



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dean at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S. East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Dawn Hanafin, Justin Morfey, Kyle Merkle, Ryan Miles, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner, Matt Steffen and Sarah Welte.

Staff members present were Dan Lush, Chief Williamson, Perry Mayer, Dave Jenkins and Vicki Moreland.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from May 17, 2021, invoices for June 7, 2021 in the amount of \$79,404.76 and payroll for the period of May 21, 2021 in the amount of \$42,918.68 and payroll for the period of June 4, 2021 in the amount of \$42,286.35. The Minutes were removed from the consent agenda to be voted on separately.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt for approval of the Council Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin-yes, Kyle Merkle-abstain, Ryan Miles-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 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, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ryan Miles-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Perry reported that a second service line at Falcon Ridge had been replaced due to the aggressive soil in the area caused by the horse farm

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that previously occupied the area. The high PH levels in the soil are deteriorating the copper water lines in the area. He stated that the City may want to budget for the cost of more replacements in the next fiscal year to cover the possibility of more deteriorating lines. He stated that the copper was being replaced with polyethylene lines.

Perry also reported that they were proceeding on the water plant renovation. He also stated that he has been in contact with the Norfolk & Southern Railroad for a potential lease agreement or purchase of land in which to drill for a new water well.

Dan reported on the amount of brush the City was picking up and asked for Council input regarding where to draw the line. Tree service contractors are being paid to cut trees down for residents, but are leaving the brush for the City to pick up. There are also contractors who use the City roll off container to get rid of their construction waste. Mayor Dean asked about requiring a no-cost permit for tree removal. Dan asked if an ad could be placed on the City website stating that contractors of both tree removal and construction projects be required to provide for their own disposal. He also asked about the possibility of a statement regarding construction project waste removal be added to the building permit.

Dave reported that Keith Moran from Moran Economic Development has contacted the City regarding discrepancies in the Le Roy Business District. The Businesses that were located in the Business District but were not showing up on tax reporting was possibly due to their business

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information with the State being incorrect or outdated. The status of the Tif district was also asked by Moran. Dave also reported that Empire Township has agreed to allow the City to drill a test well on their property off of Hemlock Street.

After Council discussion a motion was made by Ron and seconded by Kelly to approve the Le Roy Hotel/Motel Tourism Fund application from the Christian Motorcycle Association totaling \$2,000, plus half of the cost of porta-potty rental. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ryan Miles-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Resolution No. 21-06-01-60, Revising A City Policy Regarding The Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) was passed on a motion made by Ron and seconded by Sarah. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ryan Miles-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

The Council discussed consideration to re-zone two residential dwellings located at 605 & 607 W. Washington Street within the C-2 Commercial District to R-1 Residential. The consensus of the Council was to send to the zoning board for consideration.

The Personnel Committee gave an overview of their meeting held June 2 pertaining to the candidate search for the City Administrator and City Clerk positions. The Committee is planning to continue with Dave Jenkins as part-time Administrator for a while and move forward with advertising for the City Clerk position, which will be placed on the website of IML, ILCMA and also advertised in the Le Roy Leader. The notice and job description will also be placed on the City website. The deadline for

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resumes will be July 2 and the applicants will be narrowed down by the Personnel Committee before coming to the Council.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Ryan for approval of lease/purchase of one (1) new John Deere 310SL Backhoe Loader and one (1) new Galbreath roll-off truck as per the First Capital Equipment Leasing quotation for a period of six (6) years. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ryan Miles-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-no, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 1 nay.

Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Matt for approval of the submitted bid from Justin & Michelle Morfey for surplus property as described within the "Notice of Surplus Property Sale", Parcel 3, in the amount of \$1779.00. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ryan Miles-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 1 nay.

In Old and New Business Ryan and Kelly stated that they would like to see incentives for downtown interest such as pop-up stores, music or expansion of the façade grant program.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly at 8:35 PM to enter Executive Session held pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21), which permits a public body to "hold closed meetings to consider...discussion of minutes lawfully closed under (the Illinois Open Meetings Act)...for purposes of...semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06." and Executive Session held 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

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to determine its validity. Specifically the terms of retirement of City Clerk, Vicki Moreland.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Sarah to return to regular session at 9:07 PM.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the Separation Agreement submitted by Le Roy City Clerk, Vicki Moreland effective January 31, 2022. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ryan Miles-no, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-no, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 2 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly to adjourn the regular council meeting at 9:09 PM.



Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy