



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City hall, 207 S. East Street with all council members present at roll call except Dawn Hanafin.

Staff members present were Chief Williamson, Eddy Allen, Ron Tackett, Dean Buhrke, Treasurer Brad Frankovich, Dave Jenkins and Vicki Moreland.

McLean County Board District 2 candidate Steven Siebert spoke to the council regarding his attendance at meetings and his plans for changes that will be implemented if he is elected.

The meeting minutes from August 7, 2017 were removed from the consent agenda. Motion was made by Hilary and seconded by Brad for approval of the August 7, 2017 meeting minutes. Roll call: Rick Kline-abstain, Kyle Merkle-abstain, Brad Poindexter-yes, Glenn Reinhart-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Hilary Neal-yes, Greg Steffen-abstain. Motion carried 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstain.

Invoices from August 21, 2017 in the amount of \$167,518.14 and payroll expenses for the period of August 18, 2017 in the amount of \$42,334.87 were approved on a motion made by Greg and seconded by Hilary. Roll call: Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Glenn Reinhart-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Hilary Neal-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

During staff reports Chief Williamson stated that the PD versus the Fire Department softball game is scheduled for September 10 at 4 PM at the ball field. He also stated that the PD's new dunk tank would be used during the Fall Festival and the first week of school had been busy but no problems were reported.

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Dave stated that the new Le Roy website was up and going but was still a work in progress.

Audrey Guyman spoke to the council regarding her desire to have the alley abutting her property at 106 S. Buck Street vacated. She has spoken with the owners of the elevator adjoining her property regarding purchasing a portion of their property. She has agreed not to block the alley with buildings if it is vacated. She also stated that the alley across Buck Street has been vacated. Staff will follow up with other residents that would be affected by the alley closure.

Dawn Hanafin was seated at 7:20 PM.

The Council entered discussion for consideration of potential incentive programs when marketing City owned property. They discussed a property tax rebate option which would need approval of the remaining taxing bodies as well as waiving City fees. The Council was unanimous in their consensus of offering any incentives possible if the right business were to purchase the property.

Motion was made by Hilary and seconded by Rick to cancel the Tuesday, September 5, 2017 scheduled Council Meeting (Labor Day). Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Glenn Reinhart-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Hilary Neal-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Dave commended Officer Taylor for his research and findings regarding a nuisance property. He also commended Scott and Matt for their work in using recycled telephone poles to build a retaining wall at the proposed cold storage facility at a savings to the City.

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Greg asked about the status of the Burcham property. A building permit has been issued but no work has been done at this time.

Greg asked if the City is required to charge sales tax on items that the City sells to residents. Staff will check with legal for the regulations for sales tax.

Greg asked about the status of the loan for the old fire department renovation. Dave said it looked like the City would go with Busey Bank for the loan.

Motion was made by Hilary and seconded by Kyle to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:07 PM.



Vicki Moreland

City Clerk,

City of Le Roy