



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 4, 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, Matt Steffen and Sarah Welte.

Staff members present were Anita Corso, Dan Lush, Chief Williamson, Dave Jenkins and Vicki Moreland.

Candidates for the opening in Ward One introduced themselves and provided an overview of their reasons for wanting to assume the open seat. Presentations were heard from Michelle Pudge, Patti Welander, and Scott Tucker. Steve Bruss, also interested in filling the position, was not available.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2021, invoices for September 8, 2021 in the amount of \$8,850.00, invoices for September 21, 2021 totaling \$202,445.04, invoices for October 4, 2021 totaling \$37,586.27, payroll for the period of September 10, 2021 in the amount of \$44,480.50, and payroll for the period of September 24, 2021 in the amount of 44,151.46. The items in the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Justin and seconded by Kyle for approval of the Council Meeting Minutes from September 7, 2021. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-abstain, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

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Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly 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, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

During staff reports, Dan updated the Council on the status of improvements to curb the dust created from the oil and chip that was done on Mill and Barnett Streets. Mc Lean County Asphalt had removed excess rock on two separate occasions which had improved the situation.

Dave reported for Scott that the 2021 Sanitary Sewer Project punch list was being completed. The contract with Exelon regarding phosphorous removal expired in August and Scott was waiting for a response regarding his inquiry about any plans for an extension to the contract. He also reported that chemical prices would be going up, with a substantial increase in the cost of Alum, which is offset by the agreement with Exelon.

Dave reported for Perry on the status of the water plant upgrade. The filter tanks were scheduled to be delivered this week and plumbing and electrical modifications were planned. The project was going as well as could be expected regarding the delay issues resulting from Covid.

Dave reported that he had been looking into the possibility of a detention basin by the Elementary School. He had also been in contact with Adam Stroud from PGAV Planners LLC regarding a possible TIF district and the appropriate areas to incorporate into the district.

Ben Ruzick, IL Market Manager for Metronet along with Chris Reeser, Field Operations Supervisor, presented the Council with information for their consideration of alternate high-speed internet services to the City of Le Roy.

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Pavlov Media representative Mark Shelden, VP of Business Development also spoke to the Council for consideration of high-speed internet services.

Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Matt for approval of the amendment to the City of Le Roy Façade Improvement Program. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Sarah for approval of the Façade Repayment Agreement, Guaranty of Performance and Real Estate Mortgage documents relating to the City of Le Roy Façade Improvement Program. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Kyle for approval of Halloween "Trick-or-Treat" hours between 4:30 and 7:30 PM on Sunday, October 31, 2021. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Mayor Dean informed the Council that he had written grants for lighting at Brickyard Park as well and grants for playground equipment. He also stated that Area Disposal, our contracted refuse company, had sold to a Canadian company on October 1 and reminded the Council that Parkfest is scheduled for October 16 at Bowman Park.

Kelly stated that the last Farmer's Market of the year would be Thursday, October 7.

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Justin asked about the drainage ditch issues in the areas south of 150 leading to the sewer plant.

Kyle informed the Council that interviews for the Billing Clerk position would be held Monday, October 11 and a suggested replacement should be named at the next meeting for consideration.

Kelly asked about the status of the wastewater inspection plan regarding sump pump discharge that had been talked about in previous meetings.

Dawn reported that she had been asked by several people visiting Le Roy in the last week about the antique stores that are advertised on the billboard sign on I-74. It was suggested that the signs be repainted and updated.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:28 PM. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy