MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 20, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steven Dean at 7:06 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Matt Steffen, Ron Legner, Scott Tucker, Kyle Merkle, Curt Dunafin, Dawn Hanafin, Kelly Lay, and Sarah Welte.

Staff members present were Dan Lush, Scott Bryant, Perry Mayer, Jason Williamson, David Jenkins, Anita Corso and Brad Frankovich.

There were no public comments.

Included on the consent agenda were approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 6/15/2026, approval of invoices from 7/6/2026 totaling $ 88,771.85, payroll for the period of 6/8/2026 – 6/21/2026 in the amount of $ 71,805.89, payroll for the period of 6/22/2026 – 7/5/2026 in the amount of $ 64,003.06 and invoices from 7/20/2026 totaling $ 210,945.83. The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Sarah for approval of Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-abstain. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Curt for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-abstain, Scott Tucker-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

In Staff Reports, Scott Bryant reported the lift station alarms at Golden Eagle and Gilmore lift stations have been converted to cellular service. IDOT says the city must fix the manhole on Rte 150 by Daniel Ave. Dave is working on an agreement with the state.

Perry reported the hydrant flushing is going well with very positive results. Still working on the electronics in the S. Tower.

Dan reported tree issues in IDOT Right of Way – IDOT said the city should respond first. Slab for the fitness court at Gaultney Park is complete.

Sean reported the electronic sign on Chestnut has been repaired multiple times so the company has ordered a replacement.

Anita reported petition circulation for the April 2027 Consolidated Election begins August 25, 2026. The calendar and candidate's guide is available on the State Board of Elections website.

Brad Marcy gave a presentation regarding an amended proposal to the purchase/lease of the 11.54 acres of City owned farmland. Discussion included financial changes, access and service road issues if sell only part of the parcel, City Right of Way options, and the layout of proposed buildings. Consensus is for Dave to move forward with new appraisal and amended agreement creation.

Discussion was opened for consideration of adopting an amended Property Maintenance Code to include Shipping Storage Containers as an acceptable accessory use including limitation provisions. Topics included concerns over appearance, application of rules to existing containers, residential use, and quantity allowed on each property. Dave to work on an ordinance for the next meeting.

Motion by Ron was seconded by Kelly to approve a 15-Minute Parking Space in front of the "Spill'd the Beans" coffee shop. Discussion included customer traffic patterns, painting of street to indicate space. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Greg Crowe from MSA reviewed the project and grant application for ITEP projects outside of roadway including building accessibility. Motion by Kelly was seconded by Sarah for approval of MSA Option 1 totaling $20,000 engineering scope; conceptual drawings, construction estimates, ITEP grant application as outlined within their memo dated June 8, 2026, totaling $20,000. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Scott, seconded by Kyle to approve the purchase for ten E.S.D.A. Rapid-Radios at a cost not-to-exceed $2,500. Discussion included storm watchers, cost estimates researched and source of funds (General Fund). Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

In old and new business, discussion included an upcoming meeting with Josh Backwell regarding secondary employment and scheduling a presentation from the compost company for the next meeting.

Motion to enter Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11) - To discuss pending or imminent litigation was made by Matt and seconded by Sarah at 8:17pm. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion to return to regular session was made by Sarah and seconded by Kyle at 8:25 PM. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Kelly Lay-yes. Motion carried 8 yeas, 0 nays.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso, RMC
City Clerk