

Rolfe Regular Council Meeting/Public Hearing  
Monday, April 8, 2024  
Rolfe Community Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Jim Pentico called the meeting to order at 5:33p.m at the community center. Mayor took roll call. Council present Lana Pratt, Rob Jackson, Conney Dewey and Al Minkler.

Jackson/Dewey moved to approve consent agenda including agenda, bills, and 3/11/24 minutes.

De Sindergard gave treasure's report for February and March 2024. Dewey/Jackson moved to approve treasurer's report. All ayes.

Council comments – Jackson stated horses keep getting out, also house at end of Grant street may have chickens. Allen discussed with council setting fees for vacant houses that have meters hooked up to them. Dewey asked about the old grocery store.

City clerk will be gone to IMFOA April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor comments – contacted the IDOT status on Hwy 15 project, bid letting will be the 18<sup>th</sup> of June, project will go forward regardless of the railroad. IDOT will take down the trees in the ROW that are dead or dying. Mayor described a housing plan Poky Economic Development is moving forward with called Make my move. Moving people that want to relocate to smaller towns that work from home. Each city needs to produce an incentive package.

No utility reports, citizen comments or complaint forms.

Sheriff report – everything is going smoothly, no comments.

Allen/Jackson moved to set public hearing for the budget adoption for April 22, 2024, at 5:30pm. All ayes.

Jackson/Dewey moved to approve Resolution #721 a resolution to approve an Administrative Policy. Ayes: Pratt, Dewey, Allen, Jackson & Minkler. Carried.

No representative for special animal permit here at this time.

Higgins gave quotes on repairing Garfield street from 4-way to Railroad street. Asphalt leveling & chip seal for \$34,851.60 or place 3" asphalt overlay, and mill transitions for \$66,928.60. Allen/Pratt moved to approve first quote of \$34,851.60. All ayes.

Sarah McFarland addressed council for permission to have 4 khaki Campbell ducks. Discussed cleaning, location, etc. Dewey/Minkler moved to approve the 4 ducks for McFarland. All ayes.

Mayor opened the public hearing at 6:00pm for the sale of the East 66' of the gravel portion of Cedar St. With no oral or written concerns or questions the mayor closed the public hearing at 6:03pm.

Mayor opened the one bid from Joseph & Kimberly Ramaekers in the amount of \$300.00. He is going to continue using it as driveway entrance and will keep it mowed and clean. The City of Rolfe will have full access to the property for maintenance issues, the city will no longer need to maintain the gravel on the property. Dewey/Allen moved to approve Resolution #722 a resolution authorizing the execution of a quit claim deed between Joseph & Kimberly Ramaekers for the purchase of the East 66' of Cedar Street Between Blks 5 & 6 first addition, Pocahontas County. Ayes: Pratt, Dewey, Allen, Jackson & Minkler. Carried.

Sidewalk that runs parallel along the south side of Walnut Street between Garfield Street and Des Moines Ave is in disrepair and should just be removed. There is a sidewalk on north side for a safe walkway. Dewey/Pratt approved to remove the sidewalk and backfill with gravel. All ayes.

Council reviewed the report from the IDNR from the sanitary survey inspection of the Rolfe water supply. There are no deficiencies to report based at the time of survey. There was recommendation for developing a source water protection plan. Fire hydrant sizes. Higgins will work on the recommendations. Report can be viewed at city hall.

Moved the recycling containers to behind city hall, when they were resurfacing the lots, there was interest in keeping them behind city hall. Pratt/Dewey moved to relocate recycling trailers permanently to behind city hall. All ayes.

City clean up days are set for Maay 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Roll off dumpsters will be placed at a centralized area for people to place their items. If you are unable to haul your items to the dumpsters contact city hall for assistance. Dewey asked if council members or anyone will help with yard cleanup if she gets permission from homeowner. Mayor also stated to contact Lion's Club for help.

Perry has passed his natural gas certification, so he is eligible for \$1.00 raise for certification. Pratt/Minkler moved to approve Resolution #723 to approve wage for James Perry commencing on April 5, 2024. Ayes: Al Minkler, Rob Jackson, Dan Allen, Connie Dewey & Lana Pratt. Carried.

Received letter from property owner that received a nuisance abatement asking for extension to clean up property by a church organization that will eventually give to a family in need.

Received proposal for the asbestos removal for the RAMS event center. There are no funds for this.

City could do a GO bond cannot do a revenue bond, since there is no revenue coming in for this. More discussion on funding and cost of removal for asbestos and building. Dewey/Allen moved to start the GO Bond process for the remediation. All ayes.

Mayor also stated there is a IDNR report on the tree pile, he hadn't out a proposed plan for the tree pile.

Allen/Pratt moved to go into closed session per under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(k) at 6:42pm. All ayes. Allen/Dewey moved to end close session at 7pm and go back into open session. All Ayes.

Dan/Lana moved to go into closed session at 6:42pm. All ayes.

Dan/Connie moved to end close session at 7pm and go back into open session. Al ayes.

Jackson/Dewy moved to adjourn at 7:03pm.

Jim Pentico, Mayor

ATTEST:

Angela Montag, City Clerk