

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH, 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:** Joshua Vroman, Terry Higgins, Megan Johnson, Nathan Chirban, Lister Florence, Matt Fridley, Jaired Hall, Rob Kessinger, Kevin Greven, Victoria Steen and Tina Balch

**Council Members Absent:** Stanley Mayberry

**Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance:** Police Captain Doug James, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Public Works Director Darin Pryor, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, City Planner Tom Coots, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Recreation Centre Director Marci Fairbanks and City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost.

Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilman Lister Florence to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

A. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:

1. City Council Minutes – October 2nd, 2023
2. Closed Session City Council Minutes – October 2nd, 2023
3. City Council Minutes – October 16th, 2023

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Vroman to approve the minutes. A voice vote showed the following, 10 Ayes, zero Nays, 2 Absent (Mayberry and Hall)

\*Note: Councilman Hall joined the meeting at 6:32 pm.

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

**III. REPORT OF MAYOR and COUNCIL/REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS/CITY DEPARTMENTS**

- a. Environmental Services Department Monthly Report – September 2023
- b. Building Codes monthly report – September 2023
- c. Municipal Court Summary Reporting for September 2023
- d. Police Department Monthly Report – September 2023
- e. Animal Control Division Report – September 2023
- f. RMU Board of Public Works Report for October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023
- g. The Centre Income Statement ending September 2023

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- h. P&Z Commission Minutes for October 10th, 2023
- i. DRC Minutes for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023
- j. City of Rolla Financial Report ending August 2023
- k. Park Advisory Meeting Minutes for September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –**

- A. Stevie Kears – Executive Director, Rolla Chamber: Proposed expansion of Motel Tax.  
Ms. Kears reviewed for Council that tourists pay a 3% hotel/motel tax. 90% of the amount collected goes to the Rolla Chamber of Commerce to support tourism efforts. The other 10% is retained by the City of Rolla for Administrative fees (2%) tourism efforts and events (8%). The Chamber of Commerce is requesting that Rolla City Council consider placing on the ballot of the April 2024 municipal election, the option for a 2% tax increase proposal to be imposed on travelers for a total 5% Hotel/Motel tax (current 3% + proposed 2%). This would generate an estimated \$250K a year to the tourism budget to help with continued efforts and allow for the advancement of new digital marketing, tracking programs, tourism grants and an additional staff position.
- B. Lana Croft, Prevention Educator with Prevention Consultants - drug prevention programs in Rolla Public Schools.  
Ms. Croft shared with Council their evidence based program being taught in Rolla Public Schools, called Too Good For Drugs. The program teaches kids to resist internal and external urges for drugs. Jamie Myers also spoke on the program and shared the vital statistics that fuel the need for such a program.

**V. OLD BUSINESS –**

- A. **Ordinance** rezoning 726 Salem Ave from the R-1, Suburban Residential district to the C-2, General Commercial district. (City Planner Tom Coots) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4766: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE RE-ZONING OF A PORTION OF PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 726 SALEM AVENUE FROM THE R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT TO THE C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT. A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Higgins to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following. Ayes: Kessinger, Steen, Vroman, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Higgins, Hall and Greven. Nays: Florence. Abstention: Fridley. Absent: Mayberry.
- B. **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with McConnell & Associates out of St. Louis, MO for 6 USA Pickleball standard courts. ( Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4767: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND MCCONNELL & ASSOCIATES. A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Vroman to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Florence, Johnson, Chirban, Fridley, Vroman, Steen, Higgins, Hall, Balch, Greven, and Kessinger. Nays: none. Absent: Mayberry.

C. **Ordinance** to approve the increase of waste collection fees. (Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4768: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 18-14 (a), 18-16 (a), 18-23 AND SECTION 18-25 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS IN LIEU THEREOF PERTAINING TO RESIDENTIAL, SPECIAL, AND COMMERCIAL REFUSE DISPOSAL AND COLLECTION. A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Fridley to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Chirban, Balch, Greven, Vroman, Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, Hall, Florence, Fridley, and Johnson. Nays: none. Absent: Mayberry.

D. **Ordinance** to update Rolla City Code pertaining to Taxicabs and Limousines. (Finance Director Steffanie Rogers) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4769: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 38-3 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, RELATING TO LICENSES. A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Johnson to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Greven, Higgins, Steen, Fridley, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Vroman. Nays: none. Absent: Mayberry.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS –

A. **Motion** to allow street closings for Rolla Christmas Festivities December 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 (PW Director Darin Pryor) A representative of the Rolla Area Sister Cities Association was present to share the events for Lichternacht and Christkindl Market Place. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Higgins to approve the closures. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, and 1 Absent.

B. **Ordinance** to approve Aptitude Internet LLC ROW Use Agreement. (PW Director Darin Pryor) The agreement will approve Aptitude Internet as a user of the Right of Way as specified in Chapter 36 of the Rolla City Code. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND APTITUDE INTERNET, LLC.

C. **Ordinance** to approve Aviation Project Consultant Agreement for geotechnical engineering to determine the scope of rehabilitating the taxiway at RNA. (PW Director Darin Pryor) This agreement is to determine the scope of rehabilitating the taxiway at the Rolla National Airport. The \$45,558 will be 100% reimbursed from non-primary entitlement finds from the Federal Aviation Administration which are administrated by MoDOT. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AN AVIATION CONSULTANT AGREEMENT CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND WOOLPERT, INC.

## VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

A. **Award** of Bid to All Purpose Erectors/Musco for the Bayless Field Lighting Project and **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with same. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) The ordinance was missing from the packet and will be presented to Council at the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting for first and final reading. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Greven to award the bid to All Purpose Erectors. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, one Absent.

**VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- A. Janna Rosalez spoke in support of the Rolla Community Garden off Old St James Road and made suggestions on how to make the garden more effective and profitable.

**IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- A. Motion to appoint Don Morris to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a 4 year term ending Nov 2027. A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Chirban to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, 1 Absent.
- B. Councilman Greven reminded everyone that Veteran’s Day is Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and shared information about the Hero’s Marathon at the Veteran’s Memorial Park on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Saturday is Military Appreciation Day at the MS&T football game.
- C. City Administrator John Butz shared retired PW Director Steve Hargis’ funeral arrangements: Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at Null & Sons Funeral home from 12:00-1:00.
- D. Councilman Vroman requested prayers for Lt. Jacob Banholzer who is currently serving in the Navy in the Red Sea.

**X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

**XI. CLOSED SESSION –**

- A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- (2) Real Estate

At 8:08 pm a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chirban to go into closed session. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Hall, Chirban, Greven, Vroman, Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, Balch, Johnson, Fridley, and Florence. Nays: zero. Absent: Mayberry.

At 8:40 pm Council returned from closed session where one item of real estate was discussed with no final action.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT –**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Powell.

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MAYOR