

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 15, 2024**

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 Dawn Hanafin, Matt Steffen, Ron Legner, Kelly Lay, Justin Morfey, Kyle Merkle, Patti Welander and Sarah Welte.

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

Public Comments – Jason & Christine Grice passed out a packet to each council member and any others present of emails and social media posts and private messages regarding the lead in the water. Jason also expressed his frustration at the entire situation and the city's response.

Matt Shivers commented public trust has been broken and it needs to be fixed.

Erin Murray stated she was still waiting for a response from the city regarding lead at her residence. Perry replied he is still waiting to hear from a contractor with a date for service line replacement. He also mentioned the Grice service line was replaced today.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes 4/1/2024, invoices from 4/15/2024 totaling \$ 106,736.93 and, payroll for the period of 4/5/2024 in the amount of \$35,425.23.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-abstain. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Kyle for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

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The Mayor brought forward the Water Discussion agenda item. Dave gave an update of the progress Jacobs Engineering is making while working with the IEPA and Rural Water. Their final report will have four treatment options and an outline of pilot testing unidirectional hydrant flushing.

Discussion also included the effects different chemicals have on lead pipes, the changing IEPA requirements, and possible guidelines for prioritizing lead line replacements as funds become available. Kelly suggested a committee be created to find and apply for possible funding/grants.

Staff Reports began with Scott reporting on plant repairs and the vector truck repairs.

Dan reminded all that brush pickup is weather dependent and will continue this week.

Perry reported the service line at 200 S Lynn was replaced today. Also the plant water level sensors have been replaced. All residents can work with the city to have their water tested.

Jason reported "Lost Hiker" training is complete. An offer of employment has been made and PTI will begin in three weeks. The department is still accepting applications.

Anita reminded everyone that a Statement of Economic Interest needs to be filed with the county by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Kelly for approval of the 2024-2025 FY Budget. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Mat for approval of the quote from Striegel Knobloch & Company, LLC totaling \$19,500 for FY ending April 30, 2024 annual audit. Discussion included price difference from last year. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Justin for approval of the agreement between the City of Le Roy and ICOPS covering Le Roy Police Officers. Discussion was an overview of changes in uniform allowance, vacation buyback, special assignments and random testing location. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Matt to approve the Regular Council Meeting Schedule for FY May 2024-April 2025. The Mayor pointed out June through September will only have one meeting. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle

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Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

**RES NO. 24-04-02-30** A resolution of the City of Le Roy McLean County, Illinois, authorizing the reimbursement of redevelopment project cost. Motion to approve by Justin was seconded by Matt. Discussion reviewed the scope of the projects involving multiple downtown buildings and concerns over cost to the City and maintaining the historic district. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-no, Kyle Merkle- no, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 2 nays.

**RES NO. 24-04-03-30** A resolution of the City of Le Roy McLean County, Illinois, authorizing the reimbursement of redevelopment project cost. Motion to approve by Kelly was seconded by Sarah. Dave explained this is the same as the previous agreement but with different buildings and a different owner. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-no, Kyle Merkle- no, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 2 nays.

In Old and New Business Justin asked if any of the 51 properties that need service lines replaced were in the business district since those funds could be used for infrastructure.

Mayor Dean made a proclamation for Arbor Day. The Tree Committee will be planting three trees and has events planned for the last Saturday in April.

The Mayor also announced the executive session on the agenda will not be necessary and would entertain a motion to adjourn.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso,  
City Clerk