

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 17, 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, Ron Legner, Kyle Merkle, Kelly Lay, Dawn Hanafin, Scott Tucker, and Sarah Welte. A Ward 3 seat is vacant.

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

During public comments Mike Hanafin, owner of the Le Roy True Value, expressed his praise and gratitude for the work of the PD in solving the theft and recovering the equipment stolen from the store.

Included on the consent agenda were Public Hearing Minutes from 11/3/25 and Regular Council Meeting Minutes 11/3/2025, invoices from 11/17/2025 totaling \$335,347.93, payroll for the period of 11/14/2025 in the amount of \$ 53,563.09.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kelly for approval of the Public Hearing Minutes from 11/3/25 and Regular Council Meeting Minutes 11/3/2025. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-abstain. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Matt for approval of the invoices from 11/17/2025 totaling \$335,347.93, payroll for the period of 11/14/2025 in the amount of \$ 53,563.09. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-abstain, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

In Staff Reports Jason gave the results of the theft investigation and reported there is one candidate for the full-time patrol position who will be introduced in December and begin PTI in January.

Perry reported two houses are experiencing very low water pressure and the search for a leak has failed. He discovered there are three houses attached to one service line on that block. He explained the processes under way to remedy the problem. A map / diagram was provided.

Matt Albers of Dimond Bros Insurance gave a presentation showing options for health / vision / dental insurance as well as a new HRA company.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Sarah approve the health insurance quote from Blue Cross Blue Shield for \$367,314.00; Dental coverage for \$19,761.60 and; \$3,319.92 for vision coverage for a total combined cost of \$387,395.52. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

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Motion by Scott Tucker was seconded by Kelly to approve the LBD funding application request from Bobby & Debbie Hutton totaling \$10,299.47 for concrete parking lot approach, lighting & signage renovation/replacement at Hutton Auto Care, 409 N. Walnut Street. Discussion included more details on the project. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle, seconded by Scott Tucker, to approve the LBD funding application request from Bobby & Debbie Hutton totaling \$55,100.00 for parking lot resurfacing at Hutton Auto Care, 409 N. Walnut Street. Discussion detailed the scope of the project as well as timing. The work will be done in the spring of 2026. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Matt for approval of the Mayoral appointment, Curt Dunafin to fill the Ward 3 vacant seat for a two-year term. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Mayor Dean administered the oath of office to Curt Dunafin and he took his seat as Ward 3 Alderman.

Motion by Kelly was seconded by Matt for approval of the Mayoral appointment, Justin Morfey as citizen (non-voting) member of Community and Economic Development Committee. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Justin Morfey presented an overview of the new Chamber of Commerce. He reviewed the plans and goals. He also explained the Chamber would focus on business development to assist local as well as home businesses while the Promotion Association would continue to promote Le Roy events.

ORD 25-11-02-70 AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ENFORCEMENT CONCERNING INOPERABLE AND ABANDONED VEHICLES IN THE CITY Motion to approve by Matt was seconded by Sarah. Dave explained this ordinance clarifies the duties of the Code Officer and Police regarding vehicles. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old & New Business, Dave said a developer is interested in the lots by the old nursing home. He hopes to receive a proposal soon.

A time audit was again discussed.

Motion by Kelly was seconded by Sarah to adjourn the regular council meeting. Roll call: Kyle Merkle-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso
City Clerk