

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 3, 2025

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. The council members present were Matt Steffen, Dawn Hanafin, Ron Legner, Justin Morfey, Kyle Merkle, and Kelly Lay. Sarah Welte and Patti Welander were absent.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes 1/20/2025, invoices from 2/3/2025 totaling \$116,730.22, and payroll for the period of 1/24/2025 in the amount of \$55,170.32.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kyle for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes with the addition of the exact street address for the former Christian Church building discussed in Old/New Business. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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

No staff reports were presented.

RES NO. 25-02-01-50 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ILLINOIS PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK (IPWMAN). Motion to approve by Matt was seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Kelly for Approval of the updated Bylaws of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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ORD NO. 25-02-02-41 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LE ROY, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS TO BORROW FUNDS FROM THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM. Motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Justin. Discussion included revenue streams and payment amounts. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Dave requested the amendment to the Personnel Manual be tabled until the language can be confirmed with legal. Motion to table by Dawn was seconded by Justin. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion made by Matt, seconded by Kyle, for approval of the Tourism fund expenditure totaling \$8,000.00 for Christmas cut-out patterns and materials for display(s) at city hall and various city parks. Mayor Dean gave specific details as to where the decorations would be placed downtown and in Kiwanis Park. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Council entered discussion of a possible TV / media campaign to promote the City and local businesses. Discussion included what was done in the past, social media options, timing of the promotion, and videographer options.

In Old and New Business Justin asked about the hotels. Holiday Inn Express seems to have a different name. Dave reported the owners were changing to a different hotel chain.

Highway signs could be updated for minimal annual fees possibly paid from business district or hotel/moted tax funds.

Kelly gave details about a local infrastructure grant opening in the future.

Ron said the lead line replacement project is still waiting for signatures from the Dept of Water Resources and the Corps of Engineers. Bid documents should be approved early 2026.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Matt to adjourn the regular council meeting. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso
City Clerk