



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 18, 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, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner, Matt Steffen and Sarah Welte.

Staff members present were Dan Lush, Scott Bryant, Chief Williamson, Dave Jenkins and Vicki Moreland.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt for approval of the Mayoral appointment of Patti Welander to fill the vacated Ward 1 alderman seat through 2023. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-no, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nay.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2021, invoices for October 18, 2021 in the amount of \$89,597.57, and payroll for the period of October 8, 2021 in the amount of 42,320.95. The items in the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Justin for approval of the Council Meeting Minutes from October 4, 2021. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Justin Morfey-yes,

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Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Scott reported that the contract with Exelon expired in August. He stated that they reimburse the City for a portion of the Alum and all of the polymer for phosphorous removal. He stated that if they don't renew the contract the City will not receive reimbursement of \$20,000 to \$25,000 per year.

Dan reported that McLean County Asphalt had completed the fog seal of the roads that had been oil and chipped to reduce the amount of loose rock and to cut down on the dust. He also stated that the City crews would be picking up brush this week and again the first week in November, which would be the last time for the year unless there was brush resulting from storm damage.

Chief Williamson reported that the new squad car had arrived and would be going to be outfitted. With the delays that have been happening, he is receiving a quote for the planned squad purchase for next fiscal year. Chief reported that the department had identified the suspects in the first set of car burglaries and were working on the second. Ron asked if the cameras mounted by the fire station were used for traffic citations. Chief stated that they were only reviewed when a crime was reported.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Dawn for approval of MetroNet as an alternative to provide high-speed internet service for the City of Le Roy. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-no, Patti Welander-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-no, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 2 nays.

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After discussion, the consensus of the Council was to proceed with engineering study regarding the installation of a service road access to the remaining City owned property located adjacent to Bicentennial Drive.

Council entered discussion and clarification regarding the terms described within Ordinance 21-04-01-80, Section 2 “extension of municipal water and sewer service to the northwest corner” as to whether the intent was to extend piping and waive tap fees (Poindexter purchase). After discussion the Council felt the intent was for the expenses to be covered.

In Old and New Business, Dawn stated that the water plant updates that were on the City’s website main page were gone and asked that they be put back on so the citizens would know the status of the water plant upgrade.

Mayor Dean complimented the Methodist Church work crew on the work they did painting playground equipment at Bowman Park as well as benches at the dog park/soccer field. He stated that Parkfest drew a good crowd and money was still coming in.

Mayor Dean informed the Council that he, City Administrator Dave Jenkins and Clerk Vicki Moreland had met with the new owners of Le Roy Manor and toured the building. The owner plans to look for staffing and receive state approval for a nursing home/assisted living/memory care facility.

Mayor Dean stated that the parking lot at the dog park had been graded and millings added and work would continue next spring. He stated that the Barley Building downtown had been purchased for retail business.

Ron asked about the status of the overhang on the Scray building. Mayor Dean said he had not heard anything, but if approval was requested, it would need to go to the zoning board.

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Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Sarah to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:44 PM.

Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy