

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 3, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM via remote session by Mayor Dean with council members Dawn Hanafin, Rick Kline, Kyle Merkle, Brad Poindexter, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner and Matt Steffen present. Greg Steffen was not present at roll call.

Staff members present were Sergeant Wilkins filling in for vacationing Chief Williamson, Scott Bryant, Dan Lush, Perry Mayer, Samantha Walley and Vicki Moreland.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Council Minutes from July 20, 2020, Invoices for August 3, 2020 in the amount of \$40,648.38, and Payroll for the period ending July 31, 2020 in the amount of \$57,738.32. Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly for approval of the consent agenda. Ron Legner asked that the invoices be separated from the consent agenda. Approval of minutes and payroll roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Approval of invoices roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-abstain, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

In staff reports Scott stated that the contractor had started the planned work on Meadow Lane.

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Dan stated that the Street Department had started work on the White Street project and due to a heavy workload brush pickup would be pushed back to Thursday or Friday.

Perry reported on the progress of the issues that the water plant had been experiencing. Several issues had been resolved but they were still dealing with others. He stated that City Hall may receive complaints regarding hardness and iron in the water, which they were working to resolve. He stated that the water main work at Elm and Chestnut Streets had been completed and they were waiting on results from the boil order issued for the 4 residents affected. Perry also stated that a water main on Meadowlane had been exposed due to sewer work and the water department was taking advantage of the opportunity to take pictures and GPS the location.

Sergeant Wilkins reported that the police interviews were scheduled for August 11 and the successful applicant(s) would be attending PTI in October, delayed from September due to COVID.

Bernie Anderson from Nicor Gas presented the Council with information regarding their decision on whether to transfer the City of Le Roy Natural Gas thermal credits to cash or continue to receive free therms. Bernie stated that the decision did not need to be final until the first part of November. Samantha stated that she had spoken with a representative of the energy program about facility re-assessment of the natural gas using structures owned by the City of Le Roy and would follow up. Mayor Dean stated that a motion would be on the second meeting in September to decide on thermal credit or cash.

Greg joined at 7:30 PM.

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Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Greg for the adoption of Public Safety Committee recommendation to appoint Ancel Glink attorney Steve Mahrt to investigate a personnel or employment complaint. 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.

The Council entered discussion regarding the adoption of long-term storm sewer drainage system for the City of Le Roy, specifically the Northeast corner of the City. A resident on Meadowlane had emailed Mayor Dean and School Superintendent Tipsord regarding water runoff into their yard from the school property. She also contacted Kelly Lay, her ward representative regarding the issue. After discussion, Street Superintendent Dan Lush stated that his department would start at Barnett Street and work their way down both sides of Meadowlane cutting ditches and replacing/adding culverts. Council concern is that this may cause the water to go downstream thus affecting Crumbaugh Subdivision. Council members agreed that a comprehensive study may need to be performed at some point. Council also discussed the eventual need of a water detention basin. It was suggested that Superintendent Tipsord be contacted to review the plans that were put together for the engineer firms in regard to the proposed school auditorium water runoff issues.

Resolution No. 20-08-01-80, A Resolution Approving The Sale Of City Of Le Roy Real Property Pursuant To The Illinois Municipal Code (Independence Court and Bel View Subdivision properties) was passed on a motion made by Brad and seconded by Dawn. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-

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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.

The properties will be advertised by the City via the website, Face Book and newspaper.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Kyle for the amendment of City payroll date of Friday, January 1, 2021 to a payroll/payment date of Monday, January 4, 2021 for fiscal and tax purposes. 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.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Brad for the Amendment of Article G, Section 4 of the City of Le Roy Personnel Policy Manual. (verbal warnings in personnel file). 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.

After discussion regarding adoption of Franchise Agreement between the City of Le Roy and Corn Belt Energy, Council members stated that they would like to see the new agreement updated and revisit on the next agenda.

In Old and New Business Mayor Dean informed the Council that the IML had contacted Municipalities with a proposed ordinance regarding face coverings. Mayor Dean asked for violation fees to be determined and for the ordinance to be placed on the next agenda for discussion and possible motion.

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Samantha informed the Council of the upcoming August 17 committee meeting at 6 PM for review of the quarterly status of the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget for each department. Samantha also stated that there had been no confirmation on whether the IML decision regarding time off for the November 3 election pertained to Municipalities. She stated that she should have the water plant upgrade timeline by next week. Samantha also stated that she had contacted the City of Normal regarding their updated regulations of food and alcohol sales during the pandemic as well as looking into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Downs for equipment sharing. Both subjects will be included on the next Council agenda.

Motion was made at 8:28 PM by Kelly and seconded by Kyle to enter executive session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2), to discuss “collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representative”, specifically amending the current ICOPS agreement to continue employment of Officer Theo Facer. 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.

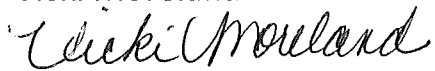
Motion was made by Brad and seconded by Greg to adjourn executive session at 8:41 PM. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt to return to regular session at 8:42 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.

Motion was made by Greg and seconded by Kelly to adjourn the regular session at 8:43 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