MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD MAY 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steven Dean at 7:01 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members were Sarah Welte, Matt Steffen, Kelly Lay, Ron Legner, Scott Tucker, Kyle Merkle, Curt Dunafin, and Dawn Hanafin.

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

During public comments, Matt Shivers asked council to reconsider hearing a presentation from WasteNot Compost about a food composting facility in Le Roy at a further meeting.

Included on the consent agenda were approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 5/4/2026, approval of Invoices from 5/18/26 totaling $546,797.47, and payroll for the period of 4/27/26 - 5/10/26 in the amount of $59,866.03. The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Matt for approval of Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Ron Legner-yes, and Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kelly for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Scott Tucker-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-abstain, and Sarah Welte-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstain.

In Staff Reports, Scott Bryant reported on the cost for Nicor to run a gas line to the sewer plant for the new upgrades. He discussed the results of the bid opening for the 2026 Sanitary Sewer Improvements. All the bids were much higher than expected. Scott will need to meet with the engineer and look for ways to cut costs and should know more at the next meeting. He also reported that in June the city should know if we will be awarded the loan for the sewer plant.

Dan reported the city took possession of the new bucket truck and cut down 2 trees with the truck. He is also waiting on Ameren to take down a powerline on Mill Street before the tree can be cut down.

Sean reported new parts are on the way for the city sign to replace a damaged panel. He also called R.P. Lumber to fix the building damage at 7 Demma Dr.

Dave reported there is interest in the vacant lot at 607 S Allen St. The bid notice will be in the Le Roy Leader next week. The property was appraised at $10,000 and the city can accept a bid for 80% of the appraised value.

Motion by Matt and seconded by Scott Tucker to approve $1,900 [re-sheet portion of damaged roof w/OSB sheathing] additional LBD funding to the $37,750.00 previously approved application on April 20th, 2026. Discussion was had on the condition of the building and how this extra cost should have been included in the original quote. Roll call: Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-no, Scott Tucker-yes, and Kyle Merkle- yes, Curt Dunafin-no, Dawn Hanafin-no, Sarah Welte-no, and Matt Steffen-no. Motion failed 3 yeas, 5 nays.

Motion by Matt and seconded by Scott Tucker to approve $9.675.00 [re-sheet entire damaged roof w/OSB sheathing] additional LBD funding to the $61,200.00 previously approved on April 20th, 2026. No discussion was had. Roll call: Ron Legner-no, Scott Tucker-no, and Kyle Merkle- no, Curt Dunafin-no, Dawn Hanafin-no, Sarah Welte-no, Matt Steffen-no, and Kelly Lay-no. Motion failed 0 yeas, 8 nays.

Motion by Kelly and seconded by Sarah to approve the Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (MFT) totaling $275,000. There was discussion on this year's protected street work projects. Roll call: Scott Tucker-yes, and Kyle Merkle- yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, and Ron Legner-abstain. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion by Dawn and seconded by Kyle approving Ordinance NO. 26-05-02-80, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TRADE-IN AND PURCHASE OF POLICE SQUAD CARS. Discussion was had about the different options for transporting old squad cars to Mokena. Roll call: Kyle Merkle- yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, and Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Sarah approving Ordinance NO. 26-05-03-90, amending TITLE SIX (6) CHAPTER THREE (3) SECTION ONE (1): PARKING PROHIBITED ON CERTAIN STREETS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LE ROY, ILLINOIS. Discussion was had on different parking options for the downtown area businesses and tenants. Roll call: Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, and Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Kelly to approve funding for the Landon Howard Eagle Scout Trail marking project at Howard Virgin Timber Park totaling $1,500.00. No discussion was had. Roll call: Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, and Curt Dunafin-abstain. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Discussion with the possibility of a subsequent motion to approve employee's secondary employment including part-time officer positions in neighboring communities. A personnel meeting was held prior to tonight's council meeting. Matt expressed the committee's concerns about the risk and financial impact on both the employer and employee. The committee would also like to invite Josh Blackwell from IPMG to speak to the council about the topic. Motion by Matt was seconded by Sarah to table the discussion to explorer the topic in further detail. Roll call: Sarah Welte-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, and Curt Dunafin-yes, and Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In old and new business, discussion was had by the council on setting a minimum online bid price on the Municibid website of $4,500 for the Dump Truck at $4,500 and $7,500 for the Bucket Truck.

Kelly asked council to consider inviting WasteNot Compost to a future meeting for a presentation about their company and services offered. Discussion raised concerns about vermin population, truck weight on Salt Creek Rd, length of lease agreement, and possible change to the current frisbee golf course. After further discussion the council agreed.

The mayor reminded the council there is only one council meeting scheduled for the months of June to September.

Matt stated there are residents who are concerned about cars parking on the cul-de-sac in E Cherry St. The residents would like to know if it is possible to have the city put up a No Parking sign on the street? Dave stated this item will be on the agenda for the next council meeting.

Scott Tucker expressed concern about the traffic coming from the Elementary School and the speed limit on Wayne St. The mayor stated residents have asked about crosswalks being painted by the school. Dave explained this area is part of the sidewalk program and it may be possible to reduce the speed on Wayne St once the city hears if we will be awarded the Safety Grant in June.

Dave gave an update on the status of the nursing home. The SBA office has requested a verbiage change on the certificate of need document. There is also a need for more funding for the project. Scott Tucker mentioned USDA Rural Development may be able to help with securing more funding for the nursing home. Dave stated he will share this information with David Forshey.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Submitted by,

Jessica Carroll
Deputy City Clerk