MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING HELD OCTOBER 19, 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, Scott Tucker, Kyle Merkle, Curt Dunafin, Dawn Hanafin, Sarah Welte and Ron Legner. Kelly Lay was absent.

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

There were no comments from the public.

Included on the consent agenda were approval of Regular Meeting Minutes from 10/5/2026, approval of invoices from 10/19/2026 totaling $300,938.58, payroll for the period of 9/28/2026 to 10/11/2026 in the amount of $54,045.02. The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kyle for approval of Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-abstain, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Sarah and seconded by Kyle 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, Ron Legner-abstain. Motion carried 4 yeas, 0 nays, 3 abstain.

In Staff Reports Jason reviewed the Bowman Park vandalism and arrests made with help from the cameras.

Brett Egan of Compass Insurance presented the quote from ICRMT for commercial liability coverage package cost of $143,260.00 and IPRF workers compensation coverage for $38,449.00 – Totaling $181,709.00. Increase from last year mostly due to new equipment at Gaultney Park and payroll increase. Other benefits including training and legal services discussed. Motion to approve by Dawn was seconded by Sarah. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Dave reviewed the bids received for the Refuse / Recycle Collections Services for 2027-2029. Discussion included what GFL currently provides, issues changing companies may create. Representatives from Republic and GFL were present and each spoke about their company. Further discussion reviewed cost differences. Motion to accept the Republic bid by Sarah was seconded by Scott Tucker. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Mayor Dean opened discussion of the proposed text amendments for shipping containers by reviewing the handout. The next step is for the attorney to finalize the ordinance. The zoning board will need to review changes before final council approval. Sean will schedule a ZBA meeting.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Sarah for approval of the quote from Shade Solutions, Inc. totaling $2,043.00 [Awning]and Oleson Construction Inc.to remove the existing door/framing and install new exterior metal door at a cost of $1,662.00 for a total cost of $3,705.00 at 117 E. Center Street. Discussion reviewed the door and awning are in the mural wall by the parking lot and façade grant funds will be used. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-no, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nays.

Motion by Sarah was seconded by Matt for approval of the Police Departments request to order in FY 2026, the new squad car scheduled for payment/delivery in FY 2027 totaling $45,500.00. Discussion reviewed this annual request, special orders take extra time, mileage of vehicles, and the current status of each PD vehicle per the memo dated 10/16/26. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-no, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 1 nays.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Curt to approve the call handling agreements between the City of Le Roy and McLean County Emergency Telephone Board (ETSB) for 2027. Discussion reviewed purpose of the agreement is to help other agencies that help LeRoy PD and community. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old & New Business

- Trick or Treat hours are Saturday Oct 31 from 4:30 pm until 7:30 pm. Downtown business will also be open for Trick or Treating after the parade and movie that afternoon
- Mayor Dean would like opinions as to allowing a beer tent at Fall Festival. A liquor license would be required by the seller.
- Drive Thru “Grab a Jab” was a success. Between 40 and 50 people were immunized.

Motion to adjourn by Sarah was seconded by Matt. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Scott Tucker-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Curt Dunafin-yes, Dawn Hanafin-yes, Sarah Welte-yes, Ron Legner-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso, RMC
City Clerk