**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 1, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S. East Street by Mayor Dean with all council members present at roll call except Greg Steffen and Brad Poindexter.

Staff members present were Officer Facer, Dean Buhrke, Ron Tackett, Brad Frankovich, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland.

Included on the consent agenda were Meeting Minutes from June 3, 2019, Invoices from June 17, 2019 in the amount of $132,485.21, Invoices from July 1, 2019 in the amount of $48,403.46, Payroll expenses for the period of June 7, 2019 in the amount of $45,711.08 and June 21, 2019 in the amount of $40,798.00. Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Matt for approval of the consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Officer Theo Facer, reporting for the vacationing Chief stated that the P.D. applicants had been narrowed down to 2. After follow-up interviews an offer will be made.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Rick for approval of the closure of Marsh Hawk Drive from Kite Court to Falcon Ridge Drive for children’s parade Wednesday, July 3 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM (barricades requested). Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Kyle for approval of the closure of Staley Ct. cul-de-sac for neighborhood block party Wednesday, July 3 from 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM (barricades requested). Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

City Administrator Samantha Walley highlighted on the recommended changes to the Personnel Policy Manual for City of Le Roy employees. After concerns by staff regarding some of the changes a motion was made by Rick and seconded by Kelly to table the motion until further changes had been made. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

The Council discussed the Water System Upgrade Feasibility Study prepared by Chastain & Associates Engineering Firm. After checking the structure of the building that housed the previous water plant, the recommendation from the firm was to either demolish and rebuild the old plant or incorporate the changes into the existing water plant. Changes to the existing plant would include widening the entrance door to the plant and removing one rack of micro filters to allow for two sand filters to be brought in at which time the plant would switch over to the sand filter system. Another rack of micro filters would then be removed to allow for the placement of two more sand filters. Samantha, along with Chastain will check into the possibility of obtaining an IEPA loan. Samantha also plans to contact our current bond company for a quote as well.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Kyle to approve the adoption of Chastain Water Plant Feasibility study. Roll call: Dawn

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Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for Adoption of Chastain Sewer Flow Study. During discussion of the proposed motion Ron Tackett stated that the City was a member of Illinois Rural Water and they would provide the testing for free, but wasn’t sure of the level of detail. Kyle amended his motion to table and Matt agreed to second the table until more information could be obtained. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Dawn for approval of the Review of Chastain Test Well Cost Estimate. The council entered discussion regarding the plan for two test wells, one on the City’s West side and one on the City’s East side. The consensus was to do a test well on the West side and if it proved to be successful, scrap plans for the West side test well. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Kyle for the closure of application acceptance for Superintendent of Street Department position. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Kelly for approval of Consultation with IDNR/forestry officials to maintain and care for Howard Virgin Timber Park. Mayor Dean informed the council that he had checked the stipulations of the park and that it would not affect the virgin timber of the Park. His plan is to work with Wade Conn and Eric Smith of

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the IDNR for a suggested plan. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Kelly asked about the status of the community calendar on the City website as well as adding information at Casey’s about the availability of the dog park. Mayor Dean plans to post the dog park information on the bulletin board at Casey’s as well as ask for a sign in front.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt to enter executive session at 7:52 PM under section **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal council for the public body. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Council agreed to end Executive Session and re-enter regular session at 7:58 PM.

Motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:59 PM was made by Kyle and seconded by Rick. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Vicki Moreland

City Clerk,

City of Le Roy