**Minutes of the Roland City Council**

**Regular Session**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

Note:  The following are unofficial until they are approved by the City Council at the next council meeting.

The Roland City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, June 16, 2021.  The meeting was held at 6:00 pm at the Roland Community Center with Mayor Andy Webb presiding. Council members present at roll call: Jerry Balmer, Riley Larson via Zoom, Russ Neely, and Kailah Schmitz.  Absent: Malissa Grimsley. Staff present were City Clerk Jodi Meredith, Public Works Director Nathan Hovick, Assistant Public Works Director Dalton Johnston, 3 visitors from the public in person, and 2 visitors from the public via Zoom.

It was moved by Neely and seconded by Schmitz to approve the consent agenda which included Agenda, Minutes from the June 2, 2021 Council Meeting, and Claims for June 16, 2021 in the amount of $53,765.26.  All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Inpu**t: Deputy Christian had nothing to report from the Sheriff’s Office. With the bridge open, speeding on W. Maple is already an issue again. Can the speed trailer be placed westbound on W. Maple and extra patrolling in the area? An email will be sent out. Mayor Webb asked if he would be able to attend a 150th meeting, he will try to.

Department Head’s Reports were as follows:

**Public Works Director:** The bridge on W. Maple is open to traffic, seeding will not be done until fall. There have been many fecal incidents in the pool during the first two weeks of being open, reminder to parents to take their kids to the bathroom to avoid incidents in the pool. There are 11 uncontrolled intersections in town and 3 yield, could those be changed to stop signs. Consensus of the council is to update the Ordinance to have these be stop signs. CM Balmer asked if the drought is causing water supply concerns, it is for water supplies in the State but not Roland at this time. The offer for the Logan St. lot was denied and is under contract with another buyer, if a deal can’t be reached with the new owner can other routes along houses be looked into to gauge interest? That is fine, make sure they understand that this is a long-term project. Letters of support for a pedestrian bridge have been coming in to support possible grants.

**City Clerk**: Nothing to report.

Nick Sorenson was not able to make it but had emailed the Mayor copies of potential grants.

A motion was made by Schmitz and seconded by Balmer to approve Resolution 21-18: Resolution To Increase The Employees Pay using the 1.5% cost of living. Aye: Neely, Schmitz, Balmer, Larson. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Schmitz and seconded by Balmer to approve Resolution 21-19: Resolution Temporarily Closing A Portion Of Parking On N Main Street Chasin Tails Fun Run. Aye: Schmitz, Balmer, Neely, Larson. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neely and seconded by Schmitz to approve Resolution 21-20: Resolution Directing The City Clerk To File Lien For Collection Of Utility Bill And Nuisance Abatement. Aye: Neely, Larson, Schmitz, Balmer. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Balmer and seconded by Neely to approve Resolution 21-21: Resolution Temporarily Closing Parking And Road Travel Around Roland Iowa On July 3, 2021. Aye: Balmer, Larson, Neely, Schmitz. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Neely and seconded by Schmitz to formally decline the offer from Rita Crow of 113 N Linn St to donate to the City of Roland. All were in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Balmer and seconded by Schmitz to approve the Mayor’s Proclamation for Gary Thompson. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Balmer and seconded by Neely to approve the Mayor’s Proclamation for Kerry Van Winkle. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Neely and seconded by Schmitz to deny the request for sewer reduction from Pat Walsh. All were in favor, motion carried. Further discussion involved past reductions have been for accidental use, mechanical failure, and watering sod at a new house. Options for something like a rentable meter for watering trees will continue to be looked at.

**Mayor/Council Comments:** Mayor Webb asked about the old bank building having the water valve repaired. The customer did not pay their utility bill on time and the shut off didn’t operate, they were told that if they didn’t pay on time again that it would be repaired at their cost. They didn’t pay on time again, so the repair was made and bill sent to the customer.

CM Larson just replaced his sidewalk with the required 5 foot wide sidewalk. He believes that there are a lot of places in town where 5 feet will not fit and would like to discuss sidewalks at a future meeting.

**Public Input:** Peg Cole asked if it would be ok to have edging done along the basketball court by the pool, it was suggested that she go to the park board and ask their thoughts.

With no further business at this time, Balmer moved for adjournment of the meeting at 7:04 pm seconded by Neely.  All in favor, motion carried.  The next regular scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Roland Community Center.

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Andy Webb, Mayor Jodi Meredith, City Clerk