

ROLFE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, April 14, 2025

The City Council of the City of Rolfe met on April 14, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the community center. Mayor Jim Pentico called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by roll call. Present were Clerk Henderson; Treasurer Sindergard; Council members Al Minkler, Rob Jackson, Dan Allen, Lana Pratt, and Aaron Cox; Utility employees Tony Higgins and James Perry; Fire Dept. officers; Sheriff Nelson; and several citizens.

Jackson/Allen, all ayes, approving the consent agenda including agenda, minutes from 3/10/25, 3/27/25 meetings, and bills. Motion carried. There were two building permits. Bob Sweet at 302 Locust St. applied to put up a steel shed in his yard. Pratt/Allen, all ayes. Gloria Leiva @ 204 Walnut St. would like to put up a wood fence. Pratt/Cox, all ayes. A special animal permit at 607 Locust St. was presented. After discussion, Cox motioned to approve, Minkler seconded. Allen, Pratt, Jackson all nays. Permit denied.

Treasurer Sindergard presented the February Treasurer's report. Jackson/Cox, all ayes. Clerk Henderson reported that the school bus stop is going to move east a block to the fire station until the road construction is completed. Mayor mentioned a few citizens have volunteered to mow some of the vacant City lots this summer. There are still a few needing spoken for if anyone would like to help. A contract for the removal of City ash trees is being drawn up and a request for bids will be advertised. Nothing to report from the City utility workers. There was one citizen complaint received regarding a barking dog. Since the initial complaint was submitted, this has since seized. Citizens' comments included Sarah Munson asking residents to be better; Jeanne Thormodson questioned the funds being spent on nuisance abatement legal fees; and Gerald Chappell stated his cars are his hobby, which are his pursuit of happiness.

Sheriff Nelson reported no issues. Bill Kemna presented the fire department's figures for purchasing a new fire truck. Cox/Pratt, all ayes to move forward looking into different financing options. City clean-up days have been set for May 12-13. A roll off dumpster will be brought in and placed east of the fire station at the city shop. This will be a monitored site. Cox/Allen, all ayes. Mayor proclaimed April as Keep Rolfe Beautiful Month.

A resolution to approve a wage increase of \$1.00/hour for James Perry due to completing his Lagoon Grade 1 certification was approved by Allen/Cox, roll call Pratt, Cox, Allen, Minkler, all ayes with Jackson excusing himself from the vote. Municipal Maintenance Services contract will be terminated April 30, 2025, due to Perry being able to sign the wastewater affidavits. Council gave permission for the homeowner to remove the sidewalk at Railroad and Grant St., at their expense. Allen/Jackson, all ayes. Henderson asked the Council for permission to schedule an annual audit. Last time anything was done was as an exam. Cox/Allen, all ayes.

Mayor reported that the IDOT has contacted the city informing two speed signs will be placed on the north and south sides of the city limits with no initial expense to the city.

Once these are installed, the city will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance. PAC summer lunch program will be delivered to Rolfe two days a week. Permission was granted for the community center to be the sack lunch pick-up location. Cox/Pratt, all ayes, to have all website updates done in City Hall. City has 1,000 lbs. of dirty brass that needs scrapped. Pratt/Allen, all ayes, to accept sealed bids for the job with the intentions of next steps being listed. Old lift station motors and pumps will be sold as is with the intentions of next steps being listed. Cox/Allen, all ayes.

A public hearing has been set for April 28, 2025, 5:30 pm at the Rolfe community center to increase gas rates. Cox/Pratt, roll call vote Pratt, Cox, Allen, Jackson, Minkler, all ayes. Another public hearing has been set for April 28, 2025, 5:30 pm at the Rolfe community center to approve the FY26 budget. Pratt/Allen, roll call Pratt, Cox, Allen, Jackson, Minkler, all ayes. Approximately seven old garbage dumpsters are irreparable and will need to be scrapped. Allen/Cox, all ayes, giving Mayor permission to talk to some scrappers. A resolution was approved by Allen/Jackson, roll call Pratt, Cox, Allen, Jackson, Minkler, all ayes, to approve the public records request policy.

City's old garbage carts are available to purchase for \$25.00 each, reminding everyone that these cannot be used for weekly trash pick-up. Mayor again mentioned having volunteers mow the City's vacant lots. Some signs around town will be replaced soon due to fading. Nuisance abatement court is scheduled for next week. At 6:58 pm Cox/Allen, roll call Pratt, Cox, Allen, Jackson, Minkler, all ayes to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) for an employee review.

At 7:15 pm Cox/Allen, roll call Pratt, Cox, Allen, Jackson, Minkler, all ayes to exit closed session and open the meeting back up to the public. Pratt/Allen, roll call Pratt, Cox, Allen, Jackson, Minkler, all ayes to increase Clerk Henderson's earned vacation accrual necessary to accumulate two weeks of vacation per year. She expressed this was favorable to her in place of an hourly pay raise.

Allen/Cox moved to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. All ayes.

#### Pd prior to meeting

Payroll	Net payroll Mar 21, 2025	6,089.34
Dept Treasury	Fed/Fica	1,742.73
IPERS	IPERS	2,467.51
Treas St IA	State Tax-March	352.87
Wellmark	Ins	1,154.03
Delta Dental	Ins	141.84
Payroll	Net payroll April 4, 2025	6,388.09
Dept Treasury	Fed/Fica	1,759.12
Treas St IA	State Tax-March	352.87
Wellmark	Ins	1,154.03
Treas St IA	Sales Tax-March	1,337.24
Treas St IA	WET Tax-March	536.73

CITY BILLS:

Pd prior to meeting

Alliant	Electric	55.21
Aureon	Phone	133.49
Book Systems	Library	1,044.00
Brandhoij Const.	Nuisance	1,589.33
Central Tax Exempt	Payoff	45,815.30
Foundation Labs	Labs	16.50
Hawkins	Chemicals	350.76
J Behrendsen	Hire	137.40
Johnson, Mullholland	Legal	4,478.03
Office Elements	Paper	48.95
Petty Cash	Library	187.86
Petty Cash	City Hall	177.58
Poca Co IT	Website	30.00
Post Office	Stamps	292.00
Post Office	Bills	71.51
Reader's Digest	2 Yrs	29.96
S. Sindt	Mileage	168.00
Speer Financial	GO Bond	4,500.00
Toyne	Fire Dept	77.81
USDI	Gas	1,140.00
Wellmark	Ins	2,579.44
Windstream	Phone	34.83

CITY BILLS:

Ahlers Cooney	GO Bond	1,253.79
Airgas	Med Gases	576.69
Alliant	Electric	3,597.31
Aureon	Phones	157.56
B. Ives	Reimburse	152.16
Bennett Sanitation	March	6,422.00
Bjornsen	Pond	399.74
City of Merville	Code Enforce	1,027.70
Dakota Supply	Repair	249.13
Electronic Specialties	Ambulance	409.30
Energy Economics	Gas Indexes	1,401.91
Force America	Sweeper	32.55
Foundation Labs	Lab	24.00
Hawkins	Chemicals	562.97
IAMU	Safety	407.00
J. Behrendsen	Hire	211.05
Johnson, Mullholland	Legal	5,954.64
K&W Elec	Water Plant	380.00
Kerns Ent	Lights	60.33
Martin Marietta	Rock	909.28
Municipal Maint	March	500.00
NW Comm	Phone	171.52

Poca Co Sheriff	28E	5,500.00
Poca Co Solid Waste	Contract	2,811.22
Poca Equipment	Parts	53.28
Pro Coop	Fuel	842.24
Record Democrat	Publishing	121.97
Rolfe Auto	Supplies	212.87
Rolfe Heartland	Fuel	439.33
Saturn Exteriors	Downspouts	437.55
S Munson	Website	60.00
S. Sindt	Fire Dept	268.80
UnityPoint	Ambulance	220.78
US Cellular	Phones	182.87
VISA	Supplies	44.94
Visual Edge IT	Copies	17.15
Western IA Tech	Fire Dept	260.00

	Revenue	Expense
General	22,384.42	55,647.62
Library	44.49	0.00
Road Use	4,623.32	1,992.48
Emp Benefits	1,242.89	6,944.19
LOST	5,519.09	0.00
Debt Service	634.51	0.00
Water	10,897.16	58,351.22
Sewer	10,548.90	3,096.97
Gas	48,684.02	37,472.14
Garbage	9,440.43	9,481.76
Recycling	1,084.56	427.88
Storm Water	1,100.00	63.12
	\$116,203.79	\$173,477.38

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Jim Pentico, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brandi Henderson, City Clerk