**Minutes of the Roland City Council**

**Worksession**

**Wednesday, August 24, 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 special session on Wednesday, August 24, 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, Russ Neely and Kailah Schmitz.  Absent: Chance McDonald. Staff present were City Clerk Jodi Meredith, Public Works Director Nathan Hovick, Public Works Assistant Director Dalton Johnston. 6 visitor from the public.

It was moved by Schmitz and seconded by Knoll to approve the agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Tara Goldsberry from Veenstra & Kimm engineering started the session off with an overview of how current situation for the City Hall/Community Center and Fire Station are. Tara discussed the possible plans for the City Hall/Community Center/Fire Station, these plans do not include demolishing buildings or design.

CM McDonald arrived 6:21 p.m.

Chip Schultz from Northland Securities presented the council with different scenarios of financing the project through creating a new Urban Renewal area for a TIF Blighted area for the downtown and surrounding land. Also, information on if a Dollar General were to be added to

this area what the benefits and down falls maybe.

Greg Pilklapp from Ames Chamber Commerce discussed the Comprehensive Plan and what changes could be made to it to include areas outside of the city limits. Greg has been talking with outside sources about development. The nuisance position with Story County is being worked on again. REAP grant has been submitted by Dalton and a Rural Enrichment Grant is being worked on for Erickson Park.

Caleb Knutson with MIPA (Mid-Iowa Planning Alliance) discussed meeting with the Planning and Zoning Board as well as the Board of Adjustment. Discussion on zoning within the city and variance.

To be added to the next regular agenda: Urban Renewal Area, Library Foundation, and Dollar General

**Mayor/Council Comments:**

Mayor and council thanked everyone for coming and presenting all the information.

With no further discussion at this time, Schmitz moved for adjournment of the meeting at 7:49 pm seconded by McDonald.  All in favor, motion carried.  The next regular scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 6:00 pm at the Roland Community Center.

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Andy Webb, Mayor Jodi Meredith, City Clerk