



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 2, 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 at roll call. Greg Steffen was absent.

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

Also in remote attendance were Matt Albers from Dimond Brothers Insurance and McLean County Board member Jim Soeldner.

Included on the consent agenda were meeting minutes from October 19, 2020, Invoices in the amount of \$56,787.00 and \$582,063.45, and payroll for the period ending October 23, 2020 totaling \$47,616.62. Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt for approval of the consent agenda. Ron asked that the minutes be separated from the invoices and payroll. Minutes from October 19, 2020 roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-abstain, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

Motion for approval of invoices and payroll was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly. 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.

Scott informed the council that there had not been a substantial rain event to get information from the monitoring meters that had been

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installed. He stated that the budgeted amount allowed for 60 days and would then need to be revisited.

Perry stated that he and John had been training to maintain licensing and had been working on the microfiltration unit leak.

McLean County Board member Jim Soeldner spoke about the County's recovery loan program that is being handled through the B/N Economic Development Council to assist small businesses due to Covid 19.

Motion was made by Brad and seconded by Dawn to deny request of variation of 5-1-8 (C) (1) of the Le Roy City Code to permit the possession, care, control and ownership of six (6) canines at 103 E. Cherry Street, Le Roy, IL as requested by Mr. Richard Twedell. 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.

The Council discussed the plat map for Woodrum Warren Street Subdivision and a motion was made by Ron and seconded by Dawn to table approval until receiving a readable PDF and more information on the reason for the subdivision. 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.

Matt Albers presented the council with information regarding the 2021 insurance renewal changes regarding coverage and rates. Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kelly for approval of Blue Cross/Blue Shield and principal Vision and Dental rates for calendar year 2021. 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.

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Motion was made by Brad and seconded by Kyle for approval of water softener media changeout, as recommended by Water Superintendent Perry Mayer. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

The Council discussed initiation of monthly testing for fungi and yeast in the City of Le Roy raw water supply. Ron stated that he knew of no accepted standard or how to test the water for fungi and yeast or how much would be acceptable. Kelly felt the City should look for guidance from the IEPA about possible future regulations before a decision is made. Perry will contact the IEPA for guidelines and report his findings at the next meeting.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval to borrow \$3.5 million in bond revenue to fund water treatment plant construction and test well capital projects. Kelly suggested \$3.6 million to cover all anticipated expenses. After discussion Kyle amended his motion to \$3.6 million which was seconded by Matt. 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.

The Council reviewed the Nicor Gas Energy Efficiency Program recommendations at the City of Le Roy Water Plant. Council members agreed that replacement of the bigger cost items would not be feasible. Perry will keep the program recommendations on file to use as a guideline when the items need replaced.

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Matt for the allocation of \$700 from City General Fund for the purchase of holiday gifts for City Employees. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes,

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

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Brad for approval to place “dead end” or “no outlet” signage at the entrance to Burcham Drive. 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.

In Old and New Business Rick asked about the status of the façade grant reimbursement from Matt Garvin. The item will be listed on the November 16, 2020 agenda.

Dan stated that the last brush pickup would be next week and would not resume until April 2021.

Mayor Dean stated that there were no issues on Halloween and he felt that the addition of the half hour of earlier trick-or-treat time was beneficial to a very successful Halloween.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Brad to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:51 PM.



Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy