

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 19, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:04 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Matt Steffen, Justin Morfey, Ron Legner, Kyle Merkle, Patti Welander, Sarah Welte, and Dawn Hanafin. Kelly Lay was absent.

Staff members present were Jason Williamson, Perry Mayer, Dan Lush, Dave Jenkins, Anita Corso, Brad Frankovich.

Public comments concerned the new signs requiring residents to call City Hall or the Street Superintendent before leaving anything in the dumpster or the brush pile.

Included on the consent agenda were Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 7/15/2024, approval of Invoices from 8/6/24 totaling \$ 227,751.43, Invoices from 8/19/24 totaling \$ 95,796.07, payroll for the period of 7/26/24 in the amount of \$ 59,548.71 and payroll for the period of 8/9/24 in the amount of \$53,828.84. The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Matt for approval of the Meeting Minutes. The Mayor was asked to define first responders for ORD 24-07-01-70. First Responders was defined as Le Roy residents that are EMT/Paramedic, Fire Dept, Police. The minutes will be amended to reflect the definition. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Dawn Hanafin-abstain. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

In Staff Reports, Perry stated hydrant flushing continues, the leak by the Replex was a rare fitting failure and the manufacturer has been contacted. He also mentioned how both he and John are getting close to retirement and it might be time to start looking to possibly start training replacements.

Dan reported on the new signs at the Public Works building regarding the dumpster and brush drop off.

Jason reported the department is fully staffed. PTI graduation is Aug 22, 2024 for the first officer and the second will be starting 9/9/24.

Anita reported petitions for the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election can be circulated starting 8/20/24. Also there are 6 positions on the ballot – Mayor, 1 Alderman from each ward, and an unexpired 2yr

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term. Filing information is on the IL State Board of Elections website. Courtesy filing packets are available at City Hall.

ORD NO. 24-08-01-10 AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A MUNICIPAL GROCERY RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND A MUNICIPAL GROCERY SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX. Motion to approve by Dawn was seconded by Justin. Discussion clarified this would just replace the state grocery tax being discontinued January 1, 2026, and would not take effect until then. Roll call: Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-no, Sarah Welte-yes, Matt Stephen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nay.

ORD 24-08-02-10 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A LOCAL NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND NON-HOME RULE MUNICIPAL SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX OF 1%. Motion to approve by Sarah was seconded by Matt. Discussion raised many questions. Sarah amended the motion to table the discussion to a September meeting. Matt agreed.

ORD 24-08-03-10 AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 07-05-02-10 Motion to table until September meeting by Kyle was seconded by Sarah. Roll call: Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Matt Stephen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion tabled 7 yeas, 0 nay.

Due to a delay in receiving written confirmation of the agreement, the Mayor asked for a motion to table discussion on the **NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT AGREEMENT GRANTING PERMANENT STORM AND SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT AND TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT**. Motion by Kyle to table until September was seconded by Matt. Roll call: Justin Morfey-yes, Patti Welander-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Matt Stephen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion tabled 7 yeas, 0 nay.

In Old and New Business, the Mayor reminded everyone the Fall Festival was running through Saturday with Special Persons Day being Thursday morning.

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

Motion to adjourn by Kyle, seconded by Justin was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso, City Clerk