



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dean at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S. East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Justin Morfey, Kyle Merkle, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner, and Sarah Welte.

Dawn Hanafin, Ryan Miles and Matt Steffen were absent.

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

Eugene Scray addressed the Council regarding the progress of his downtown business. He reported on the refurbishment of his business and asked the Council to hold off on approval of an Ordinance regarding building awnings, as well as addressing the Council regarding the possibility of a façade grant.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from August 2, 2021, invoices for August 16, 2021 in the amount of \$253,021.55, invoices for August 7, 2021 totaling \$170,804.85, payroll for the period of August 13, 2021 in the amount of \$45,469.77, and payroll for the period of August 27, 2021 in the amount of 44,614.54. The items in the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Sarah for approval of the Council Meeting Minutes from August 2, 2021. Roll call: Justin Morfey-

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yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes.
Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Kyle for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

During staff reports Chief Williamson stated that the estimated delivery of the new squad was November. He asked about starting his search for the next fiscal year squad car in January 2022, due to the ongoing delays for new vehicles.

Perry reported that the work on the water plant upgrade was ongoing. They had been working on Softner #1 at the plant and were doing hydrant flushing south of the interstate. Perry stated that they were scheduling meter change outs as they can. The IEPA has mandated the water department do 40 lead & copper samples by the end of the year. The new chlorine analyzer at the south tower was doing well. Perry reported a cost of \$5,934.78 for cellular upgrade at the towers in order to receive the meter reads for billing. He was informed of a 5 to 8% increase for chemicals for the next fiscal year, but stated that the new plant would reduce chemical usage, hopefully resulting in no increases for chemical costs.

Dave reported on the number of complaints received regarding the dust from the oil and chip work on Mill and Barnett Streets. Mc Lean County Asphalt would be coming back to remove excess rock within the week to try to improve the situation. He also stated that he would schedule Metro Net and Pavlon to speak to the Council if still interested.

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Dawn was seated at 7:13 PM.

Dave also stated that he had spoke with Adam Stroud from PGAV Planners regarding the possibility of implementing a TIF district in Le Roy. Adam was planning a tour of Le Roy to look for TIF qualifying areas and would get back to him with the information he received.

Josh Hartke from Diamond Grove Wind Farm addressed the council regarding the possibility of a wind energy project expected to generate up to 300 megawatts of energy in Mc Lean County. They are working with landowners, community leaders and various stakeholders on the project and welcome input into the planning process.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly for approval of Anita Corso for the position of City Clerk upon the retirement of Vicki Moreland. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Mayor Dean asked the Personnel Committee to start work on a replacement for the Billing Clerk.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Sarah for approval of Ward 1 alderman Ryan Miles resignation effective September 7, 2021. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Ordinance No. 21-09-01-52, An Ordinance Approving The Final Plat For Sixth Addition To Falcon Ridge Subdivision was approved on a motion made by Sarah and seconded by Dawn. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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Ordinance No. 21-09-02-80, An Ordinance Authorizing The Sale Of Lot 10 Le Roy Estates Section One Subdivision – Parcel #30-20-481-012, (John & Kelly Underhill) was passed on a motion made by Kyle and seconded by Justin. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Ordinance No. 21-09-03-50, An Ordinance Adopting A Whistleblower And Anti-Retaliation Policy To Comply With P.A. 101-652, was passed on a motion made by Kelly and seconded by Justin. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Ordinance No. 21-09-04-50, An Ordinance Amending Le Roy City Code – Building Awnings In The C-1 Commercial Zoning District was passed on a motion made by Ron and seconded by Dawn. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

In regard to Eugene Scray's request that the City not approve the ordinance, the Council suggested it be passed as written and any requested deviation from the regulations could go before the zoning board via a variance request.

At 7:46 PM motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Sarah to adjourn the regular council meeting. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy