

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, October 10, 2022  
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Lana Pratt called the meeting to order at 5:36p.m. Mayor Pro Tem took roll call. Council present Dan Allen, Al Minkler, Connie Dewey & Lana Pratt. Absent Rob Jackson. Minkler/Dewey moved to approve the consent agenda including agenda, bills, 9/12/22 corrected minutes. All ayes. De Sindergard gave treasurer's report. Dewey/Minkler moved to approve treasurer's report. All ayes.

Council comments: Allen asked about a house had a permit for the pallets down in yard and fence. Pratt brought up harassment of city officials discuss with them they are violating ordinance. Discussed no new livestock permits. Mayor Pentico arrived at 5:42pm.

City clerk told council about upcoming Pocahontas County Leadership Programs. Clerk will be gone October 19<sup>th</sup> – 21st for IMFOA.

Mayor Comments – We had a meeting with Trees Forever on some other grant opportunities for the city that can be used for equipment and roadside beautification. Applied for Rural Enrichment grant for the trail expansion. No utility reports.

Citizen comments – Barb Bennett asked instead of trick -or treating to do truck and treat instead.

Michelle Bonnstetter – showed a newsletter from Whittemore. Mary Allen concerned of same house about permits. A council member should accompany the mayor when he goes to nuisance properties. NO complaint forms.

Shane McIntyre from Nextlink was here to discuss with council putting an internet dish on the water tower. Council would like more information and possible a pole option instead of a dish.

Mayor read Ordinance #237 an ordinance amending sections of Chapter 74 All-Terrain Vehicles, Golf Carts and Snowmobiles of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Rolfe. Allen/Dewey moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance #237. Ayes: Dan Allen, Lana Pratt, Al Minkler & Connie Dewey. Passed. Dewey/Pratt moved to waive the second and third reading of Ordinance #237. Ayes: Dan Allen, Lana Pratt, Connie Dewey & Al Minkler. Passed.

Barb Bennett with Hometown Pride gave update of completed grant projects and grant projects they will be applying for in 2023. Rolfe Hometown Pride was awarded the Trees Forever State Award Category and was the Outstanding Group Award for Environmental Stewardship and Community Service. Barb stated one of the projects they want to have a John Rolfe sculpture placed at Gazebo and naming this area. Council is fine with moving forward with this grant.

Clerk has not had any interest in the old ambulance from clerknet. Allen/Dewey moved to take the old Ambulance to the Sale Barn for auction. All ayes.

Clerk/Gas Super stated the old utility truck is unsafe to sell. Pratt/Dewey moved to take the truck to salvage yard. All ayes.

Gas Super talked to council about purchasing a vac for working around gas lines/water lines, its safer than the backhoe. It would help with repairs and exercising valves. Council wants more information.

US Cellular has contacted the city about making their lease a perpetual easement. Discussion on current lease to easement. Council would like more information.

Mer Engineering researched for the city some land parcels that can be sold that the city does not use. Allen/Dewey moved to place the properties up for bid to be sold. All ayes.

Mayor gave update on some nuisance abatements. Violation of getting a chicken/building permit at 401 Oak Street. Pratt/Allen moved to send to attorney for court. All ayes. Property near 105 River Street always has junk. Allen/Dewey moved to send to attorney for court. All ayes. Property at 1001 Oak Street has not cleaned up. Allen/Dewey moved to send to attorney for court. All ayes. Property at 206 Walnut street has unlicensed boat and trailer. Pratt/Dewey to send to attorney for court. All ayes. Mary Allen asked council if the house with pallets have been given a nuisance abatement. Mayor said

he has talked to owner. Mayor wants to prioritize dangerous buildings and junk first. Al Minkler gave a report from Iowa Department of Agriculture on the chemicals in a current dangerous building. Mayor is collaborating with them and IDNR if city must take care of this nuisance.

Ninety-day review for Jon Hauswirth, Jon did not request a closed session. Gas super stated everything is going well, clerk has no issues, Council and mayor are pleased the work he is doing. Hauswirth just received in natural gas certification.

Dewey/Minkler moved to pass Resolution #692 wage resolution. Ayes: Dan Allen, Lana Pratt, Al Minkler & Connie Dewey.

Allen/Dewey moved to adjourn at 7:30pm. Al ayes.

Jim Pentico, Mayor

Angela Montag, City Clerk