

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JUNE 18, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steven Dean at 7:08 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Matt Steffen, Ron Legner, Scott Tucker, Kyle Merkle, and Curt Dunafin. Dawn Hanafin, Kelly Lay, and Sarah Welte were absent.

Staff members present were Jason Williamson, Dan Lush, Scott Bryant, Perry Mayer, and Jessica Carroll.

There were no public comments made.

Included on the consent agenda were approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 5/18/2026, approval of invoices from 6/1/2026 totaling \$229,753.13 and, invoices from 6/15/2026 totaling \$187,802.24, payroll for the period of 5/11/2026 - 5/24/2026 in the amount of \$59,866.03 and, payroll for the period 5/25/2026 – 6/7/2026 in the amount of \$72,036.87 (including vacation buy-back). The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

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

Motion was made by Kyle and seconded by Matt for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Scott Tucker-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, and Curt Dunafin-yes. Motion carried 3 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

In Staff Reports, Scott Bryant reported the city was not awarded the EPA loan for the sewer plant. Discussion was had on other possible loan options of the sewer plant.

Perry reported Ameren is in the process implementing Voltage Optimization Process (VOP) and how this may cause problems for the water treatment plant. Perry stated John Monical retired on 6/18/2026 after working for the city for over 30 years. He also reported the water department replaced a pump at the water treatment plant, repaired a water leak at 101 W.

Washington St, and they are working on repairing fixtures in the Old City Hall building. Perry stated the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) went out in the mail to residents and hydrant flushing will begin next week.

Dan reported that the street department is still working on brush pick up from the storm. He also reported 2 trees have been taken down and the playground equipment has been relocated at Gaultney Park to make room for the new athletic court.

Jason thanked the Fire Department for their storm spotting efforts and the street department for quickly clearing the streets from debris.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Curt to approve the bid total of \$8,150.00 from Mr. John Gwin to purchase the City owned surplus property located at 607 N. Allen St. No discussion was had. Roll call: Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, and Kyle Merkle- yes, Curt Dunafin-yes and, Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Matt to approve the 2026 Sanitary Sewer improvements bid totaling \$176,763.00 from SNC Construction. Discussion was had on what was included in the sanitary sewer improvements project. Roll call: Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, and Matt Steffen-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

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Motion by Matt was seconded by Scott Tucker to approve the low bid submitted by Stark Excavating totaling \$55,000.00 for the construction of the NFC Athletic Court within Gaultney Park. There was discussion on the placement of the concrete pad for the athletic court. Roll call: Scott Tucker-yes, and Kyle Merkle- yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, and Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Kyle was seconded by Curt to approve the not-to-exceed price totaling \$23,000.00 from Striegel Knobloch & Company for the City of Le Roy FY audit for year-ended April 30, 2026. The mayor mentioned this company has been conducting city audits for years and is a reputable company. Roll call: Kyle Merkle- yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Kelly Lay-yes, Ron Legner-yes, and Scott Tucker-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Scott Tucker approving Ordinance NO. 26-06-01-60, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DEPUTY CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE DOCUMENTS IN THE ABSENCE OF THE CLERK. No discussion was had. Roll call: Curt Dunafin-yes, Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, and Kyle Merkle-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

In old and new business, concerns were raised about how Cornbelt could get power to the ball field at Brickyard Park.

Dan mentioned that the dump truck that was picked up yesterday 6/17/2026 and Carroll County should be in town next week to pick up the bucket truck.

The mayor shared with council a storm report from the evening of 6/11/2026 from Fire Chief Jeff Witsell. He also extended a big thank you to the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Street Department, and the Ambulance for their assistance during and after the storm.

Scott Tucker stated that Fire Chief Jeff Witsell asked to borrow JT Lawncare's rapid radios prior to the storm on June 11th because the ESDA radios need to be replaced. Scott discussed the cost of the radios and how well they worked for the weather spotters. He also mentioned WasteNot Compost would like to meet with council in July or August to discuss a possible facility in Le Roy. Scott also expressed concerns about others mowing Brickyard Field.

Curt stated he received a request from Justin Morfey about a parking space reserved for customers of Spill'd Beans Coffee Shop. Discussion was had on designated parking spots downtown for businesses.

Matt asked the mayor if Dave had met Josh Blackwell to discuss employees' secondary employment, including part-time officer positions, the mayor was not sure. Matt stated he will follow up with Dave and would like Josh to meet with council before deciding on the matter.

Motion to adjourn by Kyle, seconded by Matt. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, and Curt Dunafin-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Submitted by,

Jessica Carroll
Deputy City Clerk