

Rolfe Regular Rescheduled Council Meeting
Monday, August 16, 2021
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Tom Andersen called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor took roll call. Council present Jon Wellik, Kris Trenary and Carrie Frerk. Absent Ryan Peters. Also present City Attorney Greg Stoebe. Mayor announced that Rick Jones has resigned from the council as of 8/16/21.

Trenary noted a correction to minutes. Trenary had questions on bills. Trenary made a motion to not approve the Sunset Ridge restoration bills. With no second motion fails. Discussion on the authority of the Mayor. City attorney discussed applied authority of the mayor. Policy should be put in place for the authority of Mayor and Council. Wellik/Frerik moved to approve the consent agenda including agenda, bills, 7/12/21, 7/14/21, 7/19/21 and 7/26/21 minutes and building permit for Guy Dewey. All ayes.

De Sindergard gave the treasurer's report. Wellik/Trenary moved to approve the treasurer's report. Council comments – Trenary commented on false claims against council members.

City Comments – Anyone interested in filling the vacancy to contact city hall.

No mayor comments. Utility reports – Higgins is has 5 weeks since removed equipment has been at the gym.

Citizen comments. - Jim Pentico expressed concerns about council/resident interaction. Keep commentary positive. Barb Bennett been a member of Hometown Pride for 8 years and has worked on several projects to keep the town beautiful. Mary Allen – expressed that Rolfe used to be community grateful for fundraising and the projects it supports. Karen Johnson – would like to see council members help with more projects – she thanked Lions club for helping. Janice Morey – thanked Pentico for his response, need to respect those that were hired into their position.

Mayor read complaint on welter moving in commercial equipment on residential property. Mayor suggested councilman Peters talk with them.

Wellik/Frerik moved to approve sidewalk removal for Dean McCarton. All ayes.

Sheriff Nelson gave update on 28E agreement.

Curt Sindergard from Pocahontas Economic Development discussed with council that Rick Johnson can no longer be Rolfe's alternate representative. Wellik/Trenary moved to accept the resignation of Rick Johnson and appoint Jessica Feilmeier and the alternate. All ayes.

City Clerk requested quote from 4 different companies on the removal of building at 320 Garfield St. She received none. Asked to find other companies that do this kind of work.

Alarm systems at water plant/lift station to take Higgins name off so he will not be interrupted while on his wedding.

Discussion on code enforcement officer – have a job description for next meeting.

Clerk explained a sewer issue in town, but has no updated information at this time.

Tree dump – reach out to county conservation or supervisors to see what the county does with their trees.

Discussion on the ash trees effected by Emerald Ash borer. Either treatment or removal. Discussion on contacting local farmers to see if they have a disposal site for trees.

Maintenance of empty lots. Need a box scraper to level off lots so they can be mowed. Trenary will talk with Pro Cooperative.

Mayor discussed the use of the ballfield. Maybe council or some organization can sponsor some ball.

Discussion on Water/Wastewater opening. There were no new applications. Concession is to hire applicant #2.

Frerk/Wellik moved to approve resolution #674 a resolution to approve the hiring, salary and benefits for the water/wastewater/maintenance employee. Ayes. Jon Wellik, Carrie Frerk. Nays: Kris Trenary. Absent: Ryan Peters, Vacant.

Council moved to table the appointment of Park and Recreation Board member until next meeting. Discussion on changing the number of park and rec board members. No action taken.

Trenary stated she requested 4 bids for an audit, received 1 from the State of Iowa Auditor's office.

Trenary/Frerk moved to approve the bid from the State of Iowa Auditor's office. Ayes: Trenary, Frerk and Wellik.

Frerk/Wellik moved to approve the changing the nuisance abatement courtesy notice to 7 days. All ayes.

Nuisance abatements. – Mary Allen had complaints about buses and rats at properties. Mayor will ask Peters to discuss buses.

Employees requested closed session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i). Frerk/Wellik moved to go into closed session at 7:30pm. All Ayes.

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Council returned to open session at 8:05. Wellie/Frerk moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06pm. All Ayes.

Jim Pentico, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Angela Montag, City Clerk