

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, August 14, 2023  
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Pentico called the meeting to order at 5:30p.m at the community center. Mayor took roll call. Council present Lana Pratt, Connie Dewey, Dan Allen, Al Minkler & Rob Jackson.

Pratt/Jackson moved to approve consent agenda including bills, 7/10/23 minutes and building permit for Martin Milligan and Jim Hansen. All ayes.

De Sindergard gave treasurer's report. Allen/Pratt moved to approve treasurer's report. All ayes.

Minkler – talked to the deputy about the pool break in. There was nothing taken, or any damage done. So, no charges were made. Pratt has concerns about where to draw the line on what is punishable or not. Discussion on penalty for damage.

Clerk comments will try to take a mini vacation August 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor comments – Confusion on the Hwy 15 resurfacing project. Bid project in October, start of project will be next year. Grants for trail, we can do part of the marking, painting, and order signage.

Last meeting discussion on motorized scooters on walking trail. Mayor read park regulations.

Nuisance abatement process on the River Street has been done. Corrected the fine for another nuisance at the time would be around \$145,000 at \$750.00 a day each day the nuisance exists. At the last meeting the council set a policy and voted on it for the tree dump. Would like council to think about other ways. Discussion on a key check out system.

No utility reports.

Mary Allen – kids doing damage need more than a slap on the wrist, she also had concern with the tree dump, maybe opening it every weekend. Concerns with properties with junk, junk cars on property.

Where is the respect and pride for your community and neighbors.

Sheriff update. Keeping the law and order as best we can.

Maryjoe Litwiller gave information and update on the survey that went out earlier. Al Minkler discussed with Maryjoe the career academy. Mayor thanked Maryjoe.

Pratt/Allen moved to appoint De Sindergard as the alternate for Rolfe to the Pocahontas County Economic Develop Board. All ayes.

Mary Allen speaking for Barb Bennett – concerns about fireworks around 4<sup>th</sup> of July the weekend before and after 4<sup>th</sup> would like council to rethink. Council will have to have a workshop for any possible changes. Angie read email from Barb about her concerns with the tree dump. Discussion.

Minkler/Allen moved to open the tree dump every weekend Friday through Sunday. All ayes.

Council reviewed street report. Pratt/Minkler moved to approve resolution #710 FY22/23 street financial report. Ayes: Pratt, Dewey, Minkler, Jackson & Allen.

John Block has resigned from the city. Looking for a new water/wastewater operator. Discussion about advertising on Indeed. Discussion with qualifications and certifications, pay could be up to 25.00 an hour within a year.

Tony Higgins – mayor stated Tony is a valuable asset. He has been working hard with the overturn of a second full time public works employee. Discussed moving Tony to \$30.00 an hour. Allen/Jackson moved to approve Resolution #711 approving wages for Tony Higgins. Ayes: Lana Pratt, Connie Dewey, Dan Allen, Rob Jackson & Al Minkler.

Water tower – temporary tanks are here, discussed the costs of changing the logo. \$6,000.00 for block lettering, \$12,000 for the Welcome to Rolfe Sign Logo. Water tower is the first thing that visitors to towns usually look for. Jackson/Pratt moved to approve the \$12,000 Welcome to Rolfe logo and to paint the belly red and to use the Gambling grant money to help offset the costs. Ayes: Pratt, Dewey, Allen & Jackson. Nays: Minkler motion passed.

807 Elm Street – to avoid LLC buying property on tax sale, and just being sold to other LLC's. Mayor suggested that the city might be able to do it. Discussion on houses, Pratt concerned people abandoning

houses and leaving for the city to deal with. Discussion on other houses. Do we want to start moving forward. Allen/Jackson moved to go forward with trying to acquire the house at 807 Elm Street. Dewey left the meeting at 6:48pm. Ayes: Allen, Jackson, Minkler & Pratt. Motion carried. Nuisance abatements. – Mayor gave update on current nuisance and municipal infractions. Discussed a consent decree with 401 Oak Street. Allen/Pratt moved to adjourn at 7:05pm. All ayes.

Mayor, Jim Pentico

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Angela Montag