

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH, 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, Stanley Mayberry, and Tina Balch

Council Members Absent: Victoria Steen

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Police Chief Sean Fagan, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, City Planner Tom Coots, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Josh Stephens Operations Manager The Centre and City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS –

- A. **Public Hearing and Ordinance** rezoning 726 Salem Ave from the R-1, Suburban Residential district to the C-2, General Commercial district. (City Planner Tom Coots) The applicant is a non-profit serving disabled persons. The commercial building is planned to be remodeled to serve the organization's needs. As a part of the project, the parking lot is proposed to be enlarged and a driveway would connect to Salem Avenue. A portion of the parking expansion would be on the adjoining residential lot. The lot is proposed to be rezoned to allow for the parking expansion. The existing house will continue to be a rental unit.

Mayor Magdits opened the public hearing at 6:45 pm.

Wanda Reveal - Salem Ave. resident: Spoke against the proposed rezoning project and shared her concern for the traffic and safety hardships this may cause the neighborhood.

Paula Delong – Executive Director of Choices for People: Clarified for council the renovation plans.

Mindy Blanc – 724 Salem Ave: Spoke against the zoning project and shared that the green space shown on the border of the property as a buffer, was on her land and this would soon be removed. She shared traffic and safety concerns regarding the project.

Carol Cates – Integrity Engineering: Stated there would be a wooden privacy fence installed and further explained the need for parking. She added that the light poles were all existing and later corrected that there would be a few new lights.

With there being no further citizen comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:17 pm. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: 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

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II. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

- A. Stevie Kearse – Executive Director, Rolla Chamber, shared the 3rd Quarter Tourism Report covering the efforts from April through September 2023.

III. OLD BUSINESS – NONE

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** to approve the increase of waste collection fees. (Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: 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 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.
- B. **Ordinance** to update Rolla City Code pertaining to Taxicabs and Limousines. (Finance Director Steffanie Rogers) State law no longer requires a chauffeur’s license for Taxicabs and Limousine drivers. Changes in the ordinance will reflect the change to a valid driver’s license. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: 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

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. **Award of bid** to McConnell & Associates out of St. Louis, MO for 6 USA Pickleball standard courts and **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with same. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) 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 MCCONNELL & ASSOCIATES. A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Kessinger to award the bid to McConnell & Associates for \$419,935. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, 1 absent.
- B. **Motion** to award bid for the purchase of patrol rifles to Black Rain Ordnance. (Police Chief Sean Fagan) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Vroman to award the bid to Black Rain Ordnance for \$14,997.84 for 24 patrol rifles. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, 1 Absent.

- C. **Award of bid** to Direct Fitness Solutions for Centre floor covering and equipment and ordinance to enter into agreement with same. (City Administrator John Butz) A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Higgins to award the bid to Direct Fitness Solutions for \$143,708.10. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, and 1 Absent. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4765: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND DIRECT FITNESS SOLUTIONS REGARDING CENTRE FLOOR COVERING AND EQUIPMENT. City Administrator John Butz requested Council consideration for first and final reading in order to complete the work by December 22nd in order to expand membership opportunities in 2024. A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Greven to suspend the rules for the final reading. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, 2 Nays (Vroman and Johnson), and 1 absent. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading. A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Greven to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Chirban, Higgins, Vroman, Mayberry, Greven, Balch, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, Fridley, and Hall. Nays: none. Absent: Steen.

VI. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION:** None

VII. **MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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

- A. Councilman Kessinger shared traffic concerns expressed by Oak Knoll Residents.
- B. Fire Chief Breen shared that October was Fire Safety Month.
- C. City Administrator John Butz shared funeral arrangements for Steve Hargis on Friday, November 10th from 11:00-noon at Null & Sons, followed by burial at Ozark Hills Memorial Gardens.
- D. Councilman Greven shared that he attended meetings in Washington DC last week where he got to share how Rolla supports the soldiers at Fort Leonard Wood.

IX. **CLOSED SESSION** –

- A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- (NONE)

X. **ADJOURNMENT** –

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Powell.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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