

ROLLA CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 AT 12:30 P.M.

Present: Mayor Kevin Juntunen, Councilpersons: Deanna Counts, Paul Frydenlund, Alex Albert, and Willie Fritz present. Member Rebecca Hodggers and Clarence Booth absent. Also present were staff and students at Mt. Pleasant School.

Mayor Kevin Juntunen called the meeting to order at 12:32 p.m at the Mt. Pleasant School.

Members and student body joined in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Juntunen then the purpose of the meeting today, which was to promote City Government Week recognized in North Dakota.

Two students were recognized as winners of the "If I were Mayor" Essay contest which students in the 3rd Grade and 7th Grade participated in. Freddy Decoteau, 3rd Grade winner and Braydon Walleette read the essays they had written and were recognized by the City Council.

Two groups of students then presented ideas for the City Council Consideration. The 7th grade students, Case Mitchell, Gia Sloan, Hailey Davis, Johnne Hanson, Tyson Haas and Ben McCloud submitted as request for installation of 5 Radar signs were at the entrances to the city, at an approximate cost of \$17,500, with recommendation to seek grant funds from NDDOT.

The Ag Class, consisting of Samantha Lagien, Kade Mitchell, Payne Wilkie, and Eric Good presented request for building an Outdoor Sports Complex, which could be a partnership between the school and city. The complex would consist of a hardcourt basketball court, sand volleyball area and tennis/pickleball hardcourt. The complex would encourage the community to be more active and exercise and draw people to the community. The area could be used by the school during recess, and the group proposed building on School property north of the current park by the school. The cost estimate was \$100,000-\$300,000, which could be split between the entities and look at grant opportunities through ND Parks and Recreation Department.

The City Council members discussed the proposals with the students and really liked both ideas and said they would continue discussions at the future City Council meetings.

On motion by Counts and unanimously approved the board adjourned at 1:00 PM.

ATTEST:

Kevin Juntunen, Mayor

Valerie McCloud, City Auditor