

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 18, 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, Kyle Merkle, Sarah Welte, and Kelly Lay.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from 8/21/2023, invoices from 9/5/2023 totaling \$ 253,022.61, invoices from 9/18/2023 totaling \$ 104,242.28, payroll for the period of 8/25/2023 in the amount of \$ 51,623.321, payroll for the period of 9/8/2023 in the amount of 50,612.61.

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, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-abstain. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

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, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

Staff Reports: Scott reported the sanitary sewer project will need to be awarded at the next council meeting and the vector truck needs repairs.

Dan reported the ditch work on Viola Drive is almost done. They will move on to Pleasant Valley. Brush pickup is this week. The ditches will be seeded and straw covered starting next week weather permitting.

Perry reported the new chlorine analyzer is installed in the south tower. A contractor has been contacted regarding lead service line replacement. Survey to homeowners is planned to finalize

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service line inventory. They are currently taking extra samples for manganese. Steps are being taken to decrease manganese levels. Lead / copper education information will be on the utility bills this month. Hydrant flushing is scheduled for October. The Ford F250 is having electrical issues. Contractors have been contacted to replace the hail-damaged roof at the water plant. Cleaning of the detention tank has been delayed by the contractor's schedule.

Dave reported a new sewer plant may cost between 10 and 15 million dollars. It will also take 3-4 years to design before construction can begin so planning needs to start now.

Amanda Pankau, Energy Campaign Coordinator for Prairie Rivers Network an Illinois Affiliate of the National Wildlife Association discussed incentives and programs available for consideration to install a solar farm at the city landfill.

Motion by Patti was seconded by Kelly for approval of the quote for professional arborist services from Andrew Larson at the per hour rate of \$60. Discussion included what services would be provided and how often it may be necessary to use those services. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD NO. 23-09-01-30** AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LE ROY, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS APPROVING A REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT. Motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Sarah. Dave explained the reimbursement is within the guidelines suggested by the attorney. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD NO. 23-09-02-80** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND APPROVING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF LE ROY, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Matt. Discussion showed Section 3 listed a 1998 International truck but it should be the 2015 Ford Explorer. Kyle and Matt agreed to amend the motion to approve 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, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Mayor Steve Dean reminded everyone Trick-or-Treat hours were set last year as 4:30pm to 7:30pm on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Halloween is a Tuesday this year.

Mayor Dean reported on the large turnout for the Oktoberfest and Car Show last weekend. The pharmacy is due to open in approximately 3 weeks. Upcoming events: ParkFest 10/21, Light Up Le Roy 11/25, and the Christmas Parade 12/3.

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Dawn mentioned bushes near Casey's blocking traffic's view around the corner as well as the trees hanging over the road. Dan will add them to the list and do what they can.

Dan asked about putting an overview of what the City Right of Way is on the website as public education. It would be a resource to help explain to residents why the city can adjust the ditches as needed without homeowner permission.

Kelly mentioned the power poles near the elementary school are tilted.

Motion by Patti was seconded by Matt to enter executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(6) setting a price for sale or lease of property owned by a public body. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

A motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Matt to return to regular session. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Patti 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, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso,  
City Clerk