



## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2020**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Dean via live stream access. Council members in remote access were Dawn Hanafin, Rick Kline, Kyle Merkle, Kelly Lay, Matt Steffen and Greg Steffen.

Staff members in remote session were Chief Williamson, Scott Bryant, Dan Lush, Perry Mayer, Nathan Wilkins, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes and Budget Public Hearing Minutes from April 27, 2020 and invoices from May 4, 2020 in the amount of \$74,309.22. Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Kelly for approval of the consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Ron was able to join the remote access.

Scott reported that the bid opening for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Project was scheduled for May 6 and suggestions will be presented at the May 18 meeting. Scott also stated that he was working on the language for the temporary construction easement for the Wilson Avenue Project.

Chief Williamson informed the council that he had looked into the regulations for garage sales and stated that they were not allowed under government orders. He had spoken with the Fall Festival Committee and was informed that the 2020 Fall Festival would be cancelled. He also stated that Officer Taylor's employment with the City would end on July 16 or possibly earlier and wanted to start the hiring process for a

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replacement officer. The job advertisement would run for 30 days via social media and Le Roy Leader.

Perry stated that they were still experiencing sporadic problems with compressors and communication regarding the water plant. The plant is currently being run manually and Perry is monitoring via the laptop.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly for Approval of Mayoral Appointments for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays. **(See Attachment)**

**Ordinance No. 20-05-01-41**, An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 6 of the Le Roy Municipal Code Regarding The Citywide Prohibited Discharge Inspection Program was passed on a motion made by Greg and seconded by Ron with the removal of the word “annual” from page 2 section 3A. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**Ordinance No. 20-05-02-99**, An Ordinance Amending Title 1, Chapter 4, Section 3 of the Le Roy Municipal Code Regarding The Sewer Ordinance Fines was passed on a motion made by Dawn and seconded by Greg as amended with changes in section 8-4-6(A)(1)(c). Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Brad joined by remote access at 7:37.

The Council discussed the allocation of capitalized interest funds from 2019 bonds for water and sewer upgrades. Sam stated that Zion bank

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would hang onto the money as the chosen paying agent. Greg would like to see the funds invested in whatever provided the best returns. Ron asked about applying the funds to offset the interest. Sam will check into those possibilities.

In Old and New Business Greg stated that complaints should not be made up to threaten new businesses or threats of police enforcement due to their not being an essential business. Samantha and Mayor Dean informed Greg that the information he received was incorrect and that the business was only asked to explain why they were being considered an essential business in relation to guidelines set by the State Government. They both advised that after speaking to the business owner they had no concerns about how the business was operating. Greg asked for a copy of the government guidelines.

Chief Williamson stated that he would run the Patrol officer ad for 30 days at a cost of approximately \$50. The consensus of the council was to move forward with advertising.

Dawn stated that she had received information that a building was purchased downtown for the purpose of living upstairs. When asked how the code for downtown businesses was enforced the Mayor stated that the CCO would explain the regulations to the owner. The council agreed that it was not the responsibility of the City, but the potential buyers to check regulations before purchasing property.

Ron asked about the status of the Automatic Withdrawal for City of Le Roy utility payment. The Auto Withdrawal will start with the May Utility Bills.

Kelly asked about the status of the dog park in regard to ADA conformity. Sam stated that the original plan had been approved by the Attorney

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General but an alternative plan that was cheaper was in the works. The improvements will not be made until after the wet season is over.

Dan asked for direction regarding payment for the sale of rock to residents. He was informed that all payments need to be made through City Hall.

Samantha stated that the City was experiencing issues with residents making improvements to their properties without permits or before permits were approved. Also the dumping at the City Street Facility was getting out of control. Street department staff needs to work overtime to clean up the mess left by the residents. It was suggested that cameras be installed and violators would be fined and/or not allowed use of the bulk container. Some suggestions were for once a month pickup of bulk items or drop off by appointment only. Samantha will work on an ordinance with times, dates and items that will be accepted.

Mayor Dean stated that he had met via zoom with several of the rural Mayors in McLean County proposing a soft opening of the Municipalities within the County. The plan was to send the proposal to the Governor within the next one to two weeks.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Greg to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:09 PM. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.



Vicki Moreland  
City Clerk,  
City of Le Roy

**MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS 2020-2021**

**City Administrator: Samantha Walley**

**Mayor Pro-Tempore: Dawn Hanafin**

**ESDA Director: Jeff Whitesell, Fire Chief**

**CHIEF OF POLICE: Jason Williamson**

**CITY CLERK: Vicki Moreland**

**ASSISTANT CITY CLERK: Anita Corso**

**CITY TREASURER: Brad Frankovich**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEES:**

**FINANCE: Dawn Hanafin, Chair; Brad Poindexter,, Rick Kline, Ron Legner**

**PERSONNEL: Kyle Merkle, Chair; Matt Steffen, Dawn Hanafin, Kelly Lay**

**BUILDING AND ZONING: Brad Poindexter, Chair; Kelly Lay,, Matt Steffen, Kyle Merkle**

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Rick Kline, Chair; Dawn Hanafin,, Kyle Merkle, Greg Steffen**

**PUBLIC WORKS: Ron Legner, Chair; Greg Steffen, Brad Poindexter, Matt Steffen**

**PUBLIC SAFETY: Greg Steffen, Chair; Ron Legner, Kelly Lay, Rick Kline**