



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 7, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S. East Street by Mayor Dean with council members Dawn Hanafin, Rick Kline, Kyle Merkle, Brad Poindexter, Matt Steffen and Greg Steffen present at roll call. Absent were council members Kelly Lay and Ron Legner.

Staff members present were Chief Williamson, Scott Bryant, Dan Lush, Perry Mayer, Ed Allen, Treasurer Brad Frankovich, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland.

Sue Bratcher stated that Parkfest was a great success.

Included on the consent agenda were Committee of the Whole and Regular Meeting Minutes from September 16, 2019, Invoices from October 7, 2019 in the amount of \$63,138.82, Payroll expenses from September 27, 2019 in the amount of \$47,719.89 and acceptance and appointment of Perry Mayer as Water Department Superintendent. Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-abstain. Motion carried 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

Scott reported that the 2019 sanitary sewer project was completed.

Chief Williamson reported on his survey of other police departments regarding their Nepotism policy. He would like to see the City policy revised to allow relatives to work in the same department.

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Perry asked the council what they would like to see as far as council reports from the water department. They stated they would like to be kept up to date on significant issues.

Eric Smith was present for discussion regarding the adoption of IDNR forestry recommendations regarding HVT Park and recommendation to identify and locate responsible logging company. Eric felt that logging was an over reach of what needed to be done. He will write up a recommendation for council consideration.

Motion was made by Brad and seconded by Greg for approval of trick-or-treat hours on Thursday, October 31, 2019 from 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

The council discussed approval to bid out a new mowing contract in November for 2020-2025 mowing seasons. The current mowing contractor has ceased business effective immediately. City staff felt confident they would be able to finish the mowing through the rest of the season. Danny stated he would work on an in-house bid to bring to the next meeting to compare the cost difference between city staff versus outside contractor. Council also preferred a two to three year contract. Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Brad for approval to bid out a new mowing contract in October for 2020 to 2022 mowing seasons. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Ordinance No. 19-10-01-10, Adoption of an Ordinance authorizing the City of Le Roy, McLean County, Illinois, to issue Waterworks Revenue

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Bonds, Sewerage Revenue Bonds, or, in lieu thereof, General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) (said bonds being general obligation bonds to be issued in one or more series, on a taxable or tax-exempt basis, for which property taxes, unlimited as to rate or amount, may be levied, but which are expected to be paid from the net revenues of the waterworks system, the sewerage system and the refuse disposal system of said City) in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, for the purpose of paying the costs of improving the waterworks system and the sewerage system of the City, was passed on a motion made by Dawn and seconded by Brad. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays. The ordinance was approved but council wants to hold off on the sale of the bonds by Bernardi.

In Old and New Business Sam stated that the certificate from RFMS for the donated properties should be done by October 15 at which time they could be deemed as surplus property.

Sam also stated that several online utility bill payment companies had been contacted and information would be provided when quotes were received. The City was also looking at Liability and Health insurance quotes from various brokers as well as information from a company providing codification for City Ordinances.

Greg asked about the status of the sump pump project. Sam stated that the letters had gone out to customers and an ordinance would have to be drafted in order for the City to take the next step toward customer compliance.

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Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Greg to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:04 PM. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.



Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy