



## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 7, 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, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner and Matt Steffen and Greg Steffen present at roll call. Brad Poindexter was absent.

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

Also in remote attendance were Keith Moran from Moran Economic Development and Sue Bratcher.

Keith Moran from Moran Economic Development spoke to the council regarding the implementation of a TIF district. He explained that a study would be done regarding such things as the age of structures, condition of properties and existence of vacant property in the designated area to see if it meets the qualifications for a TIF district. He also explained that a TIF district does not raise property taxes, but captures a fixed amount of revenue to be spent inside the TIF district for eligible development and upgrades. He stated that it would be a great economic development tool, and that several of the surrounding municipalities had TIF districts. A Joint Review Board meeting with other taxing bodies as well as a public hearing would be required before implementation. Samantha asked about the cost that would occur for a TIF study. Keith said it is generally a 6 month process that would cost approximately \$24,000 to \$29,000.

Included on the consent agenda were meeting minutes from November 11, 2020, Invoices in the amount of \$82,338.74 and \$2,450.00, and payroll

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for the period ending November 20, 2020 and December 4, 2020 totaling \$43,619.86 and \$47,932.64. Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Kyle for approval of the consent agenda. Ron asked that the minutes be separated from the invoices and payroll. Dawn made the motion and Kyle seconded for the separation from the consent agenda and approval of the minutes. 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.

Motion for approval of invoices and payroll was made by Rick and seconded by Kyle. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

During Staff reports, Scott updated the council on the monitoring meters that had been installed at Falcon Ridge and stated that they had been in place for 60 days without substantial rainfall and suggested they stay in place for another 30 days to see what happens. He had the relays for the alternators on the dry pumps working for now, but is checking into a cost effective fix. Scott also reported that the price to replace the check valve on the dry weather pump would run between \$7,000 to \$7,500. The expense was not budgeted for the current fiscal year, but could be taken out of Bond Capital Projects.

Chief Williamson reported that the City had received expense reimbursement for the first two submissions to the CURES grant for Covid related expenses totaling \$25,459. He is in the process of gathering information for the third submission. Graduation for the two officers currently in PTI will be January 15, at which time they will be placed with a Field Training Officer.

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Perry stated that he had received an email stating the Department of Homeland Security recognizes water and wastewater utility staff as part of the “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce”. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s phased approach for Covid-19 vaccinations recommends that non-health care essential workers, which include water utility staff receive priority in Phase 1-B of the Covid Vaccination Program.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Matt for approval of lowest responsible bidder for Water Treatment Plant Softener Rehabilitation, which is All Service Contracting Corp., Decatur, IL totaling \$98,626.00. 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.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Greg for approval of General Code Supplement Estimate-4<sup>th</sup> revision. 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.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Rick for selection of website accessibility addition through Cybernautic for the City of Le Roy webpage at the rate of \$50 per month. 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. 20-12-01-10**, An Ordinance Abating The Taxes Heretofore Levied For the Year 2020 To pay Debt Service On \$2,865,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016 A, and \$2,510,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2016 B, was passed on a motion made by Greg and seconded by

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Matt. 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. 20-12-02-10**, An Ordinance Levying Taxes For Corporate Purposes For The Fiscal Year Commencing On The First Day Of May 2021, And Ending On the Thirtieth Day Of April 2022, For The City Of Le Roy, Mc Lean County, Illinois, was passed on a motion made by Dawn and seconded by Matt. 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.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Greg for Adoption Of City of Le Roy Economic Support Payments Grant Program, as identified and outlined by Illinois DCEO NOFO ID: 2433-1681. 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.

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Matt for approval of purchase of holiday decorations from Temple Display, LTD not to exceed \$13,190.00. 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.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Dawn for declaration of 2000 Toyota Solara, VIN 2T1CG22P2YC282285 as surplus Le Roy Police Department property. 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.

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After discussion regarding the cancellation of the December 21, 2020 regularly scheduled City Council Meeting, the decision was made to hold the meeting for the purpose of laying out the guidelines for the Le Roy Economic Support Payments Grant Program.

In Old and New Business, Dawn asked if the City owned properties that were for sale were listed on the City Facebook. They had been posted, but after no response, were removed. It was suggested that they be re-posted with a link to the realtor's page.

Greg stated that he felt like the previous council discussion regarding the construction at the Grade School sounded negative, and would like to clarify that was not the intention.

Mayor Dean received the following statement from Brad Poindexter, and was asked to share with the Council: The Poindexter family is very thankful for the outpouring of thoughts and prayers through the loss of a Husband, Father, Grandfather and Great Grandfather and a servant to the City of Le Roy.

Mayor Dean thanked everyone that played a part in the preparation of the City's entry and involvement in a very successful Christmas Parade.

Motion was made by Rick and Seconded by Kelly to adjourn the regular scheduled City council meeting at 8:22 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:23 PM.



Vicki Moreland  
City Clerk,  
City of Le Roy