

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting  
Monday, December 11, 2023  
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

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

City Clerk gave the oath of office to Mayor Jim Pentico, Council Members Lana Pratt, and Robert Jackson.

Pratt/Jackson moved to approve the agenda, 11/13/23 & 11/27/23 minutes. All ayes.

Allen/Pratt moved to approve building permit for Jacob Simmons. All ayes.

De Sindergard gave treasurer's report for October and November 2023. Allen/Pratt moved to approve the treasurer's report. All ayes.

Council comments - Allen curious about the fence on Broad Street, Mayor will talk with owner.

City clerk comments - Flower fund is depleted again. Loan for the Street/Water/Sewer project is paid off.

Mayor comments – waiting to hear back from contractor on taking the building down. Still looking into the state code on licensed plumber.

No utility reports or citizen comments. We had a complaint of a resident who had a very large fire at 5am. Mayor will talk to resident.

Sheriff Larson gave update, everything going smooth.

Dan Bennett with Bennett Sanitation gave information about his sanitation and contracting with the City of Rolfe. Went over fees, everybody would have to have a 96-gallon dumpster, the days if pick up, if city contracts with them a start date of May 1<sup>st</sup> or June 1<sup>st</sup> by 2024. More discussion.

Mayor tabled garbage to go to our public hearing. Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:18pm for the amendment no. 1 to the Rolfe Urban Revitalization Plan for the Rolfe Urban Revitalization Area.

With zero written or oral objections the Mayor closed the public hearing at 6:19pm. Allen/Pratt moved to approve Resolution #715 a resolution adopting amendment no. 1 to the Rolfe Urban Revitalization Plan. Ayes: Lana Pratt, Dan Allen, Rob Jackson and Al Minkler, absent Connie Dewey.

Garbage contract discussion continued. Pratt/Allen moved to contract with Bennett Sanitation to begin May 1, 2023. All ayes.

Tony Higgins gave information on software to put our GIS maps on I Pads so they can be with them in the field to locate gas, water, and other utilities. Discussion on cost, need. Allen/Jackson moved to go forward with the GIS I pad technology system contract. All ayes.

Council reviewed renewal of health insurance plan and other plans. Allen/Pratt moved to renew the current health care plan. All ayes.

Mayor gave update on Economic development meeting on a 28E agreement for code enforcement officer. Discussion on costs, other towns in county interested. Allen/Pratt moved to approve going forward with the code enforcement officer. All ayes.

UDMO asking for yearly contribution, they provided services for 234 households of Rolfe. Pratt/Allen moved to approve a contribution of \$1000.00 to UDMO. All ayes.

Clean Energy Districts of Iowa (CEDI) us inviting Alliant communities to oppose the electric rate increases and pass a resolution and Memorandum of Agreement. Discussion on residential rates going up 61.3%, commercial 48.9% and industrial 31.6%. Pratt/Jackson moved to approve Resolution #716, a resolution opposing Alliant Energy's Electric Rate Increase. All ayes. Pratt/Jackson moved to approve and sign the Memorandum Agreement between the City of Rolfe and CEDI. All ayes.

Mayor gave update on nuisance abatements, there is a court order to remove buses from a property.

Employee annual review, employees requested a closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1)(i).

Pratt/Allen moved to go into closed session at 6:50pm. All ayes. Pratt Allen moved to go back into open session at 7:08pm. Discussion on US CPI, Midwest CPI. Allen/Pratt moved to increase wages by

3.2%. All ayes.

Pratt/Minkler moved to approve Resolution #717, a resolution approving the wage, salaries and benefits for the year commencing January 1, 2024. Ayes: Dan Allen, Rob Jackson, Al Minkler & Lana Pratt.

Allen/ Jackson moved to adjourn at 7:12pm. All ayes.

Mayor, Jim Pentico

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Angela Montag