

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 6, 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, Matt Fridley, Jaired Hall, Stanley Mayberry, Victoria Steen and Tina Balch

Council Members Absent: Lister Florence and Rob Kessinger

Council Ward Vacancy: Ward 5 - Carrolyn Bolin

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: PW Director Darin Pryor, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, City Planner Tom Coots, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, Centre Recreation Director Marci Fairbanks, and City Counselor Lance Thurman

Mayor Magdits called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilwoman Terry Higgins to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:

1. City Council Meeting – February 6, 2023
2. Closed Session Minutes – February 6, 2023
3. City Council Meeting – February 21, 2023
4. Closed Session Minutes – February 21, 2023

A motion was made by Renaud and seconded by Higgins. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 2 Absent.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS – The following items were postponed as P&Z was not able to convene in order to make a recommendation.

- A. **Postponed: Public Hearing and Ordinance** Rezoning 1203 S Bishop from the C-2, General Retail district to the C-3, Highway Commercial district.
postponed to the March 20th City Council Meeting.
- B. **Postponed: Public Hearing and Ordinance** Rezoning 1708 Ashwood Dr from the R-1, Single-family district to the R-2, Two-family district.
postponed to the March 20th City Council Meeting.
- C. **Postponed: Public Hearing and Ordinance** Rezoning 605 W 7th and 605/607 N State from the C-2, General Retail district to the C-3, Highway Commercial district.
postponed to the March 20th City Council Meeting.

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- D. **Postponed: Public Hearing and Ordinance** for the Annexation of a portion of 13063 Old Wire Outer Rd into the corporate limits of the City of Rolla and assigning a zoning of C-2, General Retail. **postponed to the March 20th City Council Meeting.**

III. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** – None

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

- a. Environmental Services Department Monthly Report – January 2023
- b. Building Codes monthly report – January 2023
- c. Police Department Monthly Report – January 2023
- d. Animal Control Division Report – January 2023
- e. Board of Public Works Minutes for January 24, 2023
- f. The Centre Income Statement ending January 2023
- g. Municipal Court Summary Reporting for January 2023
- h. Park Advisory Commission Minutes for January 30th, 2023
- i. Development Review Committee Minutes for February 21, 2023
- j. City of Rolla Financial Report ending January 31, 2023

V. **OLD BUSINESS** –

- A. **Ordinance** to vacate waterline easement in the Freuh Addition Subdivision. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Lance Thurman read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4724: AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN EXISTING WATERLINE EASEMENT IN LOTS 1 AND 2 OF THE LEWIS ADDITION. A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Higgins to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Mayberry, Balch, Chirban, Renaud, Steen, Hall, Johnson, Fridley, and Higgins. Nays: none. Absent: Kessinger and Florence.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- A. **Ordinance** allowing the Mayor to authorize the Rolla Police Department to apply for free traffic safety grants through MoDot. (Police Chief Sean Fagan) This authorization will allow RPD to apply for traffic safety grants which are 100% funded by MoDot. Due to the passing due date, a first and final reading was requested. City Counselor Lance Thurman read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4725: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI , A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERTAINING TO GRANTS. A motion was made by Renaud and seconded by Hall to suspend the rules for the final reading. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 2 Absent. City Counselor Lance Thurman read the ordinance for its final reading. A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Johnson to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Johnson, Fridley, Steen, Renaud, Higgins, Chirban, Balch, Hall, and Mayberry. Nays: none. Absent: Kessinger and Florence.

- B. **Motion** to approve closures for St. Pat’s festivities. (PW Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Balch to approve the street closures for the St. Patricks Day festivities. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, and 2 Absent. Tourism Director Aimee Campbell shared the plan for the Best Ever St. Pat’s 5K followed by the Beer Run. Andrew and Emily with the St. Pats Committee shared information on more specific MS&T campus festivities and acknowledged that this is the 115th year for this event.

VII. **CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS** –

- A. **Motion** to approve the purchase of five (5) Tahoes for the FY 2024 budget year through Don Brown Chevrolet. Don Brown Chevrolet is the Mo State Procurement “preferred dealership” with most likely to successfully place the order for police cruisers once announced by the manufacturer (10 hr. window in 2023). A motion was made by Renaud and seconded by Johnson to approve the purchase of 5 Tahoe’s up to the budget appropriation of \$270,000. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, and 2 Absent.

VIII. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- A. Gerome Beck – 13850 S. US Hwy 63: Shared concerns regarding the proposed encampment clean-up by Councilwoman Johnson at the February 21st council meeting. Councilwoman Johnson explained she was asking what resources for clean-up were available to the victims when crimes of trespassing were committed. Mr. Beck asked if there was a committee formed to help find solutions to homelessness. Mayor Magdits explained one was not formed and it would not be the city that would lead that committee.

IX. **MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- A. Mayor Magdits spoke briefly on the purposed 3% sales tax on recreational marijuana sales. Council may the 3% sales tax in August or November 2023. Councilwoman Johnson added that the Department of Health and Senior Services is willing to make a presentation to Council regarding the tax. Mayor Magdits stated that MML is likely to offer regional meetings on same and perhaps MODHSS could participate in same.
- B. Councilwoman Steen acknowledged John Tumbrink, a member of the Rolla Robotics Team, who placed as Missouri finalist for the World Competition in Houston Texas.

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

- A. Parks Director Floyd Jernigan invited the public to attend an open house to view Prop P projects and other city improvement projects, on Thursday, March 9th from 4:30-6:30 at the Eugene Northern Hall.
- B. Mayor Magdits asked for PW Director Pryor to explain the pedestrian island location on highway 72. Mayor Magdits asked about placing a sign directing pedestrians to the safe crossing zone. Mr. Pryor stated they could look into it further.
- C. Councilwoman Balch advised PW Director Pryor of an issue with the traffic light located at Hwy 63 and Vichy which will be reported to MoDot.

XI. **CLOSED SESSION** – Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- (1) Legal (2) Real Estate

At 7:30pm a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Higgins to adjourn into closed session. A roll call voted showed the following: Ayes: Higgins, Steen, Fridley, Mayberry, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Hall, and Renaud. Nays: None: Absent: Kessinger and Florence.

At 8:46 Council returned from closed session about legal issues and real estate. No final action was taken.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** -

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:17 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR