



## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3, 2018**

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 Brad Poindexter.

Staff members present were Chief Williamson, Dean Buhrke, Dustin Whalen, Ed Allen, Officer Facer, Dave Jenkins and Vicki Moreland.

Included on the consent agenda were meeting minutes from November 5, 2018 and Special Project Meeting Minutes from November 5, 2018, Invoices from Oct 22, 2018 in the amount of \$358.50, November 14, 2018 in the amount of \$536,730.00, Invoices from November 19, 2018 in the amount of 95.168.17, invoices from December 3, 2018 in the amount of \$77,750.63, and payroll expenses for November 9, 2018 in the amount of \$39,940.57 and November 23, 2018 in the amount of \$41,252.83. Greg stated that the minutes of the November 5, 2018 Council meeting stated he voted yes, when he voted no for the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement for the police services between Empire Township and the City of Le Roy. Motion was made by Hilary and seconded by Glenn for approval of the consent agenda with the noted correction to the November 5, 2018 minutes. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Glenn Reinhart-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Hilary Neal-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Hilary and seconded by Dawn for approval of the Personnel Committee Minutes from October 15, 2018 by the Personnel Committee members. Roll call: Hilary Neal-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Glenn Reinhart-yes, Brad Poindexter-absent. Motion carried 3 yeas, 0 nays.

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Chief Williamson reported that the PD had moved into their new office and would host an open house in the near future. He also reported that the new squad had arrived and even though the purchase was previously approved the invoice for payment would be approved at the next meeting.

Dave commended the Public Works crew on the Christmas decorating, their work on drainage on South Chestnut Street as well as snow removal.

Jack Wilson of Dimond Bros. Insurance presented the Council with Health Insurance Proposals for 2019. The two main proposals were the current Health Alliance Insurance Plan and a new plan from Blue Cross Blue Shield. Issues that were brought to the Council's attention by employees were the inability to acquire another policy comparable to their current Health Alliance Policy if it were dropped, the lack of advanced notice to the union, reduction in Doctors in the BCBS network as well as an increase in the employee deductible. The Council felt that the savings to the City by going with BCBS would be significant enough to justify the City picking up the deductible difference.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Rick to table the motion until the December 17, 2018 council meeting.

After Council discussion the motion was changed by Greg and seconded by Rick to give notice to the unions in question that the Council intends to switch coverage to Blue Cross Blue Shield and table the vote until December 17, 2018. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-no, Glenn Reinhart-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Hilary Neal-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nay.

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Zack Franz of the Corporate Literacy class presented the council with a proposed "Pickle ball Court" and an "All-Inclusive Swingset" at Bowman Park. The class received a grant from the Kiwanis and asked the Council to consider helping with the remaining expense of \$1,988.68. The Class is currently working on a grant to get money for the swing. Mayor Dean suggested they raise as much money as they could and then approach the Council for the remainder.

**Ordinance No. 18-12-01-10**, An Ordinance Levying Taxes For Corporate Purposes For The Fiscal Year Commencing On The First Day Of May, 2019 And Ending On The Thirtieth Day Of April, 2020 For The City Of Le Roy, McLean County, Illinois was passed on a motion made by Kyle and seconded by Greg. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Glenn Reinhart-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Hilary Neal-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Ordinance No. 18-12-02-10**, An Ordinance Abating The Taxes Heretofore Levied For The Year 2018 To Pay Debt Service On \$2,865,000 The City's Outstanding General Obligation Refunding Bonds, (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016A, and \$2,510,000 General Obligation Bonds, (Alternate Revenue Source) Series 2017B was passed on a motion made by Hilary and seconded by Dawn. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Glenn Reinhart-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Hilary Neal-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Glenn and seconded by Hilary for approval of the request to expend up to \$700, (amended from the \$500 originally requested) for City employees Christmas food and/or gift certificates. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Glenn Reinhart-

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yes, Ron Legner-yes, Hilary Neal-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Mayor Dean commended Ed Allen for a job well done regarding the Christmas decorations throughout the City. Mayor Dean also stated that the "Light Up Le Roy" event as well as the Chamber's Christmas parade was a success.

Greg asked for a Community & Economic Development Committee meeting to be held at 6:00 PM before the December 17, 2018 council meeting to include committee members Greg, Brad, Kyle and Rick.

Greg also asked about annexation requirements. Dave is checking into requirements for water and sewer access as well as requirements to send notices upon council approval.

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



Vicki Moreland  
City Clerk,  
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