

Rowan City Council Meeting
January 5, 2026

Mayor Hollman opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Council present- Heather Baumgartner, Mark Bruns, Chad Ketchum and David Eriksen.

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

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

January Expenditures – Alliant Energy (electric) \$1,122.17; Belmond Laundry (rugs) \$40.00; Bruns Machine & Welding (FD exp) \$79.89; Central Waste Solutions (control panel) \$300.00; Clear Lake Sanitary (water testing) \$44.00; Deb Bruns (soup supper exp) \$70.35; Dorsey & Whitney (legal fees) \$1,622.50; IPERS (pensions) \$282.67; Lamson Dugan & Murray (legal fees) \$1,833.00; Mountain Movers (snow removal) \$2,907.50; Municipal Supply (annual software) \$3,850.00; Dan Roberts (animal control) \$270.00; Rowan Library (1/3 LOST) \$378.33; S&H Environmental (Water Super/supplies) \$1,019.78; Sewer (transfer) \$4,672.61; Storey Kenworthy (office supply) \$177.40; T&S Sanitation (dumpster) \$21.50; Treasurer – State of IA (WET) \$2,258.28 (WH) \$49.00 (Sales) \$467.64; USDA (loan) \$3,000.00; US Treasury (payroll taxes) \$1,451.06; W&H Coop (propane) \$546.42; WMTel (phone) \$42.89; Wright Co Conservation (loan pmt) \$2,050.00; Wright Co Landfill (Q3FY26) \$987.50; Aimee Frohling (City Clerk) \$862.62; Christopher Canon (FD pay) \$249.34; Dale Hollman (council pay) \$69.26; David Eriksen (water assist) \$344.24; Dustin Bruns (FD pay) \$431.53; Heather Baumgartner (council pay) \$46.12; Lennea Groom (Mayor pay) \$92.26; Marcos Hurtado (council pay) 23.09; Mark Bruns (FD/council pay) \$804.74; Terri Curtis (Janitor) \$140.18; Virgil Park (FD/council pay) \$143.14.

December Receipts – Property Tax \$2,637.68; LOST \$1,135.00; Rents/Interest \$891.40; Road Use Tax \$1,142.00; Utilities \$9,017.43; Soup Supper \$574.00.

Public Input – none.

Maintenance – none.

County Maintenance on City Streets – John Maschman of Lamson Dugan & Murray in attendance, reviewed 28E agreement with council. Motion by Bruns to take attorney advice and add language pertaining to gross negligence to the liability portion of the agreement, 2nd by Ketchum. Maschman will also schedule a call with the County Engineer and the City Clerk to seek clarity on another item of the agreement.

Abandoned Properties – Maschman brought a draft of an agreement for potential buyer with items included based on last months discussion. There was discussion about whether someone “fixed up” an outbuilding if it could be kept, who would decide whether it is “fixed up” or not? Possibly the County Assessor could act as a third party and decide if the condition of the building has increased to a certain level. Maschman will research. Properties have not been officially recorded to the City yet, but will be soon.

Library Report/Budget – Director Josephine Miller presented on items that have gone well and others that haven’t had much interest. Will continue with Book Club, Fun Day, and Blind Date with a Book, among others. Scrapbooking will be discontinued. Will be replacing the Fall Fundraiser with the Hwy 3 Corridor rummage sale. A tech table and book bins were added last year and the banned book table generated a lot of discussion and interest. Copies of the Library Budget were distributed to the council and request was made for the same amount of City contribution as previous years. Motion by Bruns to approve the \$3,000 annual apportionment, 2nd by Ketchum. Approved unanimously.

Fire Department Agenda Items tabled to February meeting.

Resolution 2026-01 Payroll – Motion by Baumgartner to give a 2% increase to City employees and approve resolution, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2026-02 Mileage – Motion by Eriksen to leave it at 62.5 cents, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2026-03 Depositories – Motion by Ketchum to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2026-04 Internal Control – Motion by Bruns to approve, 2nd by Baumgartner. Approved unanimously.

Resolution 2026-05 Investment Policy – Motion by Eriksen to approve, 2nd by Bruns. Approved unanimously.

Septic – Josh Coe with Central Waste Solutions reported issues with 803 Pesch control panel and pump, should be fixed, will keep an eye on it.

Nuisance Abatement – none.

Building permits – none.

Meeting adjourned with a motion by Bruns, 2nd by Ketchum.

Next regular meeting of the council will be February 2, 2026 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee J Frohling - City Clerk