

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:03 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. The council members present were Dawn Hanafin, Matt Steffen, Justin Morfey, Ron Legner, Kyle Merkle and Scott Tucker. Sarah Welte and Kelly Lay were absent.

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

During public comments, Dale Blue expressed concerns over work in the right-of-way and easements. Lidia Navarra discussed mowing of railroad property and a discounted golf cart permit fee for the disabled.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Council Meeting Minutes 5/19/2025 and Special Projects Committee meeting minutes 5/19/2025, invoices from 6/2/2025 totaling \$ 230,266.01, Invoices from 6/16/2025 totaling \$143,921.92, payroll for the period of 5/30/2025 in the amount of \$53,082.25, and payroll for the period of 6/13/2025 in the amount of \$ 56,075.32.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Justin for approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes and Special Projects Committee meeting minutes. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Justin and seconded by Kyle for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Scott Tucker-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Ron Legner-abstain, Mayor Steve Dean - yes. Motion carried 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstain.

In Staff Reports Perry reported three of the six lead service line replacements schedule for this year are complete. The others should be done in the next two weeks. He reported on the chlorine flow meter and the work Frontier is doing.

Anita reported that the auditors will be on-site Tuesday through Friday this week.

Dave gave a progress update on the streetscape and sidewalk grants processes.

Sam Wagner from Troop 2018 gave a presentation for his Eagle Scout project to make improvements to the primitive campsites at Howard Virgin Park including directional signs. Council consensus approved of the plan. Mayor Dean pledged a maximum of \$800 from the Mayor's Fund for costs.

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Motion by Matt was seconded by Justin for approval of the Mutual Law Enforcement Agreement (MOU). Discussion reviewed the municipalities involved and how officers would be paid. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Dave opened discussion regarding the purchase of the former Christian Church property located at 104 E Center at a cost of totaling \$40,000 to determine continued interest in the project of turning it into a community center. Questions regarding the amount of work needed, improvement costs, and grant availability revealed the feasibility study and as-built drawings are not yet complete. Motion by Justin was seconded by Matt to table any decision until the engineer report was complete. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Chief Williamson provided an overview of the proposed Police Department Retention Bonus Program, how it would work and how it would be funded. Motion by Scott was seconded by Justin to approve the Le Roy Police Department Retention Bonus Program Agreement. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

**RES No. 25-06-01-70** A RESOLUTION RETIRING A K-9 SERVICE ANIMAL PURSUANT TO THE POLICE DOG RETIREMENT ACT. Motion to approve by Matt was seconded by Scott. Chief Williamson explained that no other departments were interested so the lack of a handler makes retiring the animal necessary. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old & New Business Ron reviewed the next step for funding the new sewer plant.

Scott Tucker raised concerns over farm equipment crossing the S. Vine St. drainage area.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso, City Clerk