

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 17, 2022**

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, Patti Welander, Ron Legner, Matt Steffen and Sarah Welte.

Kelly Lay was absent.

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

Kelly Lay was seated at 7:03.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from December 6, 2021, invoices from December 20, 2021 in the amount of \$149,777.00, invoices from January 3, 2022 in the amount of \$21,619.27, invoices from January 17, 2022 in the amount of \$444,983.82, payroll for the period of December 17, 2021 in the amount of \$48,669.93, payroll for the period of December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$44,830.91 and payroll for the period of January 14, 2022 in the amount of \$46, 217.26.

The items in the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Patti and seconded by Matt for approval of the Council Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Kelly Lay-abstain, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

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Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Sarah for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

Dave reported for Scott in his absence that a major ice build up on an aerator in the lagoon caused it to flip one side over and submerge the motor. After the ice thaws Scott will go out in the boat and investigate to see if it just needs to dry out or needs rebuilt, which is costly.

Scott plans to raise the 4 manholes in the field east of the latest addition to Falcon Ridge Subdivision. The estimated costs for material to raise the manholes is around \$1600 and the bollards materials is another \$1600. Once raised the smoke test can begin early spring/summer. This will help determine the next phase in helping to eliminate the infiltration in the area that flows into the Golden Eagle lift station.

Dan reported that the new backhoe had been received.

Perry informed the Council of the two water main breaks that had happened recently. That section of main had been a problem for a long time. Perry had contacted engineers to investigate the issues and sections to improve.

Perry also reported that the water plant was officially operating on the upgraded equipment. Dawn asked about the timeline for seeing the improvements in the water quality. Perry stated that they should start seeing improvements in the spring when they begin flushing.

Chief Williamson stated that the new squad was upfitted and on the road. He also stated that he had received 7 officer applications and the written

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and physical testing was scheduled for February 13. They currently have a slot reserved for the police academy in May.

Dave stated that he would like to give credit to the employees that worked on the recent water main breaks.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Justin to accept the bid from Boward Brother's Farm & Excavating to purchase the surplus 1998 International 4900 roll-off truck, Vin number 1HTSHAD2TKH621671 for \$10,275. 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.

**Resolution 22-01-01-60**, A Resolution To Appoint Anita Corso As Authorized Agent For The Illinois Retirement Fund (IMRF) was passed on a motion made by Kelly and seconded by Sarah. 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 Dawn and seconded by Matt for approval of the donation request from "Show Bus Public Transportation" totaling \$600. 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.

In Old and New Business Dawn asked about the status of the Engineering for the access road at the City owned Industrial Park. Dave stated that due to the fact that the interested party had backed out he had not pursued the issue. He felt that the City needed to discuss marketing the 14 remaining acres because the cost of the road could not be recouped.

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Mayor Dean stated that this was an Economic Development Committee Discussion topic.

Dawn also asked about the status of the nursing home property. Dave stated that he and Mayor Dean had been unsuccessful in contacting the owner, but would continue to try.

Kelly asked if information on the Show Bus and other services could be put on the website. Anita stated that the information was already posted on the website.

Justin had been contacted by residents in the area of Dollar General regarding the garbage that was blowing around from winds. Mayor Dean stated that was an issue for the CCO.

Mayor Dean had given Council members a memo regarding a complaint that was received about the condition of the American Flag at Kiwanis Park. The inner workings of the flag pole had been broken for some time and the only way to raise and lower the flag was to use the bucket truck. He suggested the Council consider either having the inner mechanics of the pole fixed, adapting the pole with an outside pulley system or replacing the flag pole with a smaller one. After checking on options, the matter will be addressed at the next council meeting. The flag will be replaced until a decision is made.

In Old and New Business the Council also discussed the request by Eugene Scray for grant money for his proposed business.

At 7:35 PM, motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly to enter Executive Session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21), To review closed session minutes, including semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

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Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Patti to move back into regular session at 7:38 PM.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Sarah to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 7:39 PM.

Vicki Moreland  
City Clerk,  
City of Le Roy