



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S. East Street by Mayor Dean with all council members present at roll call except Rick Kline.

Staff members present were Chief Williamson, Scott Bryant, Ed Allen, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland.

Included on the consent agenda were Public Works Committee Minutes from 5/6/2019 and Meeting Minutes from 5/6/2019, Invoices from 5/20/2019 in the amount of \$170,547.96 and Payroll expenses from 5/10/2019 totaling \$65,320.84.

The Public Works Committee Minutes from 5/6/2019 were removed from the consent agenda for a vote of the Committee members. Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Greg for approval of the Committee Minutes. Roll call: Ron Legner-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 2 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Kelly for approval of the remaining items on the consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Scott reported that the pump to the chlorinator quit and had been replaced but he still needed to re-do the electric.

Chief Williamson stated that the downtown parking ban letters had been delivered. He reported that 11 of the 12 applicants for the patrol officer position had successfully completed testing and were in the process of

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returning background check consent paperwork. The new tasers are in and training is scheduled for tomorrow.

Motion was made by Ron and seconded by Kyle for approval of the declaration of 607 N. Allen Street as surplus property to be bid for sale (at a minimum of \$5,000). Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Brad for approval of the winning bid for the Street Department microsurfacing project to Microsurfacing Contractors LLC. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Greg for abandonment of current test well site. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Engineers will be consulted to determine an estimated cost of running raw water lines to the plant from various possible test well sites as determined by locations on the resistivity map.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly for Approval of Sanitary Sewer Improvements for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 funded only with municipal/local funds. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Council entered discussion regarding the creation of a Community Calendar and also a "Help Wanted" page on the City of Le Roy Website.

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Staff will look into the time involved and possible fees to be associated with the implementation.

Council discussed the possibility of an agreement with Blue Stem to sign on to a green energy farm (likely solar). The concept allows a municipality to buy-in and receive the advantages of a renewable energy project without having the project in their city. Council consensus was not to use taxpayer funds and stated that it was not in the budget. They would possibly be interested if the company were to come do something in the Le Roy area.

Recreational Cannabis law in Illinois is currently in the Senate and is closer to being passed. Municipalities can opt-out of allowing permitted businesses in City limits. The council discussed the possibility of allowing versus opting-out and the consensus of the Council was to allow permitted businesses if the state of Illinois accepts the law.

The council discussed the addition of Independence Court lots to the current mowing schedule after the donation. H & H, our current mowing contractors are willing to mow at a cost of \$150 per mowing. Staff will contact the persons currently mowing the property to see if they are interested in continuing and what the cost would be.

In Old and New business Dawn asked about the policy for nuisance properties regarding a property on Barnett Street that is cluttered and in need of mowing.

Greg asked about the status of the former Hardees regarding sale of the property as well as the current condition of the property.

Matt had checked into whether Hud or Liberty Village owned the bed permits for the now closed nursing home. There are no active permits

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and a nursing home wanting to locate in the same location would have to start the process over.

Greg thanked Mike Hanafin for helping get the community garden located on property at Le Roy Christian Church ready to plant.

Kelly asked about the possibility of a small sign or other information to be put at Casey's informing customers of the availability of the dog park.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Greg to enter executive session at 8:15 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: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Council agreed to end Executive Session and re-enter regular session at 9:08 PM.

Consensus of the council following executive session was to advertise for a Streets/Parks position with the City.

Motion to adjourn the regular council meeting at 9:09 PM was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy