

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 5, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:06 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, Kyle Merkle, Sarah Welte and Kelly Lay.

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

During Public Comment, Mindy Messmore made a request the city enforce the Accessibility Code more strongly in the existing buildings downtown. The Mayor asked the Community & Economic Development Committee to address this at their next meeting.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from 1/15/2024, invoices from 2/5/2024 totaling \$ 89970.40 and payroll for the period of 1/26/2024 in the amount of \$53,793.34.

The items of 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, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-abstain, Kelly Lay-abstain. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

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

Staff Reports: Dan reported the Christmas decorations are all put away.

Perry had a meeting today with representatives from the IEPA who will help find funding for replacing lead waterlines.

Dave reported Scott is still dealing with transfer switch issues for the generator and the engineers have started creating plans for a new waste water treatment plant. The old Hardees

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building is due to be demolished by the end of the month. Installation of the electric charging stations at Casey's is nearing completion.

Dave also asked that the ordinance for the development agreement and the lease be voted on separately.

ORD 24-02-01-30 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LE ROY, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND GARDEN GROVE FARM, LLC. Motion to approve by Matt was seconded by Sarah. Discussion review the details of the agreement. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-no, Kyle Merkle- yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-abstain, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion to approve the Lease agreement for Garden Grove Farm, LLC was made by Matt and seconded by Sarah. Discussion reviewed the details for requested changes from the last meeting. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-no, Kyle Merkle- yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Justin Morfey-abstain, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nays, 1 abstain.

Sergeant Nathan Wilkins presented the sUAS Drone Proposal including an overview of proposed uses and examples. Discussion addressed privacy questions, training time and costs, range, size, warrants.

Motion to approve the purchase of (1) one UVT M3OT Quick Tac Bundle w/Care Enterprise Basic for \$13, 231.60 and (1) DJI Avata Quick Tac Bundle for \$2,318.99 totaling \$15,550.99 made by Sarah was seconded by Justin. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-no, Kyle Merkle- yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 1 nays, 0 abstain.

Motion by Kyle, seconded by Matt, to approve the annual adjustment in Sewer Rates to reflect the CPI-U index as described within Chapter 8-1-7 Article E of the City of Le Roy Municipal Code as an increase of 4.7% increase in **Sewer Department rates only**. Discussion questioned why only sewer rates and not water. Kyle and Matt agreed to table motion until the next meeting. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion tabled 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Mayor Dean announced the McLean County Mobile Health Unit will be in Le Roy on Thursday Feb 29th in the How Lot offering free blood pressure checks.

Chief Williamson reported there were five applicants for the Patrol Officer position, three showed up for testing and background checks are in process for two.

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At 8:35 PM a motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kelly to enter executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine it's validity, specifically ICOPS Contract negotiation and; Personnel Policy; Article C – Section C-5 interpretation. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

At 8:47 PM a motion by Justin was seconded by Kelly to return to regular session. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Dawn Hanafin- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion tabled 7 yeas, 0 nays, 0 abstain.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:49 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso,
City Clerk