

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 17, 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 Matt Steffen, Ron Legner, Justin Morfey, Kyle Merkle, Patti Welander, Kelly Lay, and Dawn Hanafin. Sarah Welte was absent.

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

Public Comments were heard regarding the waterway in Falcon Ridge being farmed and causing flooding. Also a request from the Le Roy Farmers Market (will be on next agenda).

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes 5/20/2024, invoices from 6/3/24 totaling \$ 132,348.25 and, Invoices from 6/17/2024 totaling \$ 267,856.55, payroll for the period of 5/31/2024 in the amount of \$53,506.00 and payroll for the period of 6/14/2024 in the amount of \$56,694.01.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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

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

Staff Reports began with Dan stating the summer help is working out well.

Perry reported computer repairs are in progress and he's looking at a computer upgrade. A contractor has been called to repair the leak in Golden Eagle since the main is over 6ft deep. The next lead/copper sample collection is complete. The lead line priority list has been completed. Hydrant flushing will tentatively begin 6/24/24.

Jason reported the new squad car will be picked up next week. The new officer is in week 5 of 16 of PTI and doing well. There were 10 applicants this time and only 5 arrived for testing. There will be 4 to be interviewed.

Dave reported the auditors arrived today, so has the new street department truck.

Motion for approval of the McLean County Asphalt-Materials, Inc. 2024 MFT General Maintenance proposal for the placement of a bituminous surface treatment on various City streets at a cost of \$143,440.72 was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt. Discussion included the number of bids and reasons. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes,

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

Discussion of the fine for illegal fireworks within City limits was opened by Chief Williamson reviewing current fines and previous problems regarding enforcement. Discussion also included what other communities do, if the property owner would receive the ticket, state regulations, and display time limits. Motion by Patti was seconded by Kelly to raise the amount of the fine for illegal fireworks within City limits to \$750. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-no. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nays.

Council entered a discussion reviewing the Golf Cart ordinance. A resident made comments as to fees and requirements compared to surrounding communities. Consensus was to collect more information and continue the discussion at the next meeting.

In Old and New Business Justin asked about cleaning the water towers, if there was any reimbursement for residents that have already replaced their lead service lines at their own expense, and the maintenance of Howard Virgin Timber Park.

Dawn asked about the DOT camera south of the interstate and if there was news about the nursing home. Dave answered there has been no contact with the owner but the maintenance team will be doing more than just the yard. Jason said the property is for sale and there has been a walk-thru.

Mayor Dean reported the Gaultney Memorial unveiling was a success. Living Well United is having their Christmas in July event / fundraiser. He requested and was given a consensus for a \$200 donation to the senior center from the Mayor fund. He also mentioned the American Legion will be organizing the 4th of July parade.

The tourism grant request from the Farmer's Market was discussed. It will be put on the next agenda for approval.

Jason mentioned there will be a session at the IML Conference titled Lead Line Replacement Problems.

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

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso,
City Clerk