

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 4, 2026

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

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

There were no public comments.

Included on the consent agenda were approval of Regular Council Meeting Minutes from 4/20/2026, invoices from 5/4/26 totaling \$216,351.10 and, payroll for the period of 4/13/2026 – 4/26/2026 in the amount of \$58,356.90.

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. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Curt for approval of invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-abstain, Ron Legner-abstain, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 4 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

In Staff Reports Chief Williamson introduced Brody Hanafin as the new officer that just graduated from PTI. Mayor Dean conducted the Oath of Office ceremony.

Anita reported that all statements of economic interest have been filed. Also, the payment portal is being received well.

Dave confirmed that the portal is working well and emphasized the fees are not city fees but vendor fees. The city does not receive any portion of the fees charged.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Scott Tucker for approval of the Mayoral appointments for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

ORD 26-05-01-70 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF POLICE. Motion to approve by Matt was seconded by Sarah. Dave reviewed the retirement healthcare options accepted by the union. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Dave opened the discussion regarding the McLean County Asphalt Co. proposal totaling \$6,950.00 in excess of the previously approved amount proposed by Hutton Auto LBD application on November 17, 2025, totaling \$55,100.00 due to unforeseen conditions. The main problem is the lack of a 1.5" base coat of asphalt in several locations. Instead of just a resurface the full 3 inches of asphalt needs to be laid at an additional cost of \$6,950. Motion to approve the additional cost by Scott Tucker was seconded by Kyle. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

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Discussion regarding bids for the 1994 GMC Bucket-Truck and a Ford F650 Dump Truck began with Dave reading the 2 bids received - \$4000 for the dump truck and \$600 for the bucket truck. Motion by Matt to accept the \$4000 bid for the dump truck was seconded by Sarah. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-no, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 1 nay.

Discussion continued regarding the bucket truck and the possibility of selling it online. Scott Tucker moved to table the F650 dump truck sale to see if online sale is a possibility. Motion was seconded by Matt. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays. F650 Dump truck sale was tabled.

Kyle moved to reject the \$600 bid for the 1994 Bucket Truck, seconded by Scott Tucker. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays. 1994 Bucket Truck bid was rejected. Dave will check with legal regarding an online sale.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Scott Tucker for approval of the National Fitness Campaign Sales Agreement for the Fitness Court within Gaultney Memorial Park. Dave explained that the agreement is part of the grant process. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Council entered discussion regarding an employee's secondary employment including part-time police officer positions in neighboring communities. Concerns were raised regarding injury on the job, City responsibility for FT and PT wages lost. Inter-governmental Agreement needed to dictate use of equipment. Permission may assist with retention. Motion by Matt, seconded by Curt, to table the discussion with further details. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Sarah Welte-yes. Motion tabled 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Matt to move forward with the proposed Lease Agreement and presentation from Waste Not Organics to lay out what their vision is for the former landfill property and partnership with the City of Le Roy. Discussion raised concerns over scrap compost collection, trucking weight limits, frequency of pickup, contamination, odor issues & control, vermin population & EPA permits needed. The initial impression was yard waste only. Roll call: Matt Steffen-no, Curt Dunafin-no, Kyle Merkle-no, Scott Tucker-no, Ron Legner-no, Sarah Welte-no. Motion failed 0 yeas, 6 nays.

Old & New Business discussion topics:

- Pollinator program at old landfill – Scott Tucker & Dave to check with contacts.
- Parking on Chestnut – 2-hour limit – hair salon has concerns over time limit for customers.
- Brickyard Ballpark committee – high cost to run power to Brickyard field from nearest transformer. Proposal for actual cost if forthcoming
- Refuse contract expires again this November. Vendors are already reaching out. GFL already requested extension. Put contract out to bid recommended.
- Saturday is Spring Fling downtown.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso
City Clerk