

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 2023**

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

Staff members present were Scott Bryant, Jason Williamson, Dave Jenkins and Anita Corso.

Mayor Steve Dean made a correction to the agenda. He will appoint Michael Garner –not Steve Garner – as a citizen member of the Economic Development Committee. Michael was present and introduced himself.

Motion to approve the mayoral appointment was made by Justin and seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2023, invoices from 3/20/2023 totaling \$ 70,344.29, and payroll for the period of 3/10/2023 in the amount of \$ 42,051.56.

The items in the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

Staff Reports: Scott reported payments to the city for alum and polymer removal have been extended to include May 2022. The 16" valve for the excess storage lagoon needs fixed or replaced. Electrical issues at the plant are being investigated.

Dave reported the appraisal for the 17 acres has been updated.

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Motion by Kyle was seconded by Matt for approval of the funding request from “Show Bus Public Transportation” totaling \$600 for FY 2023-2024. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Sarah, seconded by Kelly for approval of the Le Roy Hotel/Motel Tourism Tax Grant funding request from the Le Roy Promotional Association for: Small Business Saturday @ \$955.00; The Christmas Parade @ \$2,800.00; Octoberfest @ \$1,995.00; Spring Fling @ \$1,935.00; Children’s Christmas Stocking Giveaway @ \$300.00, totaling \$7,985. Discussion included the difference between a full grant and the 50% policy. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Justin for approval of the Le Roy Hotel/Motel Tourism Tax Grant funding request from the Fall Festival Committee totaling \$5,000. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle, seconded by Kelly, for approval of the Le Roy Hotel/Motel Tourism Tax Grant funding request from the American Legion, Ruel Neal, Post 79 totaling \$2,000 fo the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade & 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Jeep Rally. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion made by Dawn was seconded by Kyle for approval of the Donohue & Associates Task Order # 18 not-to-exceed quote of \$16,800 to assist the City with implementing repairs as recommended by DPS Equipment Services clarifier condition assessment report. Discussion included description of needed repairs and clarification this amount is for engineering fees only. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Dawn for approval of the Donohue & Associates Task Order #19 not-to-exceed quote of \$15,400 to assist the City with design, bidding and construction services for improvements to its sanitary sewer system. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Sarah for approval of the quote totaling \$17,250.00 from Striegel Knobloch & Company, LLC for audit services of the City of Le Roy for the year ending April 30, 2023. Discussion covered the amount increase over last year. Roll call: Matt Steffen-

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yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Justin for Approval of the not-to-exceed quote of \$8,500 from Aldeia Engineering & Surveying to provide a conceptual plan and construction cost estimates for proposed development of approximately 39 acres. Discussion covered use of ARPA funds and location of proposed development. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Justin was seconded by Matt for approval of the contract with Flock Safety for the installation of 8 Falcon cameras totaling \$46,000 to be reimbursed in full by an awarded Illinois Secretary of State grant. Discussion explained the 8 cameras include the 2 approved last meeting and includes maintenance for four years. Notice the grant had been awarded was just received this week. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD No. 23-03-03-70** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6-6 OF THE CITY OF LE ROY CODE OF ORDINANCES. Motion to approve by Justin was seconded by Sarah. Jason explained current case law making the change from 'fee' to 'fine' necessary. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**RES No. 23-03-04-10** A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSITION TO EXPAND THE FUNDING BASE OF THE CENTRAL ILLINOIS REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY TO INCLUDE MCLEAN COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LE ROY, ILLINOIS. Motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Matt. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD 23-03-5-90** AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AND RENAMING PERSIMMON DRIVE TO SOUTH PERSIMMON DRIVE. Motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Dave led the review of the 2023-2024 FY budget highlighting the expected taxes, grant funds and major expenses for each department under general fund.

In Old and New Business Dawn asked about a timeline for the new sewer plant.

Sarah asked about any water main issues in Golden Eagle. Dave confirmed there are none.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso  
City Clerk  
City of Le Roy