



## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 17, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM via remote session by Mayor Dean with council members Dawn Hanafin, Rick Kline, Kyle Merkle, Brad Poindexter, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner and Matt Steffen present. Greg Steffen was not present at roll call.

Staff members present were Chief Williamson, Sergeant Wilkins Dan Lush, Perry Mayer, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland.

Public participation included Tony Moore representing Republic Services and Eric Shangraw representing Area Disposal.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from August 3, 2020, Invoices for August 17, 2020 in the amount of \$150,584.47, and Payroll for the period ending August 14, 2020 in the amount of \$41,724.69. Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt for approval of the consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Street Superintendent Dan Lush stated that the White Street ditch/culvert project would wrap up this week. Dan stated that the Street Department had been picking up a great deal of brush, a lot of it caused by recent storms. He stated that 99% of the residents were happy with their services but a few residents showed their displeasure very verbally.

Water Superintendant Perry Mayer stated that they were trying to keep ahead of problems at the water plant and were changing meters when they can.

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Chief Williamson reported that the ad for Patrol Officer was running again for a few more weeks and he was hoping to receive qualified applicants.

Samantha stated that she had been in contact with Advocate Bromenn, which has recently been acquired by Carle regarding flu shots for Employees and Council. They will no longer offer the mobile units, but were willing to set up timeframes to receive flu shots at their facility.

Greg Steffen joined at 7:15 PM.

Mayor Dean reported that he had spoken with Sheriff Sandage regarding the proposed mask ordinance and asked the Council to table the ordinance until JCAR decides who is going to enforce. Aldermen Steffen and Kline were opposed to the suggestion to table the ordinance.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Rick to approve **Ordinance No. 20-08-02-50**, An Ordinance regarding Face Coverings To Preserve And Protect Residents, with emergency passage which requires a 2/3 vote for passage. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-no, Rick Kline-no, Kyle Merkle-no, Brad Poindexter-no, Kelly Lay-no, Ron Legner-no, Matt Steffen-no, Greg Steffen-no. **Ordinance motion failed** 0 yays, 8 nays.

Council entered discussion regarding bids for the 2020-2023 refuse and recycle collection services for the City of Le Roy. Bids were received from Republic Services and Area Disposal. Tony Moore was present representing Republic and Eric Shangraw was present representing Area to answer questions regarding the bids. Republic had no bid for Commercial, but Mr. Moore stated that businesses could contact Republic to work something out if interested in recycling. Mr. Moore also stated

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that the bid reflected more capital for the cost of the takeover if Republic's bid was approved. Several Council members complained about the current service received by Area in regard to garbage being dragged or missed as well as containers not being returned to the concrete pads. Mr. Shangraw stated that he would bring that to the attention of drivers and administration.

Electronic recycle by either refuse company was discussed with the possibility of a central location for residents to drop off electronics, or one central Saturday AM drop off, followed by recycle boxes placed for electronics to be picked up on an as need basis.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Dawn to table selection of bidder for the 2020-2023 refuse and recycle collection services for the City of Le Roy until September. 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.

Council reviewed the 2019 grant of City funds to the American Legion Neal Post #79 and the update from Commander Mark Young. Due to the unusual year and being closed for several months the project has been delayed. The goal is to do the project the latter part of the year providing the Architect and contractor finish the plans for the project. The Council plans to revisit the project progress in March.

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Brad for acceptance of a five year Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) regarding equipment sharing between the City of Le Roy and Downs Township Road District. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes,

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Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Samantha stated that Sergeant Wilkins had taken over the CCO position. Sergeant Wilkins stated that any concerns or questions could be sent to his email and he would look into it. Samantha also stated that the plan was to continue online attendance and plan to go live the end of September. Council members agreed to stay remote until at least the second meeting in September.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Dawn to adjourn the Regular Council meeting at 8:09 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  
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