

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2023; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Moriah Renaud, Terry Higgins, Megan Johnson, Nathan Chirban, Lister Florence, Matt Fridley, Jaired Hall, Rob Kessinger, Stanley Mayberry, and Victoria Steen Tina Balch

Newly Elected Council Members in Physical Attendance: Joshua Vroman

Council Members Absent: Tina Balch

Council Ward Vacancy: Ward 5 - Carolyn Bolin

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: PW Director Darin Pryor, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Community Development Director Steve Flowers, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost.

Mayor Magdits called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilman Matt Fridley to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. OLD BUSINESS –

Ordinance to repeal and replace Section 27-89 of the City of Rolla code concerning stop intersection. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4733: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-89 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO STOP INTERSECTIONS. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Higgins to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Renaud, Florence, Steen, Higgins, Chirban, Fridley, Johnson, Kessinger, Mayberry, and Hall. Nays: zero. Absent: Balch.

Ordinance to change the stop condition to a stop on Powell at 13th. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4734: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-89 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO STOP INTERSECTIONS. A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Kessinger to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Fridley, Kessinger, Higgins, Renaud, Steen, Mayberry, Chirban, Johnson, Hall, and Florence. Nays: none. Absent: Balch.

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Ordinance to restrict parking on a section of Fairburn Drive. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4735: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-92 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, RELATING TO PARKING. A motion was made by Steen and seconded by Higgins to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Steen, Chirban, Higgins, Renaud, Mayberry, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, Fridley, and Hall. Nays: zero. Absent: Balch.

Ordinance authorizing agreement with Insituform Technologies for Project 559-2023 Sewer Lining. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4736: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND INSITUFORM TECHNOLOGIES USA, LLC. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chirban to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Chirban, Mayberry, Renaud, Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, Hall, Florence, Fridley, and Johnson. Nays: zero. Absent: Balch.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Motion** accepting the April 4th, 2023 Certified Election Results (City Administrator John Butz) A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Hall to accept the certified election results for the April 4th General Municipal Election. A voice vote showed 10 Ayes. Zero Nays: 1 Absent (Balch).

III. ELECTED OFFICIALS SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

A. **Comments/Recognitions of Outgoing Councilmembers:**

- i. Ward 5 Councilwoman Carrolyn Bolin
- ii. Ward 1 Councilwoman Moriah Renaud

B. **Swearing-In of Newly Elected Officials:**

- i. Ward 1 Councilman Joshua Vroman
- ii. Ward 2 Councilwoman Megan Johnson
- iii. Ward 3 Councilman Matthew Fridley
- iv. Ward 4 Councilman Robert Kessinger
- v. Ward 5 Councilwoman Stanley Mayberry
- vi. Ward 6 Councilwoman Victoria Steen

Mayor Magdits recognized outgoing Councilmember Moriah Renaud for her service to the Citizens of Rolla and presented her with a certificate. Also recognized was Councilwoman Bolin (not present) who was unable to finish her term. City Clerk Lorri Thurman swore-in all 6 of the incoming Councilmembers.

IV. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

V. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS – None

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Motion** to approve use of RNA fields for Greek Week Games in September 2023 with beer sales. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) A member of the Interfraternity Council was present to advise the date had changed to September 8th and 16th. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Fridley to approve the use of the RNA fields including beer sales. A voice vote showed 10 Ayes, zero Nays, and 1 Absent (Balch).

- B. **Ordinance** to update Chapter 25 of the Rolla City Code pertaining to Business Licenses. (Finance Director Steffanie Rogers) This item was pulled from the agenda for further review.

VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

1. Patrick Lewis Obien-1813 Vichy Rd: Shared with Council his favorable opinion of the Mission.
2. Raymond Maedgen III-11825 Pvt 5136: Shared his personal experience with how the Mission supported him during a hard point in his life.
3. Charles Barker-305 W 9th: Shared positive experiences that he has had over the last 3 years as a neighbor of the Mission and how the Mission helped him become a better involved community member.
4. Madilyn Mclemore-900 Collegiate Blvd.: Shared with Council that there is research that shows that the homeless are far more likely to become victims of crimes rather than the myth that they increase crime.
5. Hollis Waits-406 E. 12th: Shared with Council that allowing for more overnight shelters is beneficial to Rolla. Research shows that the homeless are no more dangerous than the homed and the myth about crime and the homeless shouldn't be factor in determining zoning since it is false.
6. Colin Mathers-1575 Watts: Shared his opinion that the new zoning regulations on overnight shelters would damage them. He also indicated the work the Mission does is good work.
7. Mason Sitek-202 W 18th: Shared she lives near the Mission and has volunteered at the Mission. She helped set-up the gardening area and really enjoyed being there with the people. Mayor Magdits thanked all the speakers for doing their research and getting involved in their community.

IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Proclamation for National Day of Prayer, May 4th, 2023 – Mayor Magdits presented Gwendolyn Hicks and Bruce Wade with a proclamation. Ms. Hicks details regarding the National Day of Prayer breakfast and as well as the reading of the national prayer at the Phelps County Courthouse at 12:15 pm on the same day.
- B. Proclamation for Arbor Day – April 28th, 2023- Mayor Magdits presented Parks Director Floyd Jernigan with a proclamation who then shared the different programs that the city participates in an attempt to re-forest Rolla.
- C. Appointment by Council of Mayor Pro-Tem for 1 year term. (expires April 2024) Councilwoman Steen nominated Councilman Florence to continue as Mayor Pro-Tem. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Higgins to approve the nomination. A voice vote showed 10 Ayes, zero Nays, and 1 Absent (Balch).
- D. Councilwoman Johnson recognized the efforts of Caleb Pelc who, for his Eagle Scout project, revitalized ball field #5 in the back of Lions Club Park. There will be a ribbon cutting on April 28th at 4:00 pm.
- E. Councilman Florence recognized the efforts of the PW Department for their prompt and professional response to an issue with the curb by the Library. He also recognized the local chapter of the NSBE (National Society of Black Engineers) who was rated #1 for the year.
- F. Councilman Fridley shared his respect for anyone willing to step-up and be a part of the community.

X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Parks Director Floyd Jernigan shared city supported events to celebrate National Tennis Month in May.

XI. CLOSED SESSION –

Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- (2) Real

At 7:33 pm a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Higgins to enter into closed session. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Johnson, Florence, Steen, Mayberry, Higgins, Hall, Vroman, Fridley, Chirban, and Kessinger. Zero Nays. Absent: Balch.

At 7:50 pm Council returned from closed session where one item of real estate was discussed with no final action.

I. ADJOURNMENT -

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:50 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR