. Discussed, there is not much the City can do, one culprit could be Farm Nutrients, will send a letter asking them to take some preventative measures.

Debt Service CD – matures on October 11<sup>th</sup> for approx. \$27,475.00, there is approx. \$3,230.00 in the Debt Service savings, required to maintain \$28,224.00. Motion by Hollman to use the interest of \$2,481.00 to pay down the principle on the sewer loan, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved. Clerk received quote from First Citizens to renew the CD: 6 months = 4.23%, 12 months = 4.10%, 18 months = 4%. Motion by Hollman to purchase \$25,000 CD from Debt Service fund for 6 months, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park. Approved.

FY25 Annual Financial Report – Clerk presented to council, no questions.

Snow Removal Ad – Hollman moves to have clerk put the usual ad in the paper, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Baumgartner. Approved.

Other New Business – Clerk handed out flyers to Mayor and Council regarding training on open meetings, it is now a requirement by State law that new officials and appointed board members take the training within 90 days of taking office. It is recommended that existing and re-elected members also take the course.

Outdoor Classroom – Groom will meet with Josh Coe later this week to determine where the insect area can go.

Septic – It was discovered that there was a sewer shut off valve installed in the sidewalk at 711 Duffy that nobody was aware of, it was turned on and septic issues were resolved. The sidewalk has settled considerably and the shut off valve is sticking up enough that it could be broken off by a vehicle, snow plow, etc and is a tripping hazard. Coe will cut it down level with the sidewalk. A resident asked a council member about getting a new lid for their septic, they have hit it with the lawn mower and it doesn't latch down well. Clerk will look up the price, they can purchase one from us.

Nuisance Abatement – A court date has been set for the abandoned property petitions in November.

Building permits – None.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Hollman, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Park.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk