

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH, 2024; 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, Matt Fridley, Jaired Hall, Rob Kessinger, Kevin Greven and Stanley Mayberry

Council Members Absent: Victoria Steen, Lister Florence and Tina Balch

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, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, Community Development Director Dawn Bell, City Planner Tom Coots and City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS –

Public Hearing and Ordinance approving the application of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) overlay to property zoned C-2, General Commercial at 127 H-J Drive. City Planner Tom Coots shared with Council the plans to remodel the vacant hotel on HJ Drive into apartments with 91 dwellings. At 6:37, Mayor Magdits opened the public hearing for citizen comment. There were no comments and public hearing was then closed at 6:38. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE RE-ZONING OF 127 H-J DRIVE TO APPLY A PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT OVERLAY TO PROPERTY ZONED C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL

II. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

- A. Bike Friendly Community Award – Public Works Director Darin Pryor presented representatives of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee with the Bronze Bicycle Friendly award.
- B. Life-saving award presentation – Chief Sean Fagan awarded Emergency Communications Officer Jayne McKinney with a lifesaving award.
- C. RMU FY2024 1st Quarter Report – RMU GM Rodney Bourne presented Council with his 1st quarter report. He shared there is an operating loss of \$61,825, a decrease from the year prior. Total operating expenses for the 1st quarter are down \$926,440 from the year prior for a total of \$7,750,895. Total Net income for the 1st Quarter was \$500,449 which is a gain of over \$1.6M from 2023, largely attributed to the milder temperatures, decrease in purchased power and small rate increases effective Oct 2023. Mr. Bourne also spent some time talking about a Crypto Currency Mining project that may possibly develop in the Dewing Subdivision off Highway 72.
- D. Introduction – Ms. Dawn Bell, Community Development Director, gave a short introduction of herself and shared some projects she’s already working on.

III. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** authorizing an agreement with Forward Slash Technology for IT managed services. (Finance Director Steffanie Rogers) ORDINANCE 4786: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AN IT MANAGED SERVICES PROVIDER AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND FORWARD SLASH TECHNOLOGY. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Vroman to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Johnson, Fridley, Vroman, Higgins, Chirban, Greven, Kessinger, Hall and Mayberry. Nays: none. Absent: Balch, Steen, and Florence.
- B. **Ordinance** authorizing an agreement for Project 573 - FY 2024 Phase I Asphalt Improvements to Pierce Asphalt LLC (PW Director Darin Pryor) ORDINANCE 4787: 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 Kessinger and seconded by Greven to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Hall, Mayberry, Chirban, Greven, Vroman, Kessinger, Higgins, Johnson and Fridley. Nays: none. Absent: Balch, Steen and Florence.
- C. **Ordinance** authorizing an agreement for Project 571 – 2024 Microsurfacing to Microsurfacing Contractors, LLC (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4788: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND MICROSURFACING CONTRACTORS, LLC. A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Higgins to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Vroman, Greven, Higgins, Chirban, Fridley, Johnson, Kessinger, Mayberry and Hall. Nays: none. Absent: Balch, Steen and Florence.

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Resolution** to approve the purchase of a storm siren and communications equipment through Federal Signal Safety Corporation. (Fire Chief Jeff Breen) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the resolution for one reading by title: RESOLUTION 2030: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CERTAIN SALES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND FEDERAL SIGNAL SAFETY CORPORATION FOR AN EMERGENCY STORM SIREN. A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Chirban to approve the purchase of a storm siren. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent. This siren will replace the current 20 year old siren at 4th and Main Street \$27,711.96 which, through a FEMA grant, will reimburse the City for 100% of the purchase.
- B. **Ordinance** to approve authorize Rolla Police Department to apply for free traffic safety grants through the Missouri Department of Transportation. (Chief Sean Fagan) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading by title: ORDINANCE 4789: 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 Johnson, seconded by Higgins to suspend the rules for final reading. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading. A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Vroman to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Chirban, Higgins, Vroman, Mayberry, Greven, Johnson, Kessinger, Fridley, and Hall. Nays: none. Absent, Balch, Steen and Florence.

- C. **Motion** to award RFP for a New City Comprehensive Plan to H3 Studio.(Dev. Director Dawn Bell) A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Chirban to award the RFP to H3 Studio. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, and 3 Absent. A contract will be prepared and presented for Council consideration at a later meeting.
- D. **Motion** to approve street closures for St. Pat’s events. (PW Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Greven to approve the street closings. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, and 3 absent.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. **Ordinance** to approve the purchase of a tract of land on Olive Street near Green Acres Park. City Administrator John Butz shared that through Realtor Sharlene Henry, both parties have agreed to a purchase price of \$30,000. In addition, the City will initiate the survey and subdivision of the property. If agreed to by Council with 2/3rds vote, the funds would be taken from Park Land Reserve Fund. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A VACANT LAND SALE CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND KRISTOFER ZIMMERMAN REGARDING THE PURCHASE OF A TRACT OF LAND ON OLIVE STREET NEAR GREEN ACRES PARK.
- B. **Motion** to approve the emergency truck purchase of a 2024 F450 for the Street Dept. from Hutcheson Ford. (PW Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Higgins to approve the emergency purchase of a truck from Hutcheson Ford for \$57,615.00. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, and 3 Absent.

VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Dan Sutterfield – Shared information regarding anti-choking devices that he feels would benefit many establishments.
- B. Jeff Goris - shared concerns regarding Crypto Mining.

VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. **Motion** to reappoint Ed Schmidt to the Airport Advisory Committee for a 2 year term. (expires Feb 2026) A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Johnson to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent.
- B. **Motion** to reappoint Steve Mason to the Airport Advisory Committee for a 2 year term. (expires Feb 2026) A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Kessinger to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent
- C. **Motion** to reappoint Mike Matthews to the Airport Advisory Committee for a 2 year term. (expires Feb 2026) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Higgins to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent
- D. **Motion** to reappoint Terry Harris to the Industrial Development Authority for 6 year term. (exp. Mar 2030) A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Higgins to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent
- E. **Motion** to reappoint Susan Wrasmann to the Parks Advisory Committee for a 3 year term. (exp. June 2026) A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Hall to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent

- F. **Motion** to appoint Joe Polizzi to the Public Works Board to fill the unexpired term of Albert Crump. (exp. Aug 2025) A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Greven to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent
- G. **Motion** to reappoint Don Morris to the Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board for a 4 yr. term.
- H. (exp. June 2027) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Hall to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent
- I. **Motion** to reappoint Ben Tipton as the City’s representative to Rolla Regional Economic Committee (RREC) for a 3 year term. (exp. Dec 2026). A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Chirban to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 9 Ayes, zero Nays, 3 Absent

Mayor Magdits shared with council that there were approximately 103 volunteer positions relating to city boards and that he was actively working on getting the expired terms reappointed/replaced. Councilman Fridley asked for a more detailed update on vacancies at the next council meeting. Councilwoman Johnson raised a question regarding the Library Board based off of RSMo 182.190 in which City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus affirmed that board members can continue to serve their expired term until relieved.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Next Meeting Date, Monday, March 4th, 2024
- B. Councilman Greven shared this coming Saturday is Military Appreciation Day at the MS&T Basketball game. There will be an oath ceremony during the men’s half time game.

IX. CLOSED SESSION –

- A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- (1) legal and (2) Real Estate

At 8:32 p.m. a motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Vroman to enter into closed session. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Johnson, Chirban, Fridley, Vroman, Mayberry, Higgins, Hall, Greven and Kessinger.. Nay: none. Absent: none.

At 9:13 p.m. council returned from closed session where legal actions a personnel matter were discussed. No reportable actions were taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT - Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Powell.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR