

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 4, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:04 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Matt Steffen, Ron Legner, Patti Welander, Justin Morfey, Dawn Hanafin, Sarah Welte, Kyle Merkle, and Kelly Lay.

Staff members present were Scott Bryant, Jason Williamson, Perry Mayer, Dave Jenkins, Brad Frankovich, and Anita Corso.

There were no comments from the public.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/20/2023, invoices from 12/4/2023 totaling \$ 18,097.69, payroll for the period of 12/1/2023 in the amount of \$52,100.30.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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

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

Staff Reports: Scott reported he will be talking to the engineer to begin planning sewer plant improvements including the clarifier. There are several in town with service line issues so he's also planning possible sewer main extensions. The heating unit at the plant will be repaired.

Perry reported the hydrant flushing is complete for this season. He gave an overview of the process. He also reported salt prices are increasing, the new water meters have arrived and installations will begin for the last 100+ meters. A service line identification survey will be sent to all residents in the next week or so. The EPA is requiring service line identification for all locations.

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Dave gave a general description of the needed sewer plant updates and reviewed the drainage concerns on Dove Ave.

**ORD No. 23-12-01-10** Ordinance abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2023 to pay debt service on \$2,865,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016A, \$2,510,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2016B, \$1,095,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2020, and \$3,440,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2021, of the City of Le Roy, McLean County, Illinois. Motion to approve by Patti was seconded by Sarah. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD No. 23-12-02-10** AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 2024 AND ENDING ON THE THIRTIETH DAY OF APRIL, 2025 FOR THE CITY OF LE ROY, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Motion to approve by Matt was seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Justin made a motion, seconded by Matt, to approve the amendment of the Personnel Policy Manual, specifically Article E., Section 1(d) & (g); Article E, Section 5(b)(d)(i) and (j). Discussion explained the change is necessary to be in compliance with the Paid Leave for All Workers Act that becomes effective Jan 1, 2024. The change only applies to part time and seasonal employees. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD No. 23-12-03-70** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6-2-10 OF THE CITY OF LE ROY CODE OF ORDINANCES. Motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Dawn suggested looking into a sewer service line insurance program. Dave to gather more information.

Kyle said he's been asked about downtown parking. Jason gave an enforcement update.

Mayor Dean said a letter will be delivered regarding extending liquor license hours for New Year's Eve, Sunday, December 31, 2023, until 1:00 a.m. January 1, 2024.

Kelly reported the pharmacy is offering in-home flu shots. They will come to you.

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Dave said there's a possibility of canceling the January 2, 2024 meeting.

At 8:03 PM a motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Dawn to enter executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(6) - Setting a price for sale or lease of City owned property. Specifically, the sale or lease of the 11.54 acres of city owned property on Bicentennial Drive, (County Highway 21). Roll Call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

At 8:14 PM a motion made by Matt was seconded by Kyle to return to regular session. Roll Call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso,  
City Clerk