

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, December 12, 2022  
Rolfe Library, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Pentico called the meeting to order at 5:28p.m at the Rolfe Public Library due to construction in the community center. Mayor took roll call. Council present Dan Allen, Connie Dewey, Al Minkler and Lana Pratt. Absent Rob Jackson. Pratt/Dewey moved to approve the consent agenda including agenda, bills, 11/14/22 minutes. All ayes. Council member Rob Jackson arrived at 5:33pm. De Sindergard gave treasurer's report. Minkler/Pratt moved to approve treasurer's report. All ayes. No council comments, no clerk comments no utility reports.

Citizen comments. PCEDC President Sindergard introduced the new Executive Director, Litwiller who provided personal background, and spoke to the objectives of the commission, and commitment to County-wide improvement. Sindergard also provided his perspectives.

No citizen comments.

Unfinished business - Mayor discussed with council on the proposal to sell the city's backhoe and replace with a vacuum excavator, using the proceeds from sale to offset the cost of the vac.

Pratt/Minkler moved to offer the backhoe for sale to thigs bid/best offer within 10 days of Public Notice. All ayes. Pratt/Dewey moved to purchase a new vacuum excavator from Midwest Underground. All ayes.

New Business – Natural Gas Superintendent Tony Higgins provided an annual briefing for city officials and the public on natural gas utility safety, responsibility and Emergency Response and Notification. Mayor discussed with council an offer to purchase the east 269' of Cedar Street. Allen/Pratt to put the parcel up for bidding with exception of an easement for existing wastewater and stormwater system access. All ayes.

Mayor discussed with council a proposed installation of a new streetlight on Walnut Street. Minkler questioned cost for additional light. Pratt/Dewey to approve Resolution #695 Street Light Resolution. Roll call was taken. Ayes: Dan Allen, Connie Dewey, Rock Jackson, Al Minkler and Lana Pratt. Carried.

Health Benefits/ Health Insurance Renewal. Mayor discussed with council for possible increased coverage, and plan changes for city employees. Many facts to be considered before a decision can be made. No action taken at this time.

City employees request time off to observe Christmas Eve using their own hours to make up for time-off. Pratt/Allen moved to close city hall at Noon, Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. All ayes.

Council reviewed rates for garbage, water, sewer, council approved to move forward with rate changes. Mayor discussed possible wage increases for full-time and part- time city employees.

Discussion on annual wages increase. Pratt/Allen moved to increase full time employees wage by 8.0%. All ayes. Minkler/Dewey moved to wages for part time/seasonal. Recycling - \$2.00, Treasurer - \$1.00 and ground worker \$1.00. all ayes. Ayes: Dan Allen, Connie Dewey, Rob Jackson, Al Minkler & Lana Pratt. Resolution #696 passed and approved.

Mayor gave update nuisance abatements. no new abatement actions to report. He also added that there is one firm Court date set for January 6, 2023, for the Nuisance Garage issue at 406 River Street as the owner has failed to make good on his agreement to have the building removed by December 1, 2022. The City is also awaiting a firm date on the unauthorized livestock and unauthorized building addition and fence issue at 401 Oak Street.

Employee Annua Performance Review – Per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(i) at the request of an employee. Council moved to go into closed session at 6:46pm. Council returned to open session at 6:52pm.

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

Mayor, Jim Pentico

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Angela Montag