**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S. East Street by Mayor Dean with council members Kyle Merkle, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner, Matt Steffen and Greg Steffen present at roll call. Absent were council members Dawn Hanafin, Rick Kline and Brad Poindexter.

Staff members present were Ron Tackett, Chief Williamson, Cameron Fisk, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland.

Included on the consent agenda were Meeting Minutes, Personnel Committee Minutes and Special Project Committee Minutes from August 5, 2019, Special Council Meeting Minutes from August 13, 2019, Invoices from August 19, 2019 in the amount of $128,105.81 and payroll expenses from August 16, 2019 in the amount of $43,274.13. Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt for approval of the consent agenda. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-abstain, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-abstain. Motion carried 3 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

Chief Williamson introduced the City’s newly hired police officer, Cameron Fisk and informed the council that he would be starting PTI September 16.

Sam reported that the ADT contract for security cameras and alarm system had expired and the City was paying month by month for security coverage. George Alarm had presented a quote for security at 4 City locations and Sam stated that she was shopping around for the best deal.

Council entered discussion regarding review and acceptance of Bernardi Securities documentation, timeline, and setting of ceiling revenues and

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bond amount. John Vazetti of Bernardi Securities had recommended a 5 million dollar bond issue. Greg Steffen asked if another bond company had been contacted for a second bid and suggested that Baird be contacted for a bid before a decision was made to go with Bernardi Securities. Sam will contact Baird to discuss a second bid.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Kyle to enter into a contract for an Economic Development Feasibility Study with Moran Economic Development. Ron Legner questioned payment plans for the study due to the fact that it had not been budgeted. Sam stated that the money could be taken out of contract services and split between the departments as well as checking into the legality of using Hotel/Motel tax revenues. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**Ordinance No. 19-08-03-90,** An Ordinance Pursuant To Title Six, Chapter Three, Section Three Of The Municipal Code Of Le Roy, Illinois, 2006, Parking Spaces For Handicapped Persons was approved on a motion made by Kelly and seconded by Greg. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Kelly for Initiation of amendment and recommendation to Zoning Board of Appeals to conduct public hearings on changes to City of Le Roy zoning ordinances after passage of Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt to approve closure of Center Street between Pearl Street and Mill Street on Saturday,

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September 28, 2019 from 9 AM to 3 PM for Park Fest (barricades and no parking signs requested). Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Greg asked if the Hotel/Motel tax payments were current. Sam stated that she was waiting to hear back from the law firm handling the matter and would like to ask for attorney fees to be reimbursed if the matter goes to court.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Kyle to table the election to bypass bidding/RFP process and utilize Chastain and Associates for 2019 bond project (due to lack of required 2/3 vote). Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 4yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Kelly to enter executive session at 7:48 PM under section **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal council for the public body and **5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1)** The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees or legal council for the public body. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Council agreed to end Executive Session and re-enter regular session at 8:34 PM.

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Motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:35 PM was made by Kyle and seconded by Greg. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5yeas, 0 nays.

Vicki Moreland

City Clerk,

City of Le Roy