



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 19, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dean at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S. East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Dawn Hanafin, Justin Morfey, Kyle Merkle, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner and Matt Steffen. Sarah Welte and Ryan Miles were absent.

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

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from June 21, 2021, invoices for June 22, 2021 in the amount of \$687.00, invoices for July 6, 2021 in the amount of \$154,948.90, invoices for July 19, 2021 in the amount of \$112,416.33, payroll for the period of July 2, 2021 in the amount of \$42,603.55 and payroll for the period of July 16, 2021 in the amount of \$46,080.23. The Minutes were removed from the consent agenda to be voted on separately.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the Council Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-abstain, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Justin for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

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During staff reports Scott informed the Council that the Vactor truck had been repaired and was back in service July 1. During the repair, Gibson City had agreed to the use of their vactor truck if needed.

Dan reported that the new roll off truck, which had been sent back for minor issues, would be returned this week.

Perry reported that there had been several complaints recently regarding the quality of the water. He stated that full time planning and organizing for the plant upgrade would be starting this week. Everything had been ordered and the tanks were currently being made. Perry also updated the Council on the status of potential well sites. Empire Township had agreed to allow the City to drill on their portion of the property on Hemlock Street. The Rail Road had given permission to apply for a lease and was reviewing their property and was to get back with a proposal. The Korowicki property on the East Side of Hemlock Street was a potential drill site and a meeting has been set up this week for discussion with Mr. Korowicki. The City owned property in the Crumbaugh Addition was still planned as a potential well site as well. Perry also stated that meter change outs to cellular read meters were still in progress.

Dave stated that the meeting with Mr. Korowicki would be attended by Perry and Ron and discussion and a quote from Brotke for test well drilling would be discussed.

Dave also asked about interest by Council members to attend the IML Conference.

Kelly stated that there was concern regarding the drainage issues caused by the construction at the Elementary School. Ron stated that there was detention language in the City code that they should have to follow.

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Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt for approval of the request from the Christian Motorcycle Association to hold a subsequent “Thunder On The Prairie Rally” with the same access to facilities as 2021 on July 7 – 10, 2022. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Justin for approval of the amended City of Le Roy Regulars Council Meeting Scheduled for the FY May 2021 – April 2022. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Sergeant Wilkins addressed the Council regarding his suggestion for the residency requirement for the proposed Corporal position. He stated that he would like to see the residency requirement mirror the Police Union contract requirement of 45 miles. He felt a requirement to live within the City would limit potential candidates. The consensus of the Council was to approve change to the residency requirement.

Ordinance No. 21-07-01-51, An Ordinance Rezoning Certain Property From The C-2 Highway Commercial District To The R-1 Residential Zoning District (607 W. Washington Street) was approved on a motion made by Matt and seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly for approval of the Easement Plat defined as: Part of the S ½ of Section 28 & Part of the North 10.12 Chains of Section 33, T.22N., R4E., 3 P.M., City of Le Roy, Mc Lean County, Illinois. (Specifically, the recording of the existing water

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main easement from Peregrine to the Dog Park). Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Mayor Dean and Code Compliance Officer, Sergeant Wilkins reported on the mandated temporary closure of the Dollar General store by the Mc Lean county Health department and the City of Le Roy due to Health and Safety issues that need to be addressed before they can reopen.

Matt asked about responses to citizens regarding the quality of the water. Giving a timeline of completion of the water plant upgrade is risky due to problems with part orders as well as other holdups. There was discussion regarding a bar graph to show the progress of the upgrade to be placed on the website.

Mayor Dean reminded the Council of the Christmas in July planned for Thursday, July 22.

Motion was made by Justin and seconded by Matt to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:40 PM.

Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy