

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting
Monday, May 10, 2021
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Tom Andersen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. And took roll call. Council present Ryan Peters, Jon Wellik, Rick Jones, Kris Trenary and Carrie Frerk.

Questioned answered. Peters/Wellik moved to approve the consent agenda including agenda, bills, 4/12/21 corrected minutes and building permit for St. Paul Lutheran Church and Jim Hansen. All ayes. Peters/Wellik moved to approve building permit for Chres Westergaard. Ayes: Rick Jones, Jon Wellik, Ryan Peters and Kris Trenary. Carrie Frerk abstained due to conflict of interest.

De Sindergard gave treasurer's report for March and April 2020.

Council comments – Frerk questions on a fence and clarification of WW person by August. Trenary asked about utility shut offs.

City clerk stated she has advertised the job opening in the papers and Iowa Workforce Development. Mayor encouraged Higgins not to get overwhelmed with being the only man.

Utility reports. –Still pumping a lot of water. Tony asked for closed session. Closed session will happen at end of meeting.

Citizen comments – Diane Sandvig – Sandvig wanted to thank Tom and Rick for not resigning. She also stated support for Tony. De Sindergard also spoke of appreciation for Tony and all his responsibilities.

Jim Pentico stated that the Lions Club will be helping with yard cleanup. They will be helping with painting the pool. They are willing to help with tree pile. Mr. Pentico would volunteer help for city if needed and also is in support of Tony.

Complaint from De Sindergard about equipment being put on properties from a prior court order. No action taken on Radar signs.

Mayor call to open the public hearing at 6:00pm on the matter of the adoption of a proposed Rolfe Urban Revitalization Plan. Discussion on plan. Clerk stated there were no written or oral objections to the plan. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:02pm.

Wellik/Peters moved to approve Resolution #667 Resolution adopting the Rolfe Urban Revitalization Plan. Ayes: Ryan Peters, Kris Trenary, Carrie Frerk, Jon Wellik and Rick Jones

Mayor read Ordinance #233 in its entirety and Ordinance Designating the Rolfe Urban Revitalization Area of the City of Rolfe, Iowa. Peters/Wellik moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #233. Ayes: Ryan Peters, Jon Wellik, Rick Jones, Kris Trenary and Carrie Frerk.

Sheriff Nelson gave update on Rolfe calls. Clarified on why rural address are showing up on report. Council thanked Sheriff Nelson.

Peters/Frerik moved to approve animal permit for Ashely Hobbs to have 3 hens at her property. All ayes.

Negrefe not present, no action taken.

Jones/Wellik moved to approve the amendment to rodeo lease until August 1, 2021. All ayes.

Frerk/Jones moved to approve the IDOT agreement. All ayes.

Discussion on mowing notices. Published in paper.

Discussion on old Sunnybrook property. Peters/Jones moved to send a cleanup letter. All ayes.

Mayor called to open the public hearing at 6:30pm on the Amendment to the current 20/21 Budget Amendment. Discussion. Clerk stated there were no written or oral objections. Mayor closed the meeting at 6:32pm. Wellik/Frerik moved to approve resolution #668 on amending the 20/21 current budget. Ayes: Ryan Peters, Jon Wellik, Rick Jones, Kris Trenary and Carrie Frerk.

Discussion on chicken in town without permit. Clerk has sent letter to them. Next step would be send to city attorney. Discussion on limit. Jones/Frerik moved to limit hens to 6 and no roosters in the permit. All ayes.

Discussion on using gas funds or cashing out CD's for city's ½ of new fire truck. Wellik/Frerik moved to use gas funds for the city's portion of payment. Ayes: Ryan Peters, Jon Wellik, Rick Jones, Kris Trenary and Carrie Frerk.

Peters/Wellik moved to approve resolution #669 hiring and setting was for Glenn Munson. Ayes: Ryan Peters, Jon Wellik, Rick Jones, Kris Trenary and Carrie Frerk.

Discussion on Nuisance abatements in town. Possibly utilize Lions club for the minor yard cleanup. Mayor said for court ordered cleanup he will contact a few places to help with removal and storage.

Discussion on new abatements. Council will compile a list of residents that need a courtesy letter.

Per previous utility reports city employee Tony Higgins requested closed session. Mayor called to go into closed session per Iowa Code Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) at 7:10pm. Mayor called to come back into regular session at 8:01pm.

Wellik/Jones moved to increase Tony Higgin's wage by \$2.00 an hour. Ayes: Ryan Peters, Jon Wellik, Rick Jones and Carrie Frerk. Nay: Kris Trenary.

Wellik/Jones moved to approve Tony to be paid \$50.00 per day (Saturday and Sunday) for a total of \$100.00 on weekends that are not his regular schedule. If he responds to a call, and his hourly pay exceeds \$50.00, he will be paid the larger amount instead. until another employee is hired. All ayes.

Jones/Wellik moved to adjourn at 8:10pm. All ayes.

Tom Andersen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Montag, City Clerk