

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 1, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Dawn Hanafin, Matt Steffen, Ron Legner, Kelly Lay, Justin Morfey, Kyle Merkle, and Patti Welanders. Sarah Welte was absent.

Staff members present were Scott Bryant, Jason Williamson, Dave Jenkins, and Anita Corso.

There were no comments from the public.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes 3/18/2024, invoices from 4/1/2024 totaling \$ 81,254.09 and, payroll for the period of 3/22/2024 in the amount of \$49,031.40.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Dawn and seconded by Matt for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welanders-abstain. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kyle for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welanders-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Staff Reports began with Scott giving an update on the sanitary sewer project on Allen St, Francis St & Janice St. and S. High St. Also that grass / street areas affected will be restored when all sections are complete. He also detailed equipment at the sewer plant needing replacement and parts will take over six months to arrive.

Anita reminded council their statement of economic interest is due to be filed electronically with the county by May 1, 2024 and asked the confirmation email be forwarded to City Hall for the files.

Dawn made a motion, seconded by Kelly, to approve the Task Order quote totaling \$29,910.00 from Donohue & Associates, Inc. for Preparation of the 2024 Wastewater System Project Plan. Discussion included the plan being used to apply for EPA loan for a new wastewater plant. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welanders-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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Motion by Patti was seconded by Kyle for approval of a waiver of the bid letting requirement by 2/3 of the City Council pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/8-9 et seq. and acceptance of bid/change order in the amount of \$74,945.75 from SNC Construction for the 2024 Sanitary Sewer Improvements on W. North Street. Discussion included cost savings of using a change order since this company is already working in town compared to another company bid that would include mobilization costs. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**RES NO. 24-04-01-10** A Resolution Approving an Investment Policy. Motion to approve by Dawn was seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner- abstain, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander- yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Kyle moved, seconded by Matt, to approve the 2024-2025 road maintenance work as described in IDOT Resolution for FY 2024-2025 totaling \$265,000.00. Dave gave an overview of the work area and said a map will be made available on city website. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Council entered discussion on Retail Strategies. Dave clarified the scope of the project and said the team would be in Le Roy for a visit on April 18, 2024 so they have a clear idea of empty lots and downtown vacancies. Other concerns were the progress of a part-time employee to do economic development and grant writing.

In Old and New Business Dave gave an update on the houses that needed yard cleanup and what a great job Sean has been doing organizing volunteers to help owners.

Mayor Dean said there was a huge crowd of children to visit with the Easter Bunny after the parade.

Dave said May will be the last newsletter put together by the intern.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Kelly to adjourn the regular council meeting. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner- yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso,  
City Clerk