



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 15, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM via remote session by Mayor protem Dawn Hanafin with council members Kyle Merkle, Brad Poindexter, Ron Legner, Matt Steffen and Greg Steffen present at roll call. Kelly Lay joined at 7:02 PM. Rick Kline was absent.

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

Also present via remote access, Sue Bratcher and Justin Morfey.

Included on the consent agenda were meeting minutes from February 1, 2021, Invoices from February 15, 2021 in the amount of \$136,524.59, and payroll for the period ending February 12, 2021 in the amount of \$43,331.08. Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kyle for approval of the consent agenda. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Brad Poindexter-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Greg Steffen-abstain. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

Mayor Dean was seated at 7:05 PM.

Scott reported that Chastain had finished the I & I study. Meters had been in place during the months of October, November and December in the Falcon Ridge/Golden Eagle areas to monitor inflow and infiltration. Due to the lack of sufficient precipitation during those months, Scott addressed the Council asking for direction regarding a re-install of the meters in April. He stated that there was a sufficient amount budgeted in the current fiscal year to cover the expense as well as a plan to budget for the 2021/2022 fiscal year as well if the monitors needed to remain in place.

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The consensus of the Council was to re-install the meters in April to hopefully capture precipitation from spring rains to determine the areas of inflow and infiltration.

Chief Williamson stated that the truss plant south of I-74 had been plowed and the general manager was allowing its use during the blizzard as overflow parking of semis. He also stated that the 3rd CURES grant had been approved and the City would be reimbursed nearly \$6600.00.

Vicki reported that Jared from Moran Economic Development had sent an email asking for the City's most recent Annual Taxpayer Listing. Once the information is received he will begin an audit of the Business District to determine discrepancies with some businesses not implementing the tax.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Dawn to table the selection of advertising firm to begin production of retail/commercial marketing for City of Le Roy until the Economic Development Committee can meet to discuss. 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 Brad and seconded by Dawn for approval of appointment of David Jenkins as Temporary City Administrator for the City of Le Roy, effective Monday, March 22, 2021 with \$50 for vehicle allowance. 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 Greg asked about the status of the tabled motion regarding the 19 acres. Sam stated that the Council wanted to have a Building and Zoning Committee meeting along with an Economic Development Committee meeting to discuss platting as well as other

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issues before bringing the motion back. Mayor Dean will reach out to Economic Development Chair Rick Kline to get a meeting organized.

Ron reported that the permit has been approved for the water plant modifications. An advertisement for bids will be placed in the Le Roy Leader next week. Bids will be due to City Hall March 24 and presented to the Council for acceptance at the April 5 meeting.

At 7:28 PM, motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Greg 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 the terms of retirement of Vicki Moreland. 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 Matt and seconded by Greg to adjourn the executive session and return to regular session at 7:39 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.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Brad to adjourn the regular council meeting at 7:40 PM.

Vicki Moreland
City Clerk,
City of Le Roy