

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 20, 2025

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steven Dean at 7:01 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members were Matt Steffen, Kyle Merkle, Scott Tucker, Ron Legner, and Kelly Lay. Dawn Hanafin and Sarah Welte were absent.

Staff members present were Jason Williamson, Dan Lush, Perry Mayer, Sean Spencer, Dave Jenkins, Jessica Carroll, and Brad Frankovich.

There were no public comments made.

Included on the consent agenda were Approval of Public Hearing Minutes from 10/6/25 and Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/6/2025, approval of Invoices from 10/50/25 totaling \$ 139,395.56, and payroll for the period of 10/17/25 in the amount of \$ 54,755.95. The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kelly for approval of the Public Hearing Minutes and Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, and Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Matt for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-abstain, Kyle Merkle- yes, and Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 4 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

In Staff Reports, Dan reported the week of October 27th would be the last brush pickup of the season.

Perry reported the pilot treatment plant equipment arrived at the plant last week and Jacobs will be on site this week to finish setup. Perry hopes to have the new equipment online the 1st week of November. Hydrant flushing should be completed by the end of the week. The water department replaced 2 damaged fire hydrants and has also been working on the south tower chlorinator.

Sean reported he met with electricians about power for new sign and the pavilion at Kiwanis Park. He also has been reviewing the plans for the new Garden Grove property.

Jason reported the city is in the 3rd year of a 4-year grant for the license plate reader cameras. New officer testing was completed and with 2 of the 4 candidates passing all tests. Jason, Nathan, and Dave had a meeting with ICRMT about

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part-time employment of city workers. The Sheriff's office is looking into a new reporting system which would cost about \$4,000 annually. The current reporting system with Axon is free. Metcom is in the process of transferring the total cost of radio user fees to the city. Jason discussed 2-hour parking in the downtown on North Chestnut Street. The sewer backed up again at the Police Department; a plumber was called to camera and fix the sewer line.

Motion by Matt and seconded by Kelly approving Ordinance NO. 25-10-03-51, a variation of accessory structure building square footage requirements and side property setback requirements of the municipal code of the city of Le Roy, Illinois, 2003 Title 10-Zoning. It was mentioned that the new structure was not close to neighbors and did not present any fire concerns with proximity to neighboring structures. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, and Kyle Merkle- yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

While Dave made copies of the Compass quotes for council, the mayor asked for consensus about a possible video focusing on retail businesses and Le Roy Christmas. The council though this would be a good idea, the mayor will reach out to Matt Williamson.

Motion by Scott Tucker was seconded by Matt to approve the Compass quote from ICRMT for commercial liability coverage package cost of \$134,790 and IPRF workers compensation coverage for \$38,086 – Totaling \$172,876. A presentation and Q & A session was conducted by Brett Egan on both coverage packages. Discussion was had on cyber security and free training provided by ICRMT. Roll call: Scott Tucker-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Ron Legner-yes and Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kelly was seconded by Matt to approve the Le Roy Business District, (LBD) application from Justin Morfey for renovation improvements at 2019 E. Center Street totaling \$262,296.00. Discussion was had about the condition of the building and alternate financing options for the totality of the project. Roll call: Kelly Lay-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, and Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

In old and new business, Kelly heard back from the compost company and was provided informational material about products offered. They are interested in looking at the old landfill site and meeting with city officials to discuss options. Dave would like council to review the material and provide feedback before meeting with the company.

The mayor stated there are 5 applicants for the open seat in Ward 3. The mayor will be meeting with each applicant over the next few weeks.

Motion to adjourn by Kyle, seconded by Kelly. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, and Kelly Lay- yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Submitted by,

Jessica Carroll
Deputy City Clerk