

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 21, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:02 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Matt Steffen, Dawn Hanafin, Ron Legner, Patti Welander, Justin Morfey, and Kyle Merkle.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Sarah Welte was seated at 7:04 p.m.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from 7/17/2023, invoices from 7/3/2023 totaling \$ 158,288.36, invoices from 8/7/2023 totaling \$ 135,958.34, invoices from 8/21/2023 totaling \$ 104,356.49, payroll for the period of 7/28/2023 in the amount of \$58,879.03, payroll for the period of 8/11/2023 in the amount of \$ 56,721.87.

The items in the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Patti for approval of the Council Meeting Minutes. Ron pointed out he abstained from a the MFT vote on 7/17/23. Motion was amended to approve minutes as corrected. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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

Staff Reports: Perry reported the summer workers did a great job and have completed a very productive season.

ORD NO. 23-08-01-51 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A VARIATION IN REAR YARD SETBACK, LOT AREA, AND LOT WIDTH REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, LE ROY, ILLINOIS, TITLE 10, CHAPTER 6, ZONING. Dave began by reviewing the recommendation by the Zoning Board to not approve the variance. Motion to affirm the Zoning Board's recommendation of denying the

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variance was made by Dawn and seconded by Patti. Discussion included concerns of water service access as well as the smaller lot sizes. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays. (variance denied)

Andrew Larson, Chairman, presented the Tree Committee's recommended tree listing including a list of recommended Do Not Plant varieties. The Mayor expressed thanks at their work. Dave will work with Andrew to create a text amendment for approval updating the prohibited tree list. The list will be published for the public. The Tree Committee will also be planting a tree, possibly two, during ParkFest in October.

Discussion involving using the landfill space as a possible solar farm area was opened by Dave with a handout for council about different state and federal incentives and funding opportunities. He will invite a speaker to the next council meeting to give more information.

Motion was made by Patti, seconded by Justin, for approval of the 48 month contract for the Flock safety platform between City of Le Roy and Flock Group, Inc. at an annual cost of \$25,000. Discussion included funding. Jason explained a grant has been awarded for the first year that is expected to be renewed annually for a total of 4 years at which time the contract can be reviewed. Roll call: Ron Legner-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Matt to approve the quote from Signarama, Inc. for the Gaultney Park Memorial sign totaling \$3,187.50. Discussion confirmed details of the design. Roll call: Ron Legner-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Patti was seconded by Sarah for the approval to purchase paint and other supplies as required at a not-to-exceed cost of \$750.00 to update city signs as necessary. Discussion included the signs at the different parks and what needs done at each. Roll call: Ron Legner-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Dave and Perry looked for clarification and guidance on replacing lead service lines to the property line when the curb box shut-off was not at the property line. Council consensus clarified that city responsibility should be from the main to the property line even if the line continues down a right-of-way such as an alley. Ron questioned if EPA required city to replace lead service line to the meter. Perry read if city ordinance stated homeowner responsible to shut-off then city only has to replace to shut-off. He and Perry will research and check back.

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Sarah mentioned receiving an email requesting No Outlet or Dead End signs on Prairie Falcon. She will forward email to Dave who will talk to street department.

Dawn asked about the brick sidewalk on Center St. east of the Princess toward Bowman Park being replaced. Dave said it was on the list to be done this year.

Dave shared a request for the city to expand the basketball court at the Falcon Ridge Park to add room for a pickleball court. Cost estimates will be gathered before a decision.

Mayor Dean reported the pharmacy is looking to open early fall.

Dave announced flu shots will be available for city employees and council on Thursday Oct 26, 2023 at City Hall.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso,
City Clerk