

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 2, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:05 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. The council members present were Matt Steffen, Kyle Merkle, Dawn Hanafin, Scott Tucker, and Curt Dunafin. Kelly Lay, Ron Legner and Sarah Welte were absent.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Included on the consent agenda were Approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes 1/19/2026, invoices from 2/2/2026 totaling \$67,540.49, payroll for the period of 1/18/2026 in the amount of \$59,718.90.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kyle for approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes 1/19/2026. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Scott for approval of the invoices from 2/2/2026 totaling \$67,540.49, payroll for the period of 1/18/2026 in the amount of \$59,718.90. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

In Staff Reports Anita reported that the software conversion is going well and scheduled to be up and running by the end of February.

Dave reported that the EV charging station funding is still available. The stations will be in the two city parking lots. An intergovernmental agreement will be ready for the next meeting. Also, the nursing home walkthrough for the feasibility study has been postponed to next week.

Perry reported the water main break at Hemlock and Elm last weekend was fixed under pressure. Discussion followed regarding repairing in-house or calling contractors.

Motion to approve the annual adjustment in water sewer rates to reflect the CPI-U index as described within Chapter 8-1-7 Article E of the City of Le Roy Municipal Code as an increase of 4.6% was made by Dawn and seconded by Matt. Discussion included rising costs and the necessity of raising rates per ordinance. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-no. Motion carried 4 yeas, 1 nays.

Dave opened discussion regarding a strip of land in the City limits, not owned by the City, to be combined with an adjoining County parcel. Specifically, the Henderson property by Salt Creek. Discussion included possible use to the City, the effect on adjoining lots, rezoning. Concerns were discussed regarding keeping the piece as part of the city versus releasing it to the County. Council consensus is to release the strip of land from being within corporate limits.

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ORD 26-02-01-53 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL EXISTING BUILDING CODE. Motion to approve by Scott Tucker was seconded by Matt. Discussion included existing building requirements differ from new construction including fire code differences, other building options and the latitude to deal with older buildings. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

RES 26-02-02-80 RESOLUTION DECLARING SURPLUS REAL PROPERTY LE ROY ESTATES SECTION ONE. Motion to approve by Dawn was seconded by Matt. Discussion explained these are the concrete lots on Independence Ct that were not included in the 2020 surplus property resolution. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old & New Business, Dave shared a request from the Chamber of Commerce for sesquicentennial celebration ideas. One thought was a drone show. Discussion included benefits, possible dates, costs and fundraising. More information will be coming from the Chamber.

A question was asked regarding the status of the Maker Power building. Its ownership history was discussed as it is currently empty.

Serene & Silk is closing. Mumsy's opening date is still unknown.

Shipping containers were discussed including current locations and concerns over aesthetics.

Next meeting will have a request for funding for new Christmas lights including the large stars on the tops of the trees.

At 7:59 pm a motion by Matt was seconded by Kyle to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21) To review closed session minutes, including semi-annual review of closed session minutes. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

At 8:06 pm a motion was made by Kyle, seconded by Scott Tucker, to return to regular session. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Dawn was seconded by Matt for approval for executive minutes to remain closed and recordings dated 18 months beyond date recorded to be deleted. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Scott Tucker to adjourn the regular council meeting. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso
City Clerk