



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S. East Street by Mayor Dean with council members Dawn Hanafin, Rick Kline, Kyle Merkle, Brad Poindexter, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner, Matt Steffen and Greg Steffen present at roll call.

Staff members present were Chief Williamson, Sergeant Wilkins, Patrol Officer Taylor, Patrol Officer Facer, Patrol Officer King, Patrol Officer Shaw, Perry Mayer, Mayor Dean, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland.

Matt Garvin was present to show his appreciation to the Chief and Patrol Officers working on the investigation of his gun store break in. He commended the department for their quick response to the crime and apprehension of the suspect.

Mr. Garvin also addressed the council regarding his concern regarding the proposed Business District plan. He feels that raising sales taxes never helps anyone, but takes away from a small City that has a lower sales tax rate than larger Municipalities.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes and Business District Public Hearing Minutes from March 2, 2020, invoices for March 16, 2020 in the amount of \$75,827.33 and payroll for the period of March 13, 2020 in the amount of \$42,472.47. Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Matt for approval of the consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-abstain, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steeffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

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Danny informed the council that one of the roll-off dumpsters had been rented and delivered.

Chief Williamson stated he was receiving updates from the IDH. He stated that he had enough personal protective equipment for the officers, he would be sending the Code Enforcement job description to the City Administrator and that he was adjusting his work hours from 7 AM to 4 PM with an hour lunch.

Sergeant Wilkins was presented with a LPD accommodation bar in recognition of the handling and investigation of the gun shop burglary.

Officer Taylor stated that he would be leaving the force this summer and spoke on his positive experiences during his employment. The code enforcement duties will be handled by Officer Facer.

Ordinance No. 30-03-03-30, Establishing A Le Roy Business District; Approving A Business District Plan; Authorizing The Imposition And Collection Of A Sales Tax Within Such Business District; And Approving Certain Actions In Connection With The Establishment Of Such Business District was passed on a motion made by Kyle and seconded by Brad. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Kelly for approval of proposed settlement agreement with N.S. Investment Corporation and TAJ Hospitality Corporation. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

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In Old and New Business, restricted access of City Hall was discussed. During the Corona Virus Pandemic City Hall will be locked but employees will be present and available to the public by phone or drive thru.

Mayor Dean stated that the school was working on a program for kids to receive food during the school closure. He is asking for 30 people to help with delivery etc.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Brad at 6:27 PM to move to executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11), which states "a public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects:...(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal...in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting." Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Rick to return to regular session at 6:37 PM. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt to adjourn the regular council meeting at 6:47 PM. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.


Vicki Moreland

City Clerk,
City of Le Roy