

ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, May 17th, 2021; 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: Deanne Lyons

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Moriah Renaud, Terry Higgins, Megan Johnson, Ann Murphey, Matt Fridley, Lister Florence, Jody Eberly, Robert Kessinger, Carrolyn Bolin, Stanley Mayberry, and Victoria Steen.

Department Directors in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing: Parks Director Floyd Jernigan

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: City Administrator John Butz, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Fire Chief Ron Smith, City Engineer Darin Pryor, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, City Planner Tom Coots, Community Development Director Steve Flowers, RMU General Manager Rodney Bourne, and City Counselor Lance Thurman

Mayor Magdits called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilperson Jody Eberly to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - NONE

II. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

- A. RMU 2nd Quarter Report (Rodney Bourne, RMU General Manager)
Mr. Bourne reported that operating Revenues were down \$216,990 as compared to last year. Operating Expenses were up \$4,330,478 for the same period resulting in a Operating Income of (\$3,887,180), due primarily to the peak demand from the February freeze. He shared the results of the 2021 Comparative Rate Summary for water and electric.
- B. Presentation of Fiscal Year 2020 City of Rolla Independent Audit and a **Motion** Accepting the Audit. (Finance Director Steffanie Rogers and Michael Keenan, of Cochran Head Vick & Co) Mr. Keenan briefed Council on the results of the financial audit for year ending September 30, 2020. A motion to accept the audit results was made by Murphey and seconded by Bolin. A voice vote revealed 12 Ayes and zero Nays. Motion passed

III. **OLD BUSINESS** - NONE

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Ordinance** allowing a minor subdivision at 810 Soest Rd. (City Planner Tom Coots) **First and Final requested.** Mr. Coots stated a request had been submitted to subdivide a property at 810 Soest Road from one property into two similarly sized lots. Applicants have requested a first and final reading due to an upcoming closing date on May 30th. City Counselor Lance Thurman read the proposed ordinance for its first reading. **ORDINANCE NO.4618: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT OF JORDAN + JORDAN DESIGNS PLAT NO. 1. (Sub 21-03)** A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Eberly to suspend the rules. A voice vote revealed 9 Ayes. Mr. Thurman read the ordinance for its final reading. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Eberly to allow the subdivision. A voice vote unanimously carried to approve as submitted. Motion passed.
- B. **Ordinance** allowing a minor subdivision at 511 Christy Dr. (City Planner Tom Coots) **First Reading.** Mr. Coots stated that a request was made to subdivide one large lot into two residential lots located at 511 Christy Drive; (Deer Crossing East V). This division would allow the original owner to maintain his 40 acres and residence in the woods while giving the neighbor to the south, more room around his newly developed water feature. City Counselor Lance Thurman read the proposed ordinance for its first reading: **ORDINANCE NO.: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT OF DEER CROSSING EAST V. (SUB 21-02)**
- C. **Motion** to approve street closure for The Great Race. (City Engineer Darin Pryor) Mr. Pryor stated that the Chamber of Commerce requested to close a portion of 4th, 5th, and cedar Streets for the Great Race Event on Tuesday, June 22nd from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Tourism Director Aimee Campbell explained that Ditrapani's would be hosting lunch for the racers but access to the Benton Square would still be available. The public is invited to come out and view the vintage racecars; all of which will be older than 1975. A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Murphey to allow the closure. A voice vote revealed 12 Ayes and zero Nays. Motion passed.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

- A. **Motion** to award bid for the purchase of a Hydraulic Breaching Tool to the lowest bid, Tactical & Rescue Gear LTD for a total of \$9,999.95. (Rolla Police Captain Jason Smith) **Motion** Police Chief Sean Fagan stated that bids were submitted for a battery powered hydraulic breaching tool kit. The equipment is to upgrade the current equipment to provide a more efficient and safer breaching method for the police SWAT Team. The lowest bid was from Tactical and Rescue Gear LTD for \$9,999.95. The South Central Drug Task Force will be contributing \$8440.00 toward this purchase, and the remaining \$1559.95 will be taken from the Department's Seizures and Forfeitures fund. A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Johnson to award the bid to Tactical and Rescue Gear LTD for

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\$9,999.95. A voice vote revealed 11 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion passed.

VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A. Open Citizen Communication - NONE

VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Matt Fridley recognized the accomplishments and community contributions of the late Missouri State Senator Dr. Dan Brown.

Councilwoman Terry Higgins thanked and recognized the excellent service provided when Rolla City Fire, EMS, and Police responded to a family apartment fire. She expressed pride in her community for all the citizens that reached out for support and help during the actual emergency.

Councilwoman Ann Murphey thanked EMS and the excellent service received by Phelps Health in regards to a family medical emergency.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER - NONE

IX. CLOSED SESSION - NONE

X. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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