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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dean at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S. East Street with council members Dawn Hanafin, Rick Kline, Kyle Merkle, Brad Poindexter, Ron Legner, Matt Steffen and Greg Steffen present at roll call. Kelly Lay was absent.

Staff members present were Scott Bryant, Perry Mayer, Chief Williamson, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland. Also present were Justin Morfey, Sue Bratcher and Joe Poindexter.

Bill Clavey from Campus Communications Group introduced himself to the Council and asked if they were interested in receiving more information from his company regarding fiber. He stated they were currently doing business with Monticello, Downs, Mahomet and Mansfield.

Included on the consent agenda were meeting minutes from March 1, 2021, Invoices from March 15, 2021 in the amount of \$126,062.25 and payroll for the period ending March 12, 2021 in the amount of \$42,593.19. Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Kyle for approval of the consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motions carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Samantha reported for Dan that brush pickup would resume the first week in April.

Perry reported that there was one small section to complete in the softener rehab and the quality of the water had improved. He also stated

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that five contractors had attended the pre-bid for the water plant and a few had contacted to see the plant.

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Matt for approval of the Lease Agreement with Mr. Joseph Poindexter for 3.5 acres of City-owned parcel (PIN 30-28-100-004). Greg asked why the lease. Rick stated that the process was lengthy and Mr. Poindexter would like early possession. Ron asked what work would be done between now and the closing. Mr. Poindexter stated that he wanted early possession in order to obtain insurance and start dirt work and haul in rock. He does not plan on building until after the closing. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-abstain, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Brad for approval of 2021-2022 Cash Farm Lease with Mr. Klyle Rafferty. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Ordinance No. 21-03-01-80, An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of City-Owned Property (30-28-100-004 farm), was passed on a motion made by Kyle and seconded by Matt. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-abstain, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Ordinance No. 21-03-02-80, An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of City-Owned Surplus Real Estate (Pins 30-20-239-003 (607 N. Allen Street), 30-20-481-024 (Lots in Belvue Subdivision), and 30-21-303-004 (section of block 15 in 100 Block of North Chestnut Street) was passed on a motion made by Rick and seconded by Greg. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick

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Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Rick to **table** review of proposed 2021-2022 City of Le Roy Fiscal Year Budget with a suggestion of a Special Projects Committee meeting to be held Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6:00 PM ahead of the 6:30 PM Public Hearing. Roll call: Dawn Hanafinyes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Dawn inquired about a solar farm on the Cityowned 20 acres. She stated that the property is leased for 20 to 25 years for the installation of solar panels. Perry stated that he would get information on the subject.

Scott asked if they would be given direction regarding work to be done at the City-owned property that Mr. Poindexter purchased. Council stated that direction would be given after the sale is completed.

Mayor Dean stated that a Covid vaccine clinic would be held at Le Roy Christian Church on March 15 to include individuals 65 and older, 1B plus and 1 B expanded.

At 7:25 PM, motion was made by Matt and seconded by Brad to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Specifically the terms of retirement of Vicki Moreland. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes,

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Brad Poindexter-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Greg to adjourn the executive session and return to regular session at 7:50 PM. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:51 PM.

Vicki Moreland City Clerk, City of Le Roy