



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JANUARY 4, 2021

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 present at roll call. Brad Poindexter and Greg Steffen were absent.

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

Included on the consent agenda were meeting minutes from December 21, 2020, Invoices from January 4, 2021 in the amount of \$16,367.12 and payroll for the period ending January 1, 2021 in the amount of \$44,467.91. Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Dawn for approval of the consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes and Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

During staff reports Chief Williamson stated that the two officers currently in PTI would be graduating January 15 and then be placed with their FTO.

Dan Lush stated that the City crews would be picking up large piles of brush throughout the week and would pick up Christmas trees and remaining brush January 11, giving residents the weekend to get brush to the curb.

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Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kyle for approval of the extension of EPSL and EFMLA application to City of Le Roy employees through March 31, 2021. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, KyleMerkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes and Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Rick and seconded by Kelly for the continuation of remote attendance City Council meetings until Budget Meeting March 8, 2021. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes and Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of cessation of paper billing for residents employing e-billing after Aril 2021, with the option to continue paper billing if requested. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes and Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Rick, Chairman of Community and Economic Development Committee, stated that he has asked for a list of businesses the committee would like to see locate in Le Roy. He asked that the remainder of the council do the same. Rick would like to call a Committee meeting in February to discuss a marketing plan.

Sam stated that she had spoken with Keith Moran from Moran Economic Development regarding costs associated with implementing a TIF district as well as a marketing plan. The TIF implementation would be approximately \$23,000 to \$25, 000 and Marketing plan \$3,000, but Keith stated that the City could roll the two plans in together. The council felt

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that it would be good to check with other companies to compare costs associated with a marketing plan.

Sam stated that she had been contacted by the County Animal Control regarding an improved IGA. She said a new IGA would have more teeth than the previous one, but less than Bloomington/Normal. Mayor Dean stated that the City has previously been unsatisfied with the service that they provided, but stated that he believed that the administration had changed since that time. Currently calls that come in for animal control are handled by the PD or any other available department. Kelly stated that she was not opposed to the idea, but would like to see something more concrete and stated that she was not sure about the budget for costs associated. Mayor Dean would like to see a sample IGA. Kelly asked about the possibility of a shorter contract until the City was satisfied with the service.

Dawn stated that the incorrect prices listed for the City owned lots had been corrected. She questioned the status of the Le Roy Economic Support Payments Grant Program. Sam informed the council that the program had been shut down as of December 11, with no advanced notification.

At 7:20 PM, motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Kelly to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Specifically employment of Samantha Walley.

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At 7:38 PM motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Rick to return to regular session. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes and Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

At 7:39 PM motion was made by Matt and seconded by Brad to adjourn the regular council meeting. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Rick Kline-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes and Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.



Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy