

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2020; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV

Council Members in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing: Rachel Schneider, Monty Jordan, Matthew Crowell, Ann Murphey, Jacob Rohter, David Schott, Jody Eberly, John Meusch, Marie Allen, and Christine Ruder

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Ann Murphey

Council Members Absent: Carolyn Bolin

Department Directors in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing: Community Development Director Steve Flowers, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Interim Recreation Center Director Marci Fairbanks, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, and Fire Chief Ron Smith

Department Directors in Physical Attendance: Police Chief Sean Fagan, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson

Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: City Administrator John Butz, City Counselor Lance Thurman, City Engineer Darin Pryor, and City Clerk Carol Daniels

Other City Officials in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing: City Engineer Darin Pryor

The invocation was given by a member of the Rolla Ministerial Alliance.

Mayor Magdits called the meeting to order at approximately 6:33 p.m. and asked Councilwoman Ann Murphey to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

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II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(A) Overview of Fiscal Year 2019 City of Rolla Independent Audit and a Motion Accepting the Audit: Finance Director Steffanie Rogers introduced Mr. Michael Keenan, CPA, (via Zoom Teleconferencing), Senior Manager with Cochran Head Vick and Co., P.C. who provided an overview of the City's FY 2019 audit report. He pointed out the City received an unmodified opinion, which is the highest form of assurance a city or entity can receive on its financial statements.

A motion was made by Murphey and seconded by Eberly to accept the fiscal year 2019 independent audit, as presented. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Jordan, Ruder, Schneider, Allen, Murphey, Crowell, Meusch, Rohter, Eberly, and Schott. Nays; None. Absent; Bolin. Motion carried.

III. OLD BUSINESS

(A) Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement with HDR Engineering For Southeast and Vichy Road WWTP Improvements (Task Order 12): Public Works Director Steve Hargis asked the Council to consider the final reading of the ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for \$1,955,968 with HDR Engineering. The subject contract pertains to the construction phase of the Southeast and Vichy Road Waste Water Treatment plants. Mr. Hargis noted the total awards on this project were \$3,364,989. He reported the City received concurrence from the Department of Natural Resources to publish the notice of award, which has been done.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO. 4551: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND HDR ENGINEERING, INC FOR SOUTHEAST WWTP AND VICHY ROAD WWTP IMPROVEMENTS – CONSTRUCTION PHASE SERVICES – TASK ORDER #12. A motion was made by Schott and seconded by Schneider to approve the proposed ordinance. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Allen, Murphey, Schneider, Ruder, Meusch, Rohter, Eberly, Crowell, Schott, and Jordan. Nays; None. Absent; Bolin. Motion carried. The ordinance passed.

III. OLD BUSINESS (continued)

(B) Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Melrose Quarry and Asphalt Supply for Project 505 – FY 2020 Phase II Asphalt Improvements: City Engineer Darin Pryor recalled that during its last meeting, the Council awarded the bid for Phase II Asphalt Improvements, to the low bidder, Melrose Quarry and Asphalt Supply for \$309,630.06. Additionally, the first reading of the subject ordinance was conducted. Mr. Pryor asked the Council to consider the final reading of the proposed ordinance, which would authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Melrose Asphalt for this project.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO. 4552: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND MELROSE QUARRY & ASPHALT SUPPLY, LLC, FOR FY 2020 PHASE II ASPHALT IMPROVEMENTS, PROJECT #505. A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Murphey to approve the proposed ordinance. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Crowell, Schott, Ruder, Schneider, Jordan, Murphey, Meusch, Rohter, Eberly, and Allen. Nays; None. Absent; Bolin. Motion carried. The ordinance passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

(A) Motion Approving Use of Rolla National Airport Fields for Greek Week Games September 12 & 19, 2020, with Beer Sales: City Administrator John Butz informed the Council that Mr. Chris Steinbach, Chair of the Missouri S&T Interfraternity Council, has requested the use of the Rolla National Airport fields for the Annual Greek Week Games in September. Mr. Butz noted Council's approval would also authorize beer sales. He explained the students participating in this event are shuttled to and from the Airport grounds.

A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Eberly to approve the use of the Rolla National Airport Fields for the Greek Week Games, with beer sales, on September 12 and 19, 2020. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Eberly, Allen, Murphey, Schneider, Ruder, Meusch, Jordan, Crowell, Schott, and Rohter. Nays; None. Absent; Bolin. Motion carried.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

(A) Motion Authorizing the Purchase of a Solid Waste Automated Collection

System: Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson began by first reporting on the citywide spring cleanup, which was held on April 4, 2020. He informed the Council that 158 tons of waste were picked up, which is a new record. Twenty-seven employees worked that day and ten trash trucks were in operation.

Mr. Wilson told the Council the industry has been trending towards “automated” collection systems and this is due to employee turnover, employee injuries, and limited qualified workforce. He said that after considering the advantages of an automated collection system, he is recommending the City embark on a pilot project for a portion of the residential service. Initially, he said the pilot project would likely service 20-25% of the city’s residential customers.

A motion was made by Schott and seconded by Rohter to authorize the purchase from Armor Equipment, Arnold, Missouri, a Heil 20-yard Half Pack Odyssey on a 2021 Mack chassis with Curotto Can for \$314,702 plus an Optional second Curotto Can for a price of \$33,238, for a total purchase price of \$347,940. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Schneider, Rohter, Ruder, Jordan, Murphey, Schott, Crowell, Meusch, Allen, and Eberly. Nays; None. Absent; Bolin. Motion carried.

(B) Motion Awarding Bid for Refuse Carts: Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson asked the Council to consider the purchase of 1,900, 95-gallon carts and 100, 35-gallon carts for the automated collection pilot project. He said staff is recommending the purchase of the Schaefer Carts alternate bid of \$86,675, which includes assembly and distribution.

A motion was made by Schott and seconded by Murphey to award the bid for 1,900, 95-gallon carts and 100, 35-gallon carts for the automated collection pilot project to Schaefer Carts (alternate) for \$86,675. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Schott, Meusch, Jordan, Schneider, Ruder, Allen, Murphey, Crowell, Eberly, and Rohter. Nays; None. Absent; Bolin. Motion carried.

VI. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

(A) Motion Appointing Mr. Kevin Crider to the Planning and Zoning Commission to Complete the Unexpired Term of Mr. Ray Schweikhardt (June 2022): A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Meusch to appoint Mr. Kevin Crider to the Planning and Zoning Commission to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Ray Schweikhardt (June 2022). A voice vote on the motion showed ten ayes, zero nays, and one absent. Motion carried.

VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

Mayor Magdits opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the Council.

Mr. Nicholas Barrack, 1297 Highway O, Rolla, Missouri, said he is representing some, if not most, of the small businesses in the Rolla community. He referred the Council to an up-to-date “Chart of Weekly Total of Added COVID-19 Cases Per Million Population” that he provided to Council. Mr. Barrack noted there are five weeks of data and it shows that Missouri is now over the hump and that 40 out of 50 states have now had less new cases last week than the week before.

Mr. Barrack said we know there is nobody with COVID-19 hospitalized at Phelps Health and there has not been, and the virus is not going away anytime soon and we will have to learn to live with it. He said the rate of new confirmed cases per week is decreasing in Missouri and in almost every state. Mr. Barrack concluded by asking the Council to conduct the first reading of an ordinance to rescind Rolla’s stay-at-home order on May 3, the same day as the State’s stay-at-home order is lifted.

Council discussion followed. No one else present addressed the Council.

Mayor Magdits told the Council that he and Mr. Butz plan to come back at the May 4, 2020, meeting with a recommendation in concert with the Health Department and Phelps Health.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

(A) Councilman Schott: Councilman Schott reported he was contacted by a constituent who plans to move out of a rental in a few months. He noted the constituent works at Fort Leonard Wood, but currently works from home. Mr. Schott said the rental company wants to show the house to prospective renters, but the current renter is concerned because of the pandemic. He asked if there is any guidance in this respect.

City Counselor Lance Thurman said there is nothing the City can do about this. He said it is a contractual matter between two parties and the City has no business getting involved in this discussion at all.

(B) High Grass: Councilman Schott reminded residents to mow their lawns. He also encouraged residents to assist their neighbors in either cutting their grass or helping them with things they may need during the pandemic.

(C) Residents in Need: Councilman Schott asked for suggestions where folks might obtain assistance.

Mayor Magdits noted the food bank of central Missouri would be a good source.

Councilman Schott asked that people contact him with any other organizations that are helping at this time.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Schneider and seconded by Eberly to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021 to discuss real estate. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Murphey, Allen, Schneider, Ruder, Meusch, Jordan, Eberly, Rohter, Schott, and Crowell. Nays; None. Absent; Bolin. Motion carried.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at approximately 7:50 p.m.

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X. CLOSED SESSION ACTION

The Council reconvened into open session at approximately 8:04 p.m.

City Counselor Lance Thurman reported that during Closed Session the Council discussed two matters of real estate. No final action was taken.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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