

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steven Dean at 7:00 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Matt Steffen, Sarah Welte, Scott Tucker, Kyle Merkle, Curt Dunafin, Dawn Hanafin. Kelly Lay and Ron Legner were absent.

Staff members present were Dan Lush, Scott Bryant, Perry Mayer, Sean Spencer, Jason Williamson, and Anita Corso.

Comments from the public:

- Mark Moss asked about Hemlock well status and a contingency plan – Perry stated still waiting on permit from the state.
- Steve Reynolds asked about the old nursing home, blocked alleys & concern about overworking the current water plant.
- Bobby Hutton presented photos of locations of concern for maintenance and animal control. Also concerned over inconsistencies in code enforcement.

Included on the consent agenda were approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 8/14/2026, approval of invoices from 9/9/2026 totaling \$ 204,024.77, payroll for the period of 8/3/26 to 8/16/26 in the amount of \$ 60,550.51, payroll for the period of 8/17/26 to 8/30/26 in the amount of \$56,980.53, payroll for the period of 8/31/26 to 9/13/26 in the amount of \$55,144.17 and invoices from 9/21/26 totaling \$58,917.67. The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Scott Tucker for approval of Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-abstain, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-abstain. Motion carried 4yes, 0 nays, 2 abstain.

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

In Staff Reports, Scott Bryant reported the Nicor gas line to the sewer plant is finally complete with restoration to follow. Also, the 2026 Sewer Improvements in Staley and on Walnut are complete with restoration to follow.

Perry reported hydrant flushing will be completed this week, two leaks are being repaired.

Sean reported two vacant buildings have been sold and will be occupied soon – old Dollar General and the RP Lumber locations.

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Jason reported both new officers have completed Field Training and are working the 2-2 shift.

Greg Crowe, MSA Engineer, provided an overview and responded to questions regarding the proposed ITEP grant, project concept and estimated construction costs. He reminded council the resolution is part of the grant application and constitutes an agreement to pay the 20% required by the grant. The final amount is not yet set. The grant application submission date is 10/5/26.

RES 26-09-01-90 A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AN ILLINOIS TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM (ITEP) GRANT APPLICATION FOR STREETScape AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS ON CHESTNUT AND CENTER STREETS. Motion to approve by Sarah was seconded by Kyle. Discussion including funding from TIF and MFT. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

The Tree Committee – Andrew Larson, Allie Bodine & Roland Bauer) presented the proposal to facilitate community input for the location of trees on public property. Discussion included request process, tree committee review, council has final approval, plantings in spring & fall. Form for website to be finalized and presented to council.

ORD 26-09-02-50 AN ORDINANCE EXTENDING THE AUTHORIZATION TO AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN AN ELECTRIC UTILITY SYSTEM. Motion to approve by Matt was seconded by Sarah. Discussion included terms and length of the 20 year contract. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

ORD 26-09-03-51 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SPECIAL PERMITTED USE IN BUILDING USE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LE ROY, ILLINOIS, 2003 TITLE 10 – ZONING. Motion to approve by Kyle was seconded by Matt. Sean Spencer reviewed the details for 401 W Pine. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Scott Tucker-abstain, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

In Old & New Business the success of Oktoberfest and the car show was discussed.

Motion to adjourn by Sarah was seconded by Kyle. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso, RMC
City Clerk