

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting/ Public Hearing
Monday, April 10, 2023
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Pentico called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m at the community center. Mayor took roll call. Council present Lana Pratt, Dan Allen, Connie

Dewey, Al Minkler & Rob Jackson. Mayor stated the Rolfe city buildings are no carry zones and stated Iowa Code 723.4d about disorderly conduct at meetings. Mayor stated there is unfinished business on the approval of a building permit. Mayor has found nothing stating that a person can build anything without permission from the city. Mayor has contacted several agencies. Individual has refused to work with city, mayor gave information on the building permit and court decree. Mayor asked for a motion to approve the building permit. No motion. Dewey/Minkler moved to table building permit. Allen had concerns with tabling the building permit. Mayor asked for amendment to motion. Allen/Pratt made a motion to amend motion to not table to disapprove it, more discussion on concerns with taking action and not following the city codes. Mayor asked the city attorney to pursue municipal infractions. Mayor called for the votes on the amended resolution to disapprove the building permit.

Ayes: Pratt, Dewey, Jackson, Minkler & Allen.

De Sindergard gave treasurer's report for March 2023 Pratt/Allen moved to approve treasurer's report. All ayes. Council comments – Allen asked if the demolition of the building on main street will be done before street project, it will not. Pratt observed that the RV dump station needs to be set up a little different for easier access. No city clerk comments.

Mayor commented that the city received the grant to take down the building on main street, and also received \$5,000 grant from Palo Alto gaming association for a project. No utility reports. Mayor also stated we are losing utility personnel due to medical reasons.

Citizen comments – Christina Larton asked about waiting asked to take action on building permit from hearing back from the agencies that the mayor has contacted.

Mayor also informed the council that a loose dog was shot by persons unknown, the owner's had been warned several times. Also, some young residents defaced the old school in Streit Park with paint. Both incidents the sheriff's office was called. Sheriff Nelson also stated the 2 juveniles were being held at a juvenile facility. No utility reports.

No complaint forms.

Dewey/Minkler moved to open the public hearing on the 2023/2024 Budget estimates at 6:00 pm.

Mayor asked for questions or concerns. With no written or oral concerns the mayor asked to close the public hearing. Allen/Dewey moved to close the public hearing at 6:02pm. Dewey/Pratt moved to approve Resolution #703 approving the FY 23/24 Budget Estimate. All ayes.

Mayor read the Keep Iowa Beautiful and Pocahontas County Hometown Pride Proclamation. Jann Ricklefs gave history on the John Rolfe sculpture they are having made by Tim Adams from Webster city. The project is fully funded by grants and donations. Allen/Dewey moved to approve Resolution 704 erecting the John Rolfe sculpture. Ayes: Al Minkler, Rob Jackson, Dan Allen, Connie Dewey, and Lana Pratt.

Council will think about where they will use the \$5000.00 from the Palo Alto Gaming grant.

Jake Leeper has shown interest in purchasing the old school gym. Leeper and council exchanged questions on the use of building, storage, surveying of property. Mayor stated the city would have a survey done.

Pratt/Dewey moved to approve Resolution 705, a resolution approving and authorizing the sale of city of Rolfe real Property. Ayes: Al Minkler, Rob Jackson, Dan Allen, Connie Dewey & Lana Pratt.

Discussion on water superintendent is resigning due to medical reasons. Clerk stated he would be just nine days shy of earning his week of vacation. Allen/Dewey moved to allow Jon Hauswirth to use his vacation time. Clerk has already sent an ad to paper and Iowa workforce.

Council reviewed the tree report from the DNR, several ash trees need attention, but at this time we cannot increase our tree budget.

Dewey/Allen moved to set clean up days for May 22nd and May 23rd. All Ayes.

Discussion on code enforcement officer. Mayor stated we need a job description. Pratt expressed we need someone ASAP.

Council discussed concerns with the current City Attorney. Mayor and council are not satisfied with the progress of some cases. Mayor stated that Mr. Stoebe had brought up good points in the past but his opinion that we need to change. Discussion among the council on the procedures.

Pratt/Dewey moved to terminate the agreement with Stoebe Law Office. All ayes. Clerk will start the RFQ process.

Nuisance abatements a few letters have been sent out and received.

Allen/Dewey moved to adjourn at 5:56pm. All ayes.

Mayor, Jim Pentico

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Angela Montag