

## **MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2026**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:04 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, Kelly Lay, Kyle Merkle, and Sarah Welte. Curt Dunafin was absent.

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

There were no public comments.

Included on the consent agenda were approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes from 4/6/2026 and Public Hearing Minutes from 4/6/2026, invoices from 4/20/26 totaling \$ 330,902.39 and, payroll for the period of 3/30/2026 – 4/12/2026 in the amount of \$62,661.66.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Scott Tucker for approval of invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

In Staff Reports Scott Bryant reported the bridge is almost complete, alum prices may double and gave an overview of building repairs.

Sean reported that a new single family residence will be built on Fox Run Ct.

Jason reported that PTI graduation is this week and the new officer will be at the next meeting.

Anita reported two council members have still not completed their statement of economic interest.

Landon Howard presented of his proposed Eagle Scout project for Le Roy Troop 2018 at Howard Virgin Timber Park. It would include trail markers and a map showing bridges, campsites, the cemetery, field, pond. He provided a picture of a sample sign. The project is estimated to start this summer. Council consensus approved the project.

Todd Volk from the Brickyard Volunteer Group presented an update on the project including a fence, dugouts, scoreboard, parking, games for travel teams and an annual certificate of insurance.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Scott Tucker to approve the LBD application from LS & JH Land Holdings to replace the roofing at 208 E. Center Street totaling \$37,750. The Community & Economic Development Committee recommended approval of roof repairs. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD APRIL 20, 2026 (cont)

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Matt to approve the LBD application from LS & JH Land Holdings to replace the roofing at 210 E. Center Street totaling \$61,200. The Community & Economic Development Committee recommended approval of roof repairs. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Matt to approve the FY 2026-2027 City Budget. Discussion included current year overages in Contract Services. Dave explained they were broken main repairs and lead line replacements completed by outside contractors. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**RES 26-04-03-80** A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND ALLOCATE FUNDS FOR AN OUTDOOR FITNESS COURT AS PART OF THE 2026 NATIONAL FITNESS PROGRAM. Motion to approve by Kelly was seconded by Sarah. Discussion included grant requirements, improvements needed at Gaultney Park, off-street parking, landscaping, play equipment, partnerships, sidewalks and funding. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Kelly for approval of the FY 2026-2027 Regular Council Meeting Schedule. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Old & New Business discussion topics:

- Surplus property – only one bid for each vehicle has been received. Bids were left sealed. Dave will post the notice again. Bids are due 2pm Thursday 4/30/26.

At 7:58pm a motion was made by Matt, seconded by Sarah, to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) To discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or representatives, specifically the Le Roy Police Department Officers, (ICOPS) Agreement covering May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2029. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

At 8:26 pm a motion was made by Sarah, seconded by Dawn, to return to regular session. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Sarah for approval of the Agreement between the Mayor and City Council and the Illinois Council of Police, (ICOPS) dated May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2029. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kelly was seconded by Sarah 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, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso  
City Clerk