

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing
Monday, May 9, 2022
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Pentico called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. Mayor took roll call. Council present Dan Allen, Connie Dewey, Al Minkler & Lana Pratt. Absent Rob Jackson. Pratt/Dewey moved to approve the consent agenda including agenda, bills, and 4/11/22 & 5/3/22 minutes. All ayes.

De Sindergard gave treasurer's report for March 2022. Allen/Dewey moved to approve treasurer's report. All ayes.

Council comments – Dewey asked Pratt if a trailer was licensed on her property and Minkler for a freezer in his backyard that residents asked her about.

Pratt expressed more vandalism happening in town. Vandalism at post office has caused it to be closed after hours. Post offices are a federal offense, so the vandalism is considered a federal offense.

Discussion on areas of vandalism.

City clerk told residents of an upcoming Emerald Ash Borer public meeting be held at the Poky ISU Extension office on May 26, 2022, from 6 – 7:30pm. Call extension office to register.

Mayor contacted engineers about 320 Garfield Street and land city owns by rodeo ground. Have sent nuisance abatements to various properties.

Utility reports – gas super will be giving council a gas survey, please return to city hall.

Citizen comments - Kevin Kerns gave update about the gym. Repairs on roof, inside area and cleaning that needs to be done. Full roof repair is very costly.

No sheriff update.

Tree pile grinding – Shamrock is finished grinding. City is going to finish cleaning up the fence line and clean up rubble and fix the wet spots to be cleaned up over time.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:00pm. Discussion on budget amendment. With no other oral or written comments. Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:08 pm. Pratt/Allen moved to approve Resolution #688 a resolution amending the fiscal year 21/22 Budget. Ayes: Dewey, Minkler, Pratt and Allen.

Hometown Housing have rescheduled for next regular meeting.

Chres Westergard put a permit in to the council for six hens. Discussion on chickens/livestock in town. Residents having chickens without permission/ keeping area clean. Allen/Pratt moved to not approve the chicken permit for Chres Westergard. Ayes: Allen and Pratt. Nays: Minkler and Dewey. Motion fails. More discussion on revisiting the livestock ordinance. No other action taken.

Clerk explained we have the ability to hedge are gas pricing out from 5 years to 10 years, to avoid higher natural gas prices. Our ability to hedge and underground storage is how we are able to keep our rates low to our residents. Allen/Dewey moved to change our hedging to 10 years. All ayes.

Street sweeper - there was an issue with the hydraulic pump. Waiting on a few parts, sweeper should be good for some years to come now.

Water plant chemical repair. Gas super told council we need to transition from chlorine gas to a liquid chlorine feed. Move from a chlorine gas to a liquid chlorine chemical feed. The liquid feed would be safer for employees working at the plant. Minkler/Dewey moved to approve chlorine system change. All ayes.

Sonia Orwig discussed placing old ball trophies and other school trophies and memorabilia in old Roosevelt #7 school at Streit Park. She has volunteers to clean/paint and set up. Allen/Minkler moved to approve Sonia to go through with project. All ayes.

Rams even center information from citizen comments above. Council/ Park and Rec Members and public are welcome to do a walkthrough of the gym and discuss and see condition of building on May 25th at 6:00pm.

Mayor read Ordinance # 236 and ordinance repealing, amending, and replacing section of Chapter 50

and Chapter 51 of the Rolfe Iowa Code of Ordinances.

Allen/Pratt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #236. Ayes: Dan Allen, Lana Pratt, Al Minkler & Connie Dewey. Carried.

Dewey/Allen moved to waive the second and third reading of ordinance #236. Ayes: Dan Allen, Lana Pratt, Connie Dewey, and Al Minkler. Carried.

Pratt/Dewey moved to approve Ordinance #237 amending the Ragbrai® ordinance. All ayes.

Minkler/Pratt moved to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance #237. Ayes: Dan Allen, Lana Pratt, Al Minkler & Connie Dewey. Carried.

Nuisance abatements –Dewey had questions on burning of wood, holes in roof junk vehicles on property. Mayor will be addressing these properties.

Allen/Dewey moved to adjourn at 7:15pm. All ayes.

Mayor, Jim Pentico

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Angela Montag