

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 15, 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 Matt Steffen, Justin Morfey, Kyle Merkle, Patti Welander, Sarah Welte, and Dawn Hanafin. Kelly Lay and Ron Legner were absent.

Staff members present were Scott Bryant, Jason Williamson, Perry Mayer, Dan Lush, Dave Jenkins, and Anita Corso.

No public comments were made.

Included on the consent agenda were Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 6/17/2024, approval of Invoices from 7/1/24 totaling \$ 124,621.87, Invoices from 7/15/24 totaling \$ 172,536.36, payroll for the period of 6/28/24 in the amount of \$ 54,390.91 and payroll for the period of 7/12/24 in the amount of \$ 55,425.52. The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kyle for approval of the Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-abstain, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Sarah for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-abstain. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Staff Reports began with Scott's plant update including a handout showing a preliminary plan. There will be more details and a discussion at the August meeting.

Perry reported that the latest round of lead/copper testing has received a passing score. Overall water quality has improved. The US EPA test results have not yet been received. The unidirectional hydrant flushing is approximately half-way complete. There should be another 4-6 weeks to complete the process. A leak on Peregrine Way in Falcon Ridge subdivision has been repaired.

Dan reported spray patching will begin this week so it has time to cure and set before the oil & chip begins in approximately 2 weeks. The CMA rally went well. The summer help is busy painting curbs.

Anita reported the Consolidated Election will take place April 1, 2025. Petition circulation for a place on the ballot may begin August 20. The 2025 Abbreviated Election calendar is on the Illinois State Board of Elections website. More details as well as petition filing forms should be available around July 31, 2024 on that website.

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Mr. Dale Blue presented his findings on Golf Cart Fees in surrounding communities. Discussion included flat fees with no proration, initial inspections only and by the police department or City Hall staff, also discounted permit fees for veterans, senior citizens and Le Roy first responders.

ORD NO. 24-07-01-70 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6-2-10 OF THE CITY OF LE ROY CODE OF ORDINANCES. Motion to approve by Patti was seconded by Matt. Golf cart fees to be decreased to \$50 per year, discounted fee of \$25 for veterans, residents over 65 years of age, and first responders as defined by the mayor (Le Roy residents that are EMT/Paramedic, Fire Dept, Police). Drivers must be licensed and at least 18 years of age. Fees are no longer prorated. Inspections will be completed by the Code Officer or designated personnel. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Patti was seconded by Matt to approve the Tourism Fund request from the Le Roy Farmer's and Artisans Market totaling \$1,300.00. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion for approval of the McLean County Animal Control Center Agreement including the attached Sheltering Fee Schedule was made by Patti and seconded by Sarah. Discussion reviewed the change in fees including daily fees instead of one-time fees. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

ORD NO 24-07-02-70 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MINIMUM FINE FOR FIREWORKS VIOLATION. Motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Matt. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-no. Motion carried 5 yeas, 1 nay.

In Old and New Business Dave requested the council start thinking about priority projects for a 5-year plan for the city. He'd like that to be the topic for a Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:00 pm August 19th. Dave also said Jacobs Engineering has alternate options and he has asked for any time & materials possibilities. Donohue Engineering is to check on the drainage issue at Falcon Ridge.

The Mayor said the CMA event was well attended and Shakespeare in the Park will be Wednesday.

The Mayor also announced the executive session on the agenda will not be necessary and would entertain a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Matt to adjourn the regular council meeting. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso, City Clerk