

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH, 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: Marie Allen, Deanne Lyons, Matthew Crowell, and Lister Florence Jr.

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Terry Higgins, Jody Eberly, John Meusch, Carrolyn Bolin, Christine Ruder, Rachel Schneider, Ann Murphey, and David Schott.

Council Members Absent: None.

Other City Officials and Department Directors in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing: Community Development Director Steve Flowers, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, and Parks & Rec Director Floyd Jernigan

Department Directors and City Officials in Physical Attendance: Rolla City Fire Chief Ron Smith, City Engineer Darin Pryor, City Planner Tom Coots, City Administrator John Butz, and Police Chief Sean Fagan

A member of the Rolla Ministerial Alliance opened the meeting with prayer.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

A. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow an “Arsenals and Munitions Storage” in the M-2, Heavy Manufacturing District (Zone 20-03) (City Planner Tom Coots) -**First Reading**

City Planner Tom Coots informed Council of a company, 2nd Amendment Wholesale, who is looking at the former FedEx Building at 4060 Hy-Point North. Council would have to approve a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) since their business would be acting as a storage facility for ammunition.

Mayor Magdits opened the Public Hearing at 6:43 p.m.

No property owners were present who owned property within 185 feet of this property that wanted to speak for or against the permit.

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No property owners were present who owned property further than 185 feet from the property that wanted to speak for or against this permit. Councilwoman Allen passed along an email of support for this application from Roy Schweikhardt in Ward 5 who was unable to attend the public hearing.

Eric Jensen of 2nd Amendment Wholesale spoke of the desire to become more centralized to reduce shipping time to their customers. He also indicated the size, price, and safety precautions already in place make this specific building appealing.

Mayor Magdits closed the public hearing at 6:55 p.m.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for first reading by title.
ORDINANCE NO : AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS 4060 HY-POINT NORTH
FOR THE USE OF “ARSENALS AND MUNITIONS STORAGE” IN THE M-2, HEAVY
MANUFACTURING DISTRICT. (2ND AMENDMENT WHOLESALE)

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- A. Citizen Award Presentation to Judy Terry (Fire Chief Ron Smith & Police Chief Sean Fagan) Due to inclement weather, this award was postponed for a later date.
- B. Life Saving Award Presentation to Patrol Officer Jeremy Ward (Police Chief Sean Fagan)

Chief Fagan explained to Council that while still in field training, Officer Ward responded to an overdose victim. After 3 doses of Narcan and over ten minutes of persistent CPR, the life of this victim was saved.

- C. RMU 1st Quarter Report (Rodney Bourne, RMU General Manager)

RMU General Manager Rodney Bourne advised that the RMU business office was open again for normal business traffic. Upon completion of the first quarter of Fiscal year 2021, Operating revenues are down \$344,937 as compared to last year. Operating Expenses are up (\$432,899) for the same period resulting in tan Operating income of (\$936,973), which is up (\$777,836). When combined with miscellaneous income and expenses, RMU experienced a Net Income of \$7,697,047, which is up \$7,635,202 as compared to the first quarter of fiscal year 2020 primarily due to the recent sale of assets to Ameren.

Mr. Bourne also explained the reasoning for the rolling black outs in other parts of the nation and what consumers can do now to help keep costs down.

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III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ordinance to amend City Personnel Rules (City Administrator John Butz) Final Reading

City Administrator John Butz advised Council that since the last review of the City Personnel Rules in 2018, some issues have surfaced that justify further review and modification. The proposed ordinance amends four provisions dealing with nepotism and potential conflict of interest, garnishment, and personnel records.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for final reading by title. **ORDINANCE NO 4602 : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF ROLLA PERSONNEL MANUAL, DATED OCTOBER 1, 2018. A motion was made by Schneider and seconded Murphey to accept the amendments. A roll call vote showed the following results: Ayes: Crowell, Schott, Ruder, Schneider, Higgins, Murphey, Lyons, Bolin, Meusch, Florence, Eberly, and Allen. Nays: none Absent: none.**
Ordinance passed.

B. Ordinance to amend City Code Sections 27-98 & 27-110 relating to parking. (City Engineer Darin Pryor) Final Reading

City Engineer Darin Pryor advised that a request from the Rolla Police Department to change a 30 minute parking spot in front of the VIPS office on Pine Street to Police Parking Only. Doing so would allow for a more efficient response time for our VIPS Officers.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for final reading by title. **ORDINANCE NO 4601 : AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 27-98 AND 27-110 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 27-98 AND 27-110 IN LIEU THEREOF RELATING TO PARKING. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Meuch to accept the amendment. A roll call vote showed the following results: Ayes: Eberly, Allen, Murphey, Bolin, Schneider, Ruder, Meusch, Higgins, Lyons, Crowell, Schott, and Florence. Nays: none. Absent: none. Ordinance passed.**

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IV. NEW BUSINESS

New Animal Shelter Strategy (City Administrator John Butz) **Discussion/Award**

City Administrator John Butz spoke to Council about a possible two-phase plan towards funding, building, and completing the new animal shelter that included preparing the land, (located on 7 acres on Lions Club Dr. approaching Hwy 72), and building the shell of the shelter with the money that has been raised thus far. Phase 2 would include fundraising and soliciting for in-kind services towards the completion of the inside. Council members were encouraged to take these next couple of weeks to talk to their constituents and consider awarding A&E services for a new animal shelter to Shelter Planners of America/Archer Engineering.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

NONE

VI. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilperson Schneider relayed a message from the St. Pats Board that they would speak on March 1st about the upcoming St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Councilman Florence encouraged everyone to recycle.

Councilperson Lyons brought to the attention of Council, a last minute resolution that came to her via email shortly after the start of the meeting. Since it was not on the agenda, it could not be discussed at length but there is an option to consider it at the March 1st meeting.

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VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

(A) Open Citizen Communication: Mayor Magdits opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the Council.

Victoria Culver – 2143 Vichy Road: Asked how the properties West of Highway 63 are affected by the University extension and if eminent domain was used to purchase the houses. Mayor Magdits responded that eminent domain has not been used to purchase any of the residential properties.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

IX. CLOSED SESSION

NONE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:24 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rolla City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR