

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting
Monday, March 11, 2024
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, Rob Jackson & Dan Allen, absent Conney Dewey and Al Minkler. Pratt/Jackson moved to approve consent agenda including agenda, bills, and 2/12/24 & 2/21/24 minutes.

Council reviewed building permit for Jeffery Sauter. Allen/Jackson moved to approve building permits. All ayes.

No treasurer's report. Council Comments – Pratt stated concerns from citizens that we are being charged more than what other cities are paying for police protection. Would like more patrolling than sitting at the park. Jackson why recycling wasn't being picked up correctly.

Mayor comments – garbage truck needs to be repaired at the beginning of April; Perry will be attending gas boot camp so might need some help with garbage if anyone wants to volunteer. Results back on the gym for the asbestos testing. Waiting for the estimate for removal.

No citizen comments. Utility reports – Perry stated that the generator at water plant needs to be repaired.

Complaints forms – Received complaint from 606 Oak St on loud/annoying goats at 607 Locust St, received complaint from 207 Oak Street about trailers, dog fence, weeds, barking dogs at 304 Oak Street and clean up needs to be done at 206 Locust Street and empty lot at 505 Lincoln Street.

Received complaint from 205 Oak Street that clean up on junk, weeds, dogs barking at 304 Oak, 204 Locust, 206 Locust and 505 Lincoln Streets.

New Business- Sheriff Nelson gave sheriff's report, everything is going smoothly.

No pool committee update.

Mayor read the Keep Rolfe Beautiful Proclamation for Rolfe Hometown Pride designating April as Keep Rolfe/Iowa Beautiful month.

Mayor read the park and rec board minutes with the update from the pool committee, that their first goal is to raise funds for new pump and sand filter.

Water plant generator inspection revealed its controller is faded and battery needs to be replaced. Costs for repairs are \$3,651.57. Allen/Jackson moved to accept the bid for \$3,651.57 to repair the water plant generator. All Ayes.

Payloader warranty expires in April. Extended warranty would consist of 60-month 2500 hours to 84 months 5000 hours for power train & hydraulics. Allen/Jackson moved to extend the warranty for the payloader in the amount of \$1,850.00. All ayes.

Discussion on Perry's wages. When council passed the cost-of-living wages resolution, Perry was ineligible. When did his 90-day review, the resolution did not state a start date. Pratt/Allen moved to amend resolution 718 with a January 1, 2024, commencing date. Ayes: Pratt, Allen & Jackson. Absent: Dewey, and Minkler.

Allen/Jackson moved to set the public hearing for the Proposed Property Tax Levy for April 8th, 2024, at 5:00pm in the community center. All ayes.

The house and garage have been removed at 202 Grant Street; Mayor was approached about what was going to be done with the lot. Do we want to sell, keep, etc. Discussion. Pratt/Jackson moved to start the process of selling the property. All ayes.

Allen/Pratt moved to approve Resolution #720 a resolution proposing the sale of real property in the city of Rolfe, Parcel – East 66' of Cedar Street Between Blks 5 & 6 First Addition, Pocahontas County, Iowa. Ayes: Pratt, Jackson & Allen. Absent: Dewey and Minkler. Carried.

Nuisance Abatements – City of Merville person that does the nuisance abatements and other cities through a 28E agreement was waiting for his council to approve taking on Rolfe. While the city was

waiting, a deputy sheriff that is going part time was asked by mayor if he was interested in taking this on for the City of Rolfe. Discussion. Pratt wants this to move forward as soon as possible. Movable employee suggested adopting the international building and property management code. Mayor also updated council that the DNR reimbursement for the derelict building program, our building did not meet the requirements for the reimbursement. Also state the benches are garbage receptacle at the RAMS Center have been moved to the Gazebo. Allen stated he is excited about getting a code enforcement officer for the nuisances. Allen/Pratt moved to adjourn at 6:10pm.

Mayor, Jim Pentico

ATTEST:
City Clerk, Angela Montag