

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 6, 2023

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

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

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2023, invoices from 3/6/2023 totaling \$ 52,479.18, and payroll for the period of 2/24/2023 in the amount of \$ 41,722.44.

The items in the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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

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

Dan asked for suggestions to encourage residents help keeping ditches and culverts clear of brush and leaves. Discussion resulted in the Mayor asking the Public Works Committee to address the situation, possibly creating a flier about keeping the right-of-way clear.

Dave had Scott's report about control valve issues being addressed and electric issues at the Golden Eagle Lift station being repaired.

Mark Young from American Legion Ruel Neal Post 79 shared plans for the 4th of July Parade and 1st Annual Jeep Rally. Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Sarah to approve the application for \$2,000 in Hotel/Motel funding. Discussion covered additional details and schedule. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin

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Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Changing the agenda order, the Mayor called for a motion to appropriate \$5,000.00 within the FY 2023-2024 budget towards the purchase of trees to be located within city parks and right-of-ways and allow Andrew Larson to form a Tree Committee. Motion to approve was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt. Andrew presented plans and duties of the Tree Committee and answered questions. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays. The Mayor then announced there will be \$500 from the Women's Club for trees, and \$300 from the Mayor's Fund to help the Tree Committee begin its work.

ORD NO. 23-03-01-51 AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND CONVEYING TITLE TO A PORTION OF AN ALLEY LOCATED BETWEEN WEST WASHINGTON STREET AND WEST WARREN STREET IN THE CITY OF LE ROY. Motion to approve was made by Patti and seconded by Justin. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

ORD 23-03-02-50 AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE NUMBER OF CLASS A LIQUOR LICENSES. Motion to approve by Patti was seconded by Sarah. Mayor Dean explained the current number is 4 and there are currently 4 active in Le Roy. A new business would like to open soon that would require a Class A liquor license so increasing the number to 6 would allow for future growth also. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Matt for approval of the bid from Mid-Illinois mechanical of Bloomington, IL to remove and replace six hundred water meters for \$474,000 and a Time-Material allowance of \$5,000 for a total bid of \$479,000. Discussion included cost per meter and the fact the City already owns the meters. Roll call: Matt Steffen-nay, Sarah Welte-nay, Kelly Lay-nay, Dawn Hanafin-nay, Justin Morfey-nay, Ron Legner-nay, Kyle Merkle-nay, Patti Welander-nay. Motion failed 0 yeas, 8 nays.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Kelly for approval of two Flock "Falcon" cameras including professional services and implementation fee totaling \$11,500.00. Discussion included placement and results of having the two currently in use. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

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Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Kyle for approval of the City sign package quote totaling \$15,592.00 as described within the proposal from Prairie Signs, Inc. dated 2/28/2023. Discussion clarified placement, installation, and the use of hotel/motel funds. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Dawn asked about progress on the new well. Ron replied the preliminary test results are very encouraging.

Patti discussed the new manager coming to the existing Dollar General.

Dan asked about progress with the old Hardees property. Dave replied the process is moving forward.

Mayor Dean reported the Birthday Party Fundraiser was a success. Many thanks to the wonderful hosts at El K'azador and Oak & Flame. He also reported the Mayor's Fund would be presenting a \$500 donation to the new baseball field at Brickyard Park and \$300 to the trees.

Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Matt to adjourn the regular council meeting Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso
City Clerk
City of Le Roy