

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 17, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:03 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Matt Steffen, Kelly Lay, Dawn Hanafin, Ron Legner, Kyle Merkle, Patti Welander, Justin Morfey, and Sarah Welte.

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

Kyla Jones was introduced and sworn in by Mayor Steve Dean as a patrol officer for the City of Le Roy. She will begin training May 8, 2023.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from April 3, 2023, invoices from 4/17/2023 totaling \$ 152,423.84, and payroll for the period of 4/7/2023 in the amount of \$ 48,395.15

The items in the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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

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

Staff Reports: Jason reported the police department is now fully staffed. He also received notice from the training board that the department is in compliance with training requirements.

Perry reported the contractors for the work to be done at Oak and Elm streets will be here the first week in May.

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ORD NO. 23-04-05-60 AN ORDINANCE MODIFYING THE PAY SCHEDULE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF LE ROY, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS. A motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Sarah. Discussion resulted in an agreement that elected officer salary schedule in Section 1 did not need to be increased. Kyle and Sarah agreed to amend the motion to approve the pay schedule with no increase in Section 1. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

ORD NO. 23-04-06-80 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF PROPERTY - 111 EAST CENTER STREET, LE ROY, ILLINOIS. Motion to approve was made by Matt and seconded by Justin. Dave explained the township has vacated the building and agreed to sell it to the City for one dollar (\$1.00). It was built in 1903 as a joint township / city building. Sometime before 1940 the city relinquished it's share to the township. Discussion included having an engineer evaluate the building for necessary improvements as well as seeking grant funds for renovation. The Mayor indicated the building is on the registry of historic buildings. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays

ORD NO. 23-04-07-51 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIANCE IN THE PRIMARY BUILDING FRONT YARD SETBACK REQUIREMENTS FOR CORNER LOTS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, LE ROY, ILLINOIS, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 8, ZONING. Motion to approve by Dawn was seconded by Kelly. Dave explained this is for improvements to 401 W Center which has been vacant for a long time. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly for approval of the 2023-2024 MFT General Maintenance Program and Resolution totaling \$343,150.00. Discussion of areas most needing work included the entrances to both truck stops. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

A motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Patti to approve the Hotel/Motel funding request from the Christian Motorcycle Association to host the "2023 Thunder on the Prairie Rally" event totaling \$6,038. Discussion included the amount being 50% of anticipated costs and the number of visitors to Le Roy for the rally in previous years. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

The mayor called for a motion to approve the proposed FY 2023-2024 Regular Council Meeting Schedule with one change. He requested the April 1, 2024 meeting be moved to Tuesday, April

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2, 2024 since April 1 is Easter Monday and families may be traveling for the holiday. A motion by Kyle was seconded by Kelly to approve the schedule as corrected. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Matt made a motion, seconded by Justin, to approve the City of Le Roy 2023-2024 FY budget. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business the Mayor discussed the proposed county airport tax and asked all to spread the word of the Facebook post to encourage lawmakers to vote no.

Patti asked if anyone knew what caused the loud 'boom' noise recently. No definite answers but many possibilities were discussed.

Kelly asked about possible signage at the landfill regarding metal detecting.

Mayor Dean presented his intention to appoint Dawn Hanafin to the vacant Ward 4 council seat at the next meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso
City Clerk
City of Le Roy