**Minutes of the Roland City Council**

**Regular Session**

**Wednesday, September 7, 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, September 7, 2022.  The meeting was held at 6:00 pm at the Roland Community Center with Mayor Andy Webb presiding. Council members present at roll call: Amy Knoll, Riley Larson, Chance McDonald, and Russ Neely.  Absent: Kailah Schmitz. Staff present were City Clerk Jodi Meredith, Public Works Director Nathan Hovick, Public Works Assistant Director Dalton Johnston, 25 visitors from the public.

It was moved by McDonald and seconded by Knoll to approve the consent agenda which included Agenda, Minutes from the August 17, 2022 Council Meeting, Minutes from the August 24, 2022 Council Work Session, Claims for September 7, 2022 in the amount of $22,392.86, and Class C Liquor License Application #167681 for 207 N Main Street.  All in favor, motion carried.

**Public Inpu**t: Kevin Ruby of 233 Ryan Cr. reiterated the written and verbal comments that he had made last year against Dollar General as a store and the proposed location east of Ryan Cr. He also discussed how the location doesn’t match the comprehensive plan created by ISU, the survey showed that respondents were opposed to discount retail in Roland and 66% of the respondents were against the proposed location.

Jodi Meredith suggested that more comments on the topic be discussed during the agenda item.

Department Head’s Reports were as follows:

**Public Works Director:** Tree planting will begin next week. The dead trees at Erickson Park will still be taken down.

**City Clerk**: There is a utility account that has a credit of $1,618.85, they have an auto pay that adds to the credit weekly and have been sent a letter asking to pause them to use the credit with no response. What would the council like to do? Mayor Webb will reach out to them.

The Mayor and Council took a picture with the Board of Supervisors accepting a check for the $1,000,000.00 ARPA grant that staff secured for the City of Roland for Water Main Looping and Storm Sewer Upgrades.

There was discussion about the August 24, 2022 work session. Greg Piklapp will reach out to the Library Foundation to see if there is an opportunity for the City to purchase the lot north of the fire station to be used for a new City Hall/Community Center/Fire Station. Dollar General is still interested in building east of Roland and is wanting an answer from the council, this is the only location that Dollar General is willing to consider. If the council annexes the property and includes it as part of a new blighted urban renewal area the property tax burden would be lowered by an estimated $.42/thousand. Several residents spoke about their concerns with Dollar General as a store and the proposed location. The Urban Renewal Area and City Hall/Community Center/Fire Station Project weren’t discussed because of the council not giving an indication or voting on annexing for Dollar General.

Greg Piklapp discussed the Reap Grant submitted by Dalton Johnston.

Greg Piklapp discussed the Rural Enrichment Grant submitted by Jodi Meredith.

A motion was made by Neely and seconded by McDonald to approve the Mayor’s appointment of Jarred Kepley to Planning & Zoning for a 5 year term.

A motion was made by Neely and seconded by McDonald to approve Resolution No. 20-18 Resolution To Approve the Urban Renewal Report FY22. Aye: Larson, McDonald, Neely, Knoll. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by McDonald and seconded by Neely to approve Resolution No. 20-19 Resolution To Approve the Iowa DOT Road Use Financial Report For FY22. Aye: Knoll, McDonald, Larson, Neely. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Knoll and seconded by McDonald to approve Resolution No. 20-20 Resolution To Approve Street Closing For Museum Fall Fundraiser. Aye: Neely, Knoll McDonald, Larson. Nay: none. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Knoll and seconded by Neely to acknowledge the Mayor’s Proclamation of National Clean Energy Week. All in favor, motion carried.

**Mayor/Council Comments:** Mayor Webb asked the council to listen to both sides, think carefully, evaluate, and review the comprehensive plan because there will be a big vote coming up regarding Dollar General. Consensus of the council is to allow the public to be able to speak on the topic again at the next meeting.

CM Neely asked if the right-of-way at the corner of Linn and Maple could be cleaned up as it is a site issue. Maintenance is the responsibility of the abutting property owner, so staff will clean it up so there is not a visibility concern and then send a letter reminding the owner that it is their responsibility.

CM Larson presented a building drawing he had Sukup put together. He encourages looking into designing the building ourselves to save money and looking into a steel building. He thinks that a farmer could put up a building like this for $500-600,000 without electrical, plumbing, or offices.

CM McDonald thanked Greg Piklapp and Chip Schultz for their time and information.

**Public Input:** none.

With no further business at this time, McDonald moved for adjournment of the meeting at 7:44 pm seconded by Larson.  All in favor, motion carried.  The next regular scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 6:00 pm at the Roland Community Center.

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Andy Webb, Mayor Jodi Meredith, City Clerk

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|  | **CLAIMS** |  |
|  | **GENERAL FUND** |  |
|  | **07-Sep-22** |  |
| **Fire** |  |  |
| Racom Corporation | Clips Maintenance | $ 3,360.00 |
| Alex Air | Cover | $ 305.81 |
|  | **Total Fire** | $ 3,665.81 |
| **EMS** |  |  |
| Racom Corporation | Celt Clips | $ 40.00 |
|  | **Total EMS** | $ 40.00 |
| **Garbage** |  |  |
| Stone Sanitation | Garbage | $ 6,994.25 |
|  | **Total Garbage** | $ 6,994.25 |
| **Library** |  |  |
| Baker & Taylor | Reading | $ 364.42 |
| Book System | Dues | $ 995.00 |
| Windstream | Telephone | $ 64.81 |
|  | **Total Library** | $ 1,424.23 |
| **Park** |  |  |
| Portable Pro | Portable Toilets | $ 80.00 |
| Availa Bank | Iowa Truck & Trailor | $ 108.82 |
|  | **Total Park** | $ 188.82 |
| **Pool** |  |  |
| ACME Tool | Tool | $ 42.97 |
| Conley Trucking | Supplies | $ 1,365.13 |
| Menards | Supplies | $ 47.18 |
| Windstream | Telephone | $ 71.85 |
|  | **Total Pool** | $ 1,527.13 |
| **Policy & Administration** |  |  |
| Availa | ACH Fee | $ 35.66 |
| Availa | Deluxe - Checks | $ 167.24 |
| Veenstra & Kimm | Building Permit | $ 172.00 |
| Windstream | Telephone | $ 196.49 |
|  | **Total Policy & Admin.** | $ 571.39 |
| **ROAD USE** |  |  |
| Barco | Supplies | $ 1,857.08 |
| Menards | Supplies | $ 677.24 |
| Productivity Plus | Backhoe Repair | $ 3,191.35 |
| Windstream | Telephone | $ 37.95 |
|  | **Total Road Use** | $ 5,763.62 |
| **Economic Development** |  |  |
| Availa Bank | Survey Monkey Dues | $ 407.04 |
| Availa Bank | Asurion | $ 176.55 |
|  | **Total EcDev** | $ 583.59 |
| **WATER** |  |  |
| AG Source | Testing | $ 225.50 |
| Availa Bank | ACH Fee | $ 35.66 |
| Availa Bank | Deluxe - checks | $ 167.24 |
| Menards | Supplies | $ 737.66 |
| Windsteram | Telephone | $ 52.55 |
|  | **TOTAL WATER** | $ 1,218.61 |
| **SEWER** |  |  |
| AG Source | Testing | $ 212.50 |
| Availa Bank | ACH Fee | $ 35.67 |
| Availa Bank | Deluxe - Checks | $ 167.24 |
|  | **TOTAL SEWER** | $ 415.41 |
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|  | **GRAND TOTAL** | **$ 22,392.86** |
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| **Revenue** |  |  |
| ARPA |  | $ 93,750.88 |
| Lost |  | $ 15,951.69 |
| Property Taxes |  | $ 67,240.85 |
| Road Use Tax |  | $ 13,895.84 |
| Water, Sewer, Garbage |  | $ 61,896.36 |
| Total Income |  | **$ 252,735.62** |