

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 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 Dawn Hanafin, Matt Steffen, Justin Morfey, Ron Legner, Kyle Merkle, and Scott Tucker.

Staff members present were Jason Williamson, Dave Jenkins, Brad Frankovich and Anita Corso.

There were no comments from the public.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Council Meeting Minutes 7/21/2025, invoices from 8/4/2025 totaling \$476,268.43, Invoices from 8/18/2025 totaling \$210,319.02, payroll for the period of 7/25/2025 in the amount of \$63,135.82, and payroll for the period of 8/8/2025 in the amount of \$56,154.88.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Dawn for approval of the invoices from 8/4/2025 totaling \$476,268.43. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-abstain, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Justin for approval of the invoices from 8/18/2025 totaling \$210,319.02, payroll for the period of 7/25/2025 in the amount of \$63,135.82, and payroll for the period of 8/8/2025 in the amount of \$56,154.88. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-abstain, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

In Staff Reports Chief Williamson introduced the new officer Katelyn Weinheimer. She will start training Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025.

Dave gave an overview of the bids received for the security camera project with the low bid being Lehr Custom AV Systems. Discussion reviewed the equipment in the different proposals received and the price differences.

Motion by Dawn was seconded by Matt for approval of the bid from Lehr Custom AV Systems for providing the security cameras and all necessary accessory equipment including installation within Kiwanis/Bowman Parks and downtown locations as described within their proposal dated 8/14/2025 totaling \$41,330.00. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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**ORD 25-08-01-30** AN ORDINANCE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF LE ROY, MCLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND GARDEN GROVE, LLC. Justin Morfey recused himself from this topic. Motion to approve by Dawn was seconded by Scott Tucker. Discussion reviewed the updated dates for approvals and completion. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Matt, seconded by Kyle, for approval of the "Ground Lease Estoppel Certificate and Agreement" by and between Garden Grove Farm, Busey Bank and the City of Le Roy. Justin Morfey recused himself from this topic. Discussion reviewed the necessity of the document per city attorney and the bank involved in the project. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD 25-08-02-50** AMENDMENT OF SECTION 1-4-3 REGARDING FINES FOR SOLICITING WITHOUT A PERMIT. Motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Matt. Discussion reviewed fine amount. Dave explained the current definition of 'solicitor' in the code is adequate per legal. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Justin Morfey-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Discussion opened regarding a discounted golf cart permit fee for disabled residents. The consensus agreed with allowing the discount but concerns were express of proof of disability. It was suggested to copy their handicapped parking placard as proof. Dave will check with legal and have a final vote on the next agenda.

In Old & New Business, the Mayor reminded everyone the Fall Festival starts tomorrow 8/19.

Dawn requested a monthly report from code compliance to help respond to calls from residents. The possibility of the code officer attending council meetings was discussed.

Uptown issues were discussed... egress problems, landlord maintenance issues, Scott Tucker to research possible solutions to egress.

Nursing home project is starting to get bids from contractors. Dave gave an update on the project.

Mobile ice cream trucks have been in town. They need to check in with City Hall.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso  
City Clerk