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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 1, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM via remote session by Mayor Dean with council members Dawn Hanafin, Rick Kline, Kyle Merkle, Brad Poindexter, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner and Matt Steffen. Greg Steffen was not present at roll call.

Included on the consent agenda were meeting minutes from February 15, 2021, Invoices from March 1, 2021 in the amount of \$59,839.31 and payroll for the period ending February 26, 2021 totaling \$45,230.21. The minutes were separated from the invoices and payroll as requested by Ron. Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kelly for approval of the February 15, 2021 Council minutes. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Greg Steffen joined the remote meeting.

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Greg for approval of the sale of 3.5 acres of the City-owned farm (PIN 30-28-100-004) to Mr. Joseph Poindexter for commercial/industrial use as previously submitted. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-

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abstain, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-no, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nay, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of separation agreement as proposed by Ms. Vicki Moreland. Ron stated that he would like for the matter to be tabled and discussed in executive session at the March 15, 2021 council meeting. Kyle and Matt agreed to change their motion to **table**. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion to table carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Greg to **decline** the offer for the purchase of Golden Centre properties (PINs 30-21-354-003, 30-21-354-006, 30-21-351-041, 30-21-351-042, 30-21-351-043, 30-21-351-044) from Mr. Don Sutton. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Kelly for approval of Axon VR Contract for Le Roy Police Department. (Taser Training Program). Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Dawn stated that she had been approached by a landowner in Crumbaugh Subdivision regarding the use of the City-owned property adjoining his property for a garden or portable shed. The Council was not opposed to allowing the property to be used for a garden.

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Kelly stated that she was involved in starting a garden group and launching a Le Roy Farmers Market to be held on Thursdays from 4 PM to 7 PM.

Kelly also mentioned her interest in the Council endorsing the "Home to Market" program which would allow individuals to sell goods made in their home's kitchen.

Mayor Dean stated that he was working with the Mc Lean County Health department to establish a Covid vaccine clinic in Le Roy. He had vaccinators and volunteers lined up to help with the program if approved.

Mayor Dean stated that the current meeting would be the last remote meeting. He also stated that as of March 15 water shut-offs for non-payment would resume as well as code enforcement. He asked for the Chairmen of the Building and Zoning and Economic Development Committees to call a joint meeting of the committees to discuss the City Code as it relates to Commercial enforcement.

Mayor Dean had previously supplied the Council members with the Ordinance outlining the City Administrator Position. He asked that they get him their requested changes within the next week.

Perry Mayer stated that the media had been replaced on two of the water plant softeners and the remaining two would follow. He said the water quality had already improved.

Perry also informed the Council that a letter from the EPA stated that all the requirements for the landfill closure had been met.

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Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Rick to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:39 PM. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

At 7:40 PM meeting was adjourned.

Vicki Moreland City Clerk, City of Le Roy