

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, July 10, 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. Allen/moved to approve consent agenda, discussion. Allen rescinded the motion. Minkler/Jackson moved to approve consent agenda amending to remove employee review, 6/12/23 minutes and bills. All ayes. Received building permit from Windstream for replacing cable that was damaged. Pratt/Minkler moved to approve building permit. All ayes.

De Sindergard gave treasurer's report for June 2023. Dewey/Jackson moved to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes.

Council Comments – Minkler inquired that our truck drivers are asking for electrical hook up at truck parking. Wanted an update wit kids that broke into pool, mayor has deputy looking into it. Asked about incident with electric scooters on trail around pond. He also publicly apologized for the cow for cowpie bingo that may have disturbed people during the night while it was at his house.

Lana – wants consequences for the kids that broke into the pool.

Connie – asked about the radar signs, Mayor stated they are at the city shed, she asked about holding her other comment until the end of the meeting, Mayor approved.

Mayor comments – Stated the Hwy 15 project is postponed until next year. Informed everyone we need to work on budgets, revenues are becoming less as expenses go up, need to look at things we may not be able to maintain. The water tower project will be in August. Somebody inquired why the speed limit sign changed on Walnut street, mayor stated the sign has not changed. There will be no court tomorrow, has been rescheduled to next month.

City Clerk comments – Clerk stated if everyone can chip in for the flower fund it is depleted. She stated Candidate filing begins Monday August 28<sup>th</sup> and concludes on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5pm to the auditor's office. Candidates need ten signatures. Nominations papers must be filled out prior to getting signatures, if the top is not filled out the auditor will not accept them. Clerk will be at Academy July 26<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>. No utility reports.

Citizen comments – Michelle Bonstetter also concerned about scooters on the trail. Michelle had a question on the water tower project. Asked about rumor that pool won't be open next year. If it closes there will be a lot of kids in town that won't have anything to do. Mayor answered her concerns.

Janice Morey her property at locust street we have had broken windows, also kids riding ATV's on her private property.

No sheriff update.

Collin Klingbeil from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates gave the general process on the county drainage district project that will be coming up that runs through Rolfe. Explained repair or improvements to the system and answered questions. Mayor thanked Collin for coming.

Pratt/Dewey moved to approve liquor license for Sunnybrook on Main. All ayes.

Mayor gave an update that the audit was finished can be viewed at the state auditor's website, copies can be requested.

Clerk explained an old checking account from what she researched was from the 1985 housing rehab project. Expenses were paid out of the economic development fund; this was one of the items the auditors wanted to be corrected. Pratt/Dewey moved to close the account and move the funds in the amount of \$2047.39 into the economic development fund. All ayes.

The auditors also wanted the city to implement a credit card policy. Clerk created a policy. Pratt/Dewey moved to approve resolution #709 a resolution to approve credit card policy. Ayes: Minkler, Jackson, Allen, Dewy & Pratt.

Clerk sent our six RFP to CPA firms for the next audit. One responded they couldn't fit the city in to

the schedule, and one replied with a proposal and agreement. TP Anderson & Co. signed agreement for three years, in the amounts of \$5000, 5250, & 5500. Pratt/Allen moved to sign the three-year agreement with TP Anderson & Co. for future audits. All ayes.

Mayor gave information on extra garbage, we have clean up days two times a year, and 2 weeks after people were still putting large items out without stickers. Discussion on raising extra garbage fees. Discussion, no action taken.

Water tower work delayed until August, will paint the color white.

Mayor stated the tree dump was for branches, yard, and garden waste, it is not for dumping garbage, lumber, dirt etc. Tree dump used to be locked up, need to start doing that again. Discussion, Sarah Ives asked if going to be locked if a key could be placed at a location that can be checked out during the weekends. Pratt/Allen moved to lock the tree dump. Ayes: Allen, Dewey, Jackson, Pratt & Minkler.

Discussion. Minkler/Pratt moved to open the tree dump the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month. All ayes. Reminder please do not drag branches and trees down the street, this damages the streets.

Nuisance abatements – Mayor sent out letters last week, more are coming. Attorney court decree for Jennifer Jones, & Charlie McElroy is still in effect, fines are close to around \$30,000. Mayor will contact a clean up company if they will clean it up or go back to court and have the property turned over to the city.

Connie Dewey continued her comments from earlier. She asked about the Paulton building permit, why we went to court, Mayor explained the circumstances of the ordinances not being followed.

Connie expressed her concerns about treatment of nuisances fairly. There was an intense and sometimes angry discussion between council. Mayor called to stop all discussion.

Jackson/Dewey moved to adjourn at 6:55pm

Jim Pentico, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Montag, City Clerk