



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 1, 2021

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, Ron Legner and Matt Steffen present at roll call. Brad joined at 7:02 PM.

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

Also present, Joe Poindexter from Poindexter trucking.

Included on the consent agenda were meeting minutes from January 18, 2021, Invoices from February 1, 2021 in the amount of \$27,860.84, and payroll for the period ending January 29, 2021 in the amount of \$49,323.41. Ron requested the minutes be separated from invoices and payroll. Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Kyle for approval of the meeting minutes. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-abstain, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain. Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Kelly joined at 7:04 PM.

Scott reported that the maintenance generator at the Golden Eagle lift station has a broken alternator fan used for cooling. He stated that if it was not fixed it could burn up the motor when the weather got warmer. The replacement part is \$200, but a crane would need to be used for

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repairs. He had received a quote from Onan in the amount of \$5100 and was waiting on a second quote from Cummins.

Chief Williamson stated that he had received a request to close a portion of Chestnut Street on February 6 from 6 PM to Midnight for a benefit being held at Houdinis. Chief Williamson stated that he had no issue with the request and Mayor Dean said he had no issues with it as long as they maintained fire lanes.

Dan reported that the Street Department had been dealing with small storms as they come along.

Perry had supplied the Council with notes ahead of time and stated that if they were interested in speaking at length on the items, a committee meeting could be scheduled. He stated that the number 2 CMF unit has a leak that is getting steadily worse. There are a few options available, but the Engineers feel that the best option is to ride it out and hope they hold up. They have been in contact with the IEPA and feel that they will see some movement on their part soon to begin the planned work.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the sale of 3.5 acres of the City-owned farm (PIN 30-28-100-004) to Mr. Joseph Poindexter for commercial/industrial use. Several of the Council members stated that they were far from being able to approve the sale. Samantha included estimated closing costs, Scott and Perry offered their opinion and Joe supplied more details on the planned setup of the business. The Council discussed the need for more information regarding subdivision plans as well as a development plan, the cost to survey and plat before the City committed to undertake the costs. The Council agreed that a work session with Building and Zoning combined with Economic Development Committees was needed. Since Building and Zoning Committee Chair Brad Poindexter would abstain from any motions, Rick

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Kline, Chairman of the Economic Committee will chair the joint Committee Meeting. Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Kelly to table the sale of the 3.5 acres of the City-owned farm to Mr. Joseph Poindexter until after the Committee meeting. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Brad for approval of initiation of 2021 Sanitary Sewer Improvements. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Scott explained that the plan was to extend two blocks (Elm and Wayne Streets) of sewer main where residents don't have appropriate service. One location will be the base bid and the other, alternate bid which will be determined during design.

In Old and New Business Kyle asked about the status of the Business District regarding review for the March deadline.

Sam stated that Jeff Johnson has a duplex in the Fox Run Subdivision that he planned to sell as 0 lot lines, similar to Doug Woodrum's Warren Street property. The Council found no issue as long as Jeff followed the same procedures that Woodrum did.

Mayor Dean stated that due to the resignation of City Administrator Samantha Walley effective March 19, 2021, a Special Projects Committee meeting had been called for Monday, February 8, 2021 at 6 PM in person at City Hall.

Motion was made at 7:34 PM by Matt and seconded by Rick to enter executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2), to discuss "collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their

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representative”, specifically a collective bargaining agreement with ICOPS covering the time period May 1, 2021 through April 30, 2024. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Brad to adjourn executive session and return to regular session at 8:22 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 Greg and seconded by Kyle to adjourn the regular session at 8:23 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.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Vicki Moreland



City Clerk,
City of Le Roy