

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 18TH, 2024; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor Pro-Tem Lister Florence

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Joshua Vroman, Terry Higgins, Megan Johnson, Nathan Chirban, Matt Fridley, Lister Florence, Jaired Hall, Rob Kessinger, Kevin Greven, Stanley Mayberry and Tina Balch

Council Members Absent: Victoria Steen

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Public Works Director Darin Pryor, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Community Development Director Dawn Bell, City Planner Tom Coots and City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lister Florence called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilman Chirban to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS –

- A. **Public Hearing and Ordinance** to approve CUP to allow an industrial use in the C-C, Center City district for a proposed brewery at 600 N Rolla Street. (City Planner Tom Coots) Josh Stacy, owner of the Public House, shared with Council his plan for the requested CUP as well as some surrounding properties in the 600 block. Mayor Pro-Tem Florence opened the public hearing at 6:48 pm. There were no citizens that spoke regarding the issue and the hearing was closed at 6:49 pm. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 600 N ROLLA STREET FOR AN INDUSTRIAL USE (BREWERY) IN THE C-C, CENTER-CITY DISTRICT. (PUBLIC HOUSE BREWING COMPANY)
- B. **Public Hearing and Ordinance** to adopt the Old Town Neighborhood Plan as an element of the Comprehensive Plan. City Planner Tom Coots shared a history and vision regarding the development of the area considered “Old Town Rolla”. Mayor Pro-Tem Florence opened the public hearing at 7:29 pm. There were no citizens that spoke regarding the issue and the hearing was closed at 7:30 pm. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AS AN ELEMENT OF THE ROLLA 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2005.

II. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. 2023 Year-end Tourism report: Stevie Kears - RACC Executive Director shared 2023 tourism efforts funded by the 3% motel tax and events coming in 2024.
- B. Rolla Downtown Business Association (RDBA)-Rachel Guth shared plans for the 30th Annual Route 66 Summerfest on May 31st and June 1st. Amy Lubbert shared plans for the 45th Annual Arts and Craft Festival on October 5th as well as the Spring Craft Festival on April 20th.

III. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** to approve the implementation of 1/16th cent park sales tax (Prop P) approved by voters in April of 2023. (City Administrator John Butz) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4792: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 37-23 OF THE ROLLA CITY CODE AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 37-23 IN LIEU THEREOF IMPOSING A ONE-SIXTEENTH OF ONE PERCENT SALES TAX THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2033 FOR LOCAL PARKS TO IMPROVE AND MANAGE PARKS, TRAILS, PLAYGROUNDS, PARKING LOTS, BATHROOMS, CEMETERY AND NATURAL LANDS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Greven to approve the ordinance. A roll call voted showed the following: ayes: Florence, Johnson, Chirban, Fridley, Vroman, Mayberry, Higgins, Hall, Balch, Greven, Kessinger. Nays: none. Absent: Steen.
- B. **Ordinance** to repeal Chapter 28 and enact a new Chapter 28 in lieu thereof, relating to nuisances and property maintenance. (Comm. Dev. Director Dawn Bell) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading as amended, by title: ORDINANCE 4793: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 28 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 28 IN LIEU THEREOF RELATING TO NUISANCES AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Balch to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Chirban, Balch, Mayberry, Greven, Vroman, Kessinger, Higgins, Hall, Florence, Fridley, and Johnson. Nays: none. Absent: Steen.
- C. **Ordinance** to enter into an agreement with Pierce Asphalt LLC for Project 572 – FY 2024 Pine Street Asphalt Improvements. (PW Director Darin Pryor). City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4794: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND PIERCE ASPHALT LLC. A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Johnson to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Greven, Higgins, Fridley, Mayberry, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Vroman. Nays: none. Absent: Steen.
- D. **Ordinance** to enter into an agreement with Pierce Asphalt LLC for Project 576 – FY 2024 Phase II Asphalt Improvements. (PW Director Darin Pryor). City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4795: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND PIERCE ASPHALT LLC. A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Higgins to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Balch, Mayberry, Chirban, Greven, Vroman, Florence, Kessinger, Higgins, Hall, Johnson, and Fridley. Nay: none. Absent: Steen.

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Motion** to approve request by MS&T Interfraternity council – Sept 2024 Greek Week Games. (PW Director Darin Pryor) Caleb, a representative of the MS&T Interfraternity Council, shared with Council the plans regarding the 2024 Greek Week Games. A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Greven to approve the event on Airport property. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, 1 Absent.

- B. **Ordinance** to approve agreement with H3 Studios, Inc for a new comprehensive plan. (Community Development Director Dawn Bell) On February 20th, 2024, Council authorized staff to draft a contract with H3 Studio for the comprehensive plan. Councilman Vroman read a citizen’s letter of concern regarding the new concept called “15 Minute City.” City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus 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 A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND H3 STUDIO, INC

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS – None

VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. David Dukes – Becca Drive: Shared concerns regarding recent surge in overdoses in Franklin County and the expressed the need for a Detox Facility in the area.

VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Reminder: U.S. Highway 63 closure to begin the evening of March 24th for construction of the student underpass.

- B. Councilman Vroman – Regarding taxes, ballots, and voter turnout: After sharing statistics comparing April and November voter turnout, Councilman Vroman asked Council if they would interested in creating an ordinance stating tax initiatives for the City of Rolla would be presented in the November Elections. The general consensus was to not pursue this action.

- C. Councilman Vroman asked if there was a policy on the use of festival lots and other city properties. City Administrator John Butz stated the City Code states the Police Chief has the right to approve parade requests with a 14 day notice but there is nothing that talks about other public properties or facilities. The Park’s Director has the right to award certain uses of park properties. A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Kessinger to have administration look into drafting a policy for the use of festival lots and other city properties and all that pertains. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus suggested having a clear policy established by Council would streamline the process for staff/Administration. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, 1 Absent.

- D. Resignation of Municipal Judge James Crump – A letter of resignation was received from Judge James Crump. After further research and discussion, it was decided that Presiding Circuit Judge Hickle would appoint an Interum Municipal Judge to fill the vacant position until after the election. Brad Neckermann will continue as City Prosecutor.

- E. **Cancelled:** Motion to appoint Brad Neckermann as Municipal Judge to fill the unexpired term of Judge James Crump.

- F. **Cancelled:** Motion to appoint Katie Fox as Municipal Prosecutor to fill the unexpired term of Brad Neckermann.

G. Councilman Kessinger complimented the success of the St. Pat's Parade and the use of the new parade barricades.

H. Councilman Greven encouraged citizens to vote in the April 2nd General Municipal Election.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

A. Next Meeting Date, Monday, April 1st, 2024

B. Citywide Spring Clean-up, Saturday, April 6th, 2024: Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey shared with Council accepted items for the spring clean-up.

IX. CLOSED SESSION –

A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- (1) Legal Work Product:

At 9:00 pm a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chirban to go into closed session. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Higgins, Greven, Vroman, Mayberry, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Fridley. Nays: None. Absent: Steen.

At 9:45 pm Council returned from closed session with no reportable actions.

X. ADJOURNMENT -

At 9:45 p.m., a motion was made to adjourn by Johnson and seconded by Higgins. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, 1 Absent.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Powell.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR