

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting
February 14, 2022
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Pentico called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m. Mayor took roll call. Council present Connie Dewey, Rob Jackson, and Dan Allen & Lana Pratt via zoom. Dewey/Jackson moved to approve the consent agenda including agenda, bills, and 1/10/22, 1/13/22 minutes. All ayes. Pratt/Dewey moved to approve a building permit for John Vigdal with final approval of building inspector. All ayes. No treasurer's report, council comments or clerk comments.

Mayor comments – Have not heard back from state on city audit. Phone hearing on March 4th for Des Moines Ave nuisance. Ragbrai is coming to Pocahontas for overnight stay, could be good fundraising activity. No utility reports, citizen comments or complaint forms.

Al Minkler joined the meeting at 5:41pm.

Al Sroufe gave update on the gym; roof needs to be coated around \$1200.00 – 1500.00. Discussion on uptake and future of the building.

Al Sroufe gave some information on ownership of the wall. Need to decide what to do with the building. Sroufe will stay involved if want to save it.

Mayor opened the public hearing for the Max Levy at 6:05pm. With no oral or written comments

Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:06pm

No sheriff update or County visioning update.

Minkler/Jackson moved to approve Resolution #678 approving the maximum tax dollars from certain levies for the city's proposed fiscal year 22/23 Budget. Ayes: Jackson, Minkler, Dewey, Pratt, and Allen. Carried.

Mayor appointed Marilee Kleespies to the Library Board.

Mayor gave update on Iowa DOT project to redo Hwy 15 in 2023, possibility of putting a bike trail along 15 to Sunset Ridge. Margo Underwood gave information on costs for the bike lane. Wendy Panbecker also discussed an optional bike cement trail.

Mayor gave update on Iowa DOT project and hop is to connect Three Rivers Trail to Sunset Ridge. Margo - discussed the Wellmark grant. Wendy with County trails discussed a second option of the cement trail. Discussion. Pratt/Dewey moved to go forward with the Wellmark grant to do the bike lanes on Hwy 15. All ayes.

Also, with the Hwy 15 project the city has the opportunity to also work with IDOT to replace the parking area on main street. Discussion. Minkler/Dewey moved to approve doing the 3-inch milling and resurfacing in the estimated amount of \$137,000 to be paid over a three year term. All ayes.

There was some disappointment in the annual wage increase to the part time personnel. Discussion.

Minkler/Jackson moved to approve Resolution #679 to approve the wage, salaries, and benefits for the part time/seasonal help. Ayes: Pratt, Jackson, Minkler, Dewey and Allen.

Clerk explained Bob Guerttman wants to own the abandoned property at 101 Grant Street and would like the city to forgive the city specials. Discussion. Minkler/Allen moved to remove the city specials/penalties at 101 Grant Street. Ayes: Pratt, Allen, Minkler and Jackson. Dewey abstained due to conflict of interest.

Macy Eastman asked the council if she could also have three horses at the old Sunnybrook.

Discussion. Minkler/Dewey moved to also allow three horses. All ayes. Carried.

Jackson/Minkler moved to approve the renewal of the Rolfe Golf Club liquor license. All ayes. Carried.

Dewey/Minkler moved to approve a water heater rebate for Tracy Letch and Joe Tiernan. All ayes. Carried.

Discussion on putting more members on the park and recreation board. Discussion on the number of members. Dewey made a motion to add two more members. Discussion. Motion dies for lack of

second. No action taken.

Pratt/Allen moved to approve Resolution #680 setting a Schedule of Fees. Ayes: Jackson, Minkler, Dewey, Allen, and Pratt.

Pratt/Jackson moved to approve Resolution #681 for Memorandum of Understanding Between Pocahontas County and all incorporated areas within Pocahontas County. Ayes: Minkler, Dewey, Jackson, Allen, and Pratt.

Budget workshop set for Tuesday February 22nd at 4:30pm.

No new nuisance abatements.

Dewey/Jackson moved to adjourn at 6:53pm. All ayes.

Jim Pentico, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Montag, City Clerk