

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing
Monday, January 11, 2021
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30pm

Mayor Tom Andersen called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm and took roll call. Council present Jon Wellik, Rick Jones, Kris Trenary and Carrie Frerk absent Ryan Peters. Wellik/Jones moved to approve consent agenda including agenda, 12/14/2020 minutes and bills. All ayes.

No treasurer's report. Council comments. Peters sent some written comments complimenting the city guys for the snow removal and quality of the city water.

Jones passed out pictures of various properties that have several junk and garbage on them. Jones and Trenary had questions on grass at rodeo grounds. Trenary had questions about mowing assessments. Frerk also complimented the city guys for snow removal.

City clerk received a grant for some new playground equipment at 2 parks and also received grant to purchase a new recycling trailer for curbside pickup.

No mayor comments. Utility reports – Higgins stated the garbage truck is back.

Citizen comments – Keven Kerns gave info about a housing program that was done back in 1997 where the city worked to try to save houses instead of tearing them down.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:02pm. City clerk received no bids. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:03pm. No resolution to pass. Council discussed selling of the real estate. Jones/Wellik moved to set another public hearing for February 8, 2021 at 6pm to open bids with no minimum. Ayes: Wellik, Jones, Trenary and Frerk.

Committee/Welter nuisance update Mr. Welter is in the process of purchasing two commercial properties in town, his intentions are to move the equipment from 404 Des Moines Ave. Discussion on buses. Jones/Wellik moved to approve buses from 201 Railroad Street can be moved to the truck parking lot, no limo's, must be parked in an orderly fashion in the designated area and revisited on a month to month basis. Ayes: Wellik, Jones, Trenary and Frerk.

Discussion on 321 Garfield Street. Jones/Wellik moved to pay \$2500.00 for engineer to do a structural inspection. Ayes: Wellik, Jones, Frerk, Nays: Trenary. Carried.

Discussion on RAMS center, city guys will maintain for a few months and get back to council- no action taken at this time.

Discussion on old recycling trailer. Jones/Frerik moved to take the old trailer over to Sale Barn to auction. All ayes. Carried.

On call/weekend on call Mayor gave information from other cities. Discussion on weekend hours, information is unclear. Clerk will get more information.

Jones/Trenary moved to approve energy efficiency furnace rebate in the amount of \$400.00 for a furnace and \$50.00 for a water heater to Noreen Biggs. All ayes.

Jones/Trenary moved to approve energy efficiency rebate in the amount of \$50.00 for a water heater to Melody Biggs. All ayes.

Discussed citizen complaints from earlier in meeting during nuisance abatements. Two of the complaints about junk have already been turned over the city attorney. There was complaint about children riding electric scooters on street, clerk instructed to send letter. Complaint of dogs barking constantly. Clerk has spoken previously with this owner, a council person stated they hadn't heard them at night. No action taken.

No new news on the tree dump, will leave off agenda until we have definite answers.

Frerk/Jones moved to adjourn at 7:18pm. All ayes.

Mayor, Tom Andersen

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Angela Montag