

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting
Monday, August 8, 2022
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Pentico called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m. Mayor took roll call. Council present Dan Allen, Rob Jackson, Al Minkler & Lana Pratt Absent Connie Dewey. Pratt/Allen moved to approve the consent agenda including agenda, bills, 7/11/22 minutes. All ayes. De Sindergard gave treasurer's report. Minkler/Pratt moved to approve treasurer's report. All ayes.

Council comments – Allen asked if anyone has talked to owners at the old Sunnybrook property.

Mayor has. Utility reports – Michaels the subcontractor of Alliant Energy is boring in their power lines. They are using water from fire hydrants and disturbing the ground. Which causes sediment in water lines to break loose causing water to be brownish. Let run until clear like during hydrant flushing days. No clerk comments.

Mayor's cell phone is available for city staff. He does not appreciate getting unwanted texts. If you need to get ahold of him, contact city hall, his official email address is listed on city website.

Reiterated about Facebook don't put stuff out there to create hate and discontent. Mayor stated he has received positive feedback from people how well Ragbrai went. Received appreciation from people inside and outside town and was told to keep up the good work. Meer engineering is still working on plotting our landlocked land by Rodeo. The building at 320 Garfield Street is currently having an asbestos inspection done to move forward with applying for grant for removal. Connie Dewey arrived at 5:39pm. Mayor discussed livestock ordinance and what should be addressed in it. Mayor also discussed ethics – anybody that works for the city including volunteers, need to remember we are here to bring credit to the city, we want our town to be a nice town.

Citizen comments – Josh Robertson declined his comments. Diane Sandvig – spoke of the possible removal of Mary Allen from the Park and Rec Board. She stated it was based on personal issues and read her letter to council on Mary's participation in Hometown Pride and taking care of parks. Al Minkler responded stated he had been scolded by the Mayor and Park and Rec Board Chairman for his comments on Facebook. Minkler chose not to put in his paperwork for a grievance over a situation. Mayor also stated this issue need to die; people make mistakes.

Sheriff Nelson gave update- he also stated that Ragbrai went smoothly throughout the whole county. Nelson updated changes to the ATV law.

Mayor appointed Ruth Agle to the library board.

Mayor updated council on a nuisance abatement served to Irma Villa for her property at 204 Walnut Street. Due to legal issues of an eviction/possession she cannot access house. Her attorney submitted a request a continuation to address at the September meeting. Minkler/Dewey moved to grant the extension to the September meeting. All ayes.

Jeremy Ives family has been at his address for many years and have been maintaining the plotted street behind his house. He is asking the city if it can be vacated for him to have the opportunity to own it. Allen/Jackson moved to start the actions of vacating the portion of the street for possible sale. All ayes. There is not a streetlight on the pole that is near the Freedom Rock. Pratt/Dewey moved to go forward to add a streetlight at the pole by the Freedom Rock. All ayes.

Ches Westergard is asking for six chickens on his property. Allen had few questions. Allen/Dewey moved to approve Westergard to have six chickens. Ayes: Jackson, Minkler, Dewey and Allen. Nays: Pratt. Carried.

Heather Peters requested to have horse on their property and chickens for their son's project. Mayor stated the Peters have met all criteria asked by city attorney. Allen/Dewey moved to approve Peters to have a horse on their property. Ayes: Minkler, Dewey, Jackson, and Allen. Nays: Pratt. Carried.

Allen/Dewey moved to allow Peters two chickens on their property. Ayes: Allen, Dewey, Jackson and Minkler. Nays: Pratt.

Mayor stated nothing more to add at livestock ordinance.

Sunset Ridge park – nothing to address no action taken.

Nuisance abatements – Mayor stated the trailer at truck parking received their letter and will be moving it. No court date on garage on River street. Mayor gave appreciate to the owner of the yellow demolition truck has been removed. Pratt had concerns with residents that have made progress, but still have a way ago. Mayor stated he works with them and encourages them to continue with their cleanup efforts.

Allen/Dewey moved to adjourn at 6:12pm. All ayes.

Mayor, Jim Pentico

ATTEST:

Angela Montag, Rolfe City Clerk