



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 15, 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, Kyle Merkle, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner, Matt Steffen and Greg Steffen. Rick Kline and Brad Poindexter were absent.

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

Brad Poindexter joined at 7:03 PM.

Included on the consent agenda were regular minutes from June 1, 2020, Invoices from June 15, 2020 in the amount of \$82,280.50 and payroll for the period ending June 5, 2020 totaling \$48,831.18.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt for approval of the consent agenda. Ron asked that the minutes be voted on separately. Approval of the June 1, 2020 minutes roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the invoices. 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.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly for the appointment of Mr. Craig Cahan to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes,

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Matt Steffen-abstain, Greg Steffen-abstain. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

During staff reports Scott stated that the Meadow Lane construction project would begin next week or the week after July 4th. He will deliver notices to the residents ahead of construction.

Chief Williamson reported that he had ordered helmets at a cost of \$209 each totaling about \$1600. He also reported on the status of the hiring process for a new Patrol Officer. Chief asked for direction in regard to the plan for ordering a new squad. Due to the pandemic, the Ford factory had been closed delaying the process until May. The Mayor and Council would like to obtain a state bid as well as a bid from a local dealer. Also, due to recent events the officers had been training in control tactics, firearms training and de-escalation training.

Dan reported that signage and website advertisement regarding the City owned dumpster rental had led to an increase in interest and asked for council direction for rental guidelines. He specifically asked for input regarding out of town rental requests. Discussion included mileage charges as well as boundary guidelines. A list of guidelines will be put together and brought to the next council meeting for discussion.

J. Noel Thompson addressed the council regarding services offered by Lease Advisors. They were looking at the existing cell tower properties in the City. Mayor Dean will check to see if any of the sites are owned by the City.

The council discussed the resumption of late fee/penalties and shutoffs for water service on Thursday, July 16, 2020 and criteria for fee/shutoff

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deferral. Samantha had supplied a list of potential criteria for review that would make a person eligible for deferral. After input from council members regarding which criteria they felt was appropriate a final decision will be made at the July 20 council meeting.

Ordinance No. 20-06-02-40, An Ordinance Amending Title 4; Chapter 2 Of The Municipal Code Of Le Roy, Illinois was passed on a motion made by Kelly and seconded by Ron as amended. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-abstain, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-abstain. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Brad for approval of the installation of "No Semi Parking At Any Time" signs on Persimmon Drive cul-de-sac. 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 Kelly and seconded by Matt for approval of a 15 month contract with Go To Webinar for remote attendance City Council, Committee, and ZBA meetings. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-no, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nay.

After discussion regarding development of schedule for marketing lots adjacent to the nursing home a motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Matt to proceed with making contact with a realtor and advertising on the website to sell the properties. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle

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Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Mayor Dean asked for a motion to table discussion and possible motion for the development of a schedule for improvements/changes to the City dog park due to the fact that he has an alternate plan that could save money. Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Greg to table the schedule of improvements/changes to the City dog park. 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.

In Old and New Business Dawn asked about the status of the letters from the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding the Business District implementation of the sales tax. I will check with IDOR on the status. Dawn also stated that she had heard about a possible interest in the Shell station by another truck stop and suggested they be given the contact information for Dough Farms if Shell was not interested in selling.

Kelly asked about the status of the interested party to the City owned farm ground. Samantha and Mayor Dean informed that they had purchased two buildings downtown and was looking at a third building to rent.

Ron asked about the status of the Wilson Avenue sewer service project. Scott had obtained a low cost quote from Capodice, which confirmed that the sewer line was located in the permanent easement, removing the need for the City to move the line.

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Greg asked if the 2020-2021 budget included expenses for ESDA. Sam stated that the City was not approached by ESDA requesting funds.

Motion was made by Brad and seconded by Dawn to adjourn the regular council meeting at 8:25 PM. 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