**Minutes of the Roland City Council**

**Regular Session**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

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, May 4, 2022.  The meeting was held at 6:00 pm at the Roland Community Center with Mayor Pro-Tem Russ Neely presiding. Council members present at roll call: Amy Knoll, Chance McDonald, Russ Neely and Kailah Schmitz.  Absent: Riley Larson. Staff present were City Clerk Jodi Meredith, Public Works Director Nathan Hovick, Public Works Assistant Director Dalton Johnston, 8 visitors from the public.

It was moved by Schmitz and seconded by Knoll to approve the consent agenda which included Agenda, Minutes from the April 20, 2022 Council Meeting, and Claims for May 4, 2022 in the amount of $37,303.45.  All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Inpu**t: Loren Tjernagle of RADC believes that the first two things on the objectives/goals is ridiculous and is upset that the ISU class never contacted RADC. He brought up to the council that the past council turned down a developer putting duplexes up and they have since put them up in Baxter, Story City, and in Minnesota. There was an agreement with Ron Frandsen to sell land for residential, but now developers are not interested in coming to Roland because of the council turning down the duplexes. He also handed out a paper for the council to review of why he and RADC think that Dollar General would be good for Roland.

Deputy Schroeder from the Sherriff’s Office shared that there have been car burglaries in the Gilbert area and encourages people to lock their vehicles and remove the keys from them. There are new deputies going through training, but there has also been one quit and another leaving soon.

Department Head’s Reports were as follows:

**Public Works Director:** Staff has been attending trainings and safety group meetings. The pool needs to have some warrantee paint work done before too much season prep work can be done.

**City Clerk**: There were more shutoffs than typical this month and a few residents were unhappy about the disconnects.

There was a discussion about the changes that the council would like to see in the draft objectives and goals that Iowa State came up with for the comprehensive plan. The instructor will be sent the changes and the class should have a final version to present to the council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Neely made a proclamation for Economic Development Week.

The council would like to get a policy in place for if threats are made against City employees by residents or contractors so that there is a procedure to follow. In the meantime, the council will support whatever contractor the Public Works Director feels comfortable with hiring.

**Mayor/Council Comments:** CM McDonald asked if anything needed to be figured out with the community center building or if they are just waiting.

The council discussed the conditions of all the N. Main St. buildings and about the meeting that they had with the owners. They would like to continue having these discussions and will also look into having a private contractor build a building that the City could move into and then potentially give the developer the old lot to put another building on.

**Public Input:** none.

With no further business at this time, Schmitz moved for adjournment of the meeting at 7:18 pm seconded by McDonald.  All in favor, motion carried.  The next regular scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Roland Community Center.

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Russ Neely, Mayor Pro-Tem Jodi Meredith, City Clerk