

## MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 6, 2026

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 Matt Steffen, Dawn Hanafin, Scott Tucker, Ron Legner, Kyle Merkle, and Sarah Welte. Kelly Lay and Curt Dunafin were absent.

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

During public comments, Jim Malcom discussed an illegal dumping fine.

Included on the consent agenda were approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes from 3/23/2026, invoices from 4/6/26 totaling \$159,850.44 and \$60,975.00 and, payroll for the period of 3/16/2026 – 3/29/2026 in the amount of \$ 53,816.47.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the Regular Council Meeting Minutes from 3/23/2026. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Matt for approval of invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

In Staff Reports Dan reported the concrete crushing has begun.

Perry reported the project at 306 N East is complete and service has been restored.

Sean reported Frontier should be done installing fiber in the right of ways, a new single family construction is beginning on Harrier Drive, and the downtown is still improving.

Jason reported receipt of the body and car grant funds. He introduced the new officer Ashlan Bussman. She will be starting Wednesday.

Mayor Dean administered the Oath of Office and officially welcomed Officer Bussman to Le Roy.

Anita reminded everyone that their statement of economic interest must be filed by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dave reported the grant has been awarded for the fitness area. Also a grant has been awarded to conduct a study regarding a pedestrian highway overpass. Another sidewalk grant has come available, he will be attending the meeting next Thursday.

Motion by Scott Tucker was seconded by Sarah to create a 15-minute pharmacy only parking space with a \$100 fine. Discussion included necessity, fine amount, resident parking behind building, and the current 2-hour

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parking. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD 26-04-01-80** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AND APPROVING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF LE ROY, McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Motion to approve by Matt was seconded by Sarah. Dave explained the bucket truck and the 1-ton chipper truck declared as surplus will be sold then replaced. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD 26-04-02-30** AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, LEASE AND CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE BETWEEN THE CITY OF LE ROY, McLEAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND GARDEN GROVE FARM, LLC. Dave explained a new agreement instead of a third amendment. It's essentially the same agreement just with updated dates and amounts. Discussion reviewed business plans and contingency plans. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Review of the FY 26/27 budget continued with a capital projects overview: new accounting software, infrastructure sales tax will be used for the water & sewer IEPA loans, bucket truck and 1-ton replacements, grants approved and applied for, state requiring certifications for building inspectors.

Old & New Business discussion topics:

- Upcoming Eagle Scout projects
- Mr. Malcom's dumping fine – Mayor to reduce with council agreement
- Bunny Parad and Easter Egg hunts very successful
- Brickyard Fields update – projects, dimensions, electricity, maintenance responsibilities, possible lease agreements, liability issues, drainage issues
- Nursing home update – mulberry trees cleaned up, waiting on bank
- Independence Ct update
- Restaurant update
- Possible consignment shop / resale shop downtown
- Parking signs on sidewalk at Replex update

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso  
City Clerk