

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 19TH, 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, Stanley Mayberry, Victoria Steen, Tina Balch,

Council Members Absent: None

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Police Chief Sean Fagan, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Community Development Director Steve Flowers, City Planner Tom Coots, Interim Env. Services Director Roger Pankey, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Park's Director Floyd Jernigan, and City Counselor Lance Thurman.

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

I. Mayoral Appointment-

- A. Motion to approve the appointment of Kevin Greven to the vacant Ward 5 Council position for the unfulfilled term ending April 2024; Swearing in Ceremony. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Higgins to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, none absent. City Clerk Lorri Powell administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Greven who then took his seat as active Council.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS –

- A. **Public Hearing and Ordinance** to rezoning 71 Rose Ct. From the R-1, Single-family district to the R-2, Two family district. (City Planner Tom Coots) The applicant wishes to construct an addition in the place of the former garage to include a garage with a dwelling unit above the garage. At 6:38 the Mayor opened the public hearing. There were none that spoke for or against the zoning change and at 6:39 the hearing was closed. City Counselor Lance Thurman read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE RE-ZONING OF PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 71 ROSE COURT FROM THE R-1, SINGLE-FAMILY DISTRICT TO THE R-2, TWO-FAMILY DISTRICT. A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Kessinger to suspend the rules for final reading. A voice vote showed 10 Ayes, 2 Nays (Chirban and Johnson), none absent. City Counselor Lance Thurman read the ordinance for its final reading. A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Vroman to approve the rezoning. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Higgins, Greven, Steen, Vroman, Mayberry, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Fridley. Nays: none. Absent: none.

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

IV. **OLD BUSINESS** – none

V. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- A. **Ordinance** to amend Section 41-2 of the City Code – Concealed Weapons. Police Chief Sean Fagan explained for Council that the proposed changes would bring the City Code regarding concealed weapons into compliance with state law. City Counselor Lance Thurman read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 41-2 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 41-2 IN LIEU THEREOF PERTAINING TO CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPONS.

- B. **Discussion** about conducting a neighborhood plan, to be known as the Old Town Neighborhood Plan. City Planner Tom Coots explained a neighborhood plan would allow for neighborhood residents to assist in deciding how they would like to see their neighborhood change in the future. Planning efforts will continue until late summer or early fall when the proposed final plan will be brought back to Council for approval. Mayor Magdits requested the Schuman recommendations and outcomes be shared with Council.

- C. **Ordinance** adopting final version of proposed Chapter 42 – Planning and Zoning. (City Planner Tom Coots) After discussion regarding the removal of C-2 zoning for overnight shelters, a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chirban to amend the proposal to remove overnight shelter from being permitted in C-2 from 42-222 subsection 2(f) on page 16 of the proposed chapter 42. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Chirban, Balch, and Johnson. Nays: Hall, Mayberry, Greven, Vroman, Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, and Fridley. Absent: none. Abstention: Florence. A motion was then made by Chirban and seconded by Balch to see a pictorial of impact reflecting the change at several distances. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Vroman, Steen, Greven, Higgins, Chirban, Fridley, Johnson, Kessinger, Mayberry, Hall, and Balch, Nays: none. Absent: none. Abstention: Florence.

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

- A. **Resolution** to award Financing Bids for a 2023 Pierce Rescue Pumper Truck to Town & Country Bank. Finance Director Steffanie Rogers requested the award of financing to Town and County Bank over 10 years with an interest rate of 4.74% for the 2023 Rescue Pierce Pumper Truck. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Balch to award the financing. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays, none absent.

- B. **Review** of the Proposed Budget for the Forum Plaza Community Improvement District (CID). City Administrator John Butz explained this was just a discloser and no action was required by Council since the CID acts independently of Council. The CID provided \$4 million of the \$14 million project cost to eliminate and reverse blighted conditions and has a current “Principal Balance” of \$3.3 million. The one-cent CID tax will run through 2039 unless paid off sooner.

- C. **Motion** to ratify emergency change order for asbestos removal on Ransdall building Demolition. City Administrator John Butz explained that during the demolition of the Ransdall building the contractor encountered suspect asbestos containing materials on the roof tar. The removal is estimated between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Administration approved the emergency change order prior to the June 19th meeting to expedite the work. A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Johnson to ratify the emergency change order. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays, and none Absent.
- D. **Motion** to approve the purchase of Genesis Extrication equipment from Fire Master Equipment. Fire Chief Jeff Breen requested the approval of a sole source purchase of Genesis extrication equipment from Fire Master Fire Equipment for \$35,853.00. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Kessinger to approve the purchase. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Greven, Higgins, Steen, Fridley, Mayberry, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Vroman. Nays: zero. Absent: none.

VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Terris Cates - 1706 E 10th St.: Mr. Cates expressed his concern for the innocence of youth and the impression and confusion caused by the Drag Queen show on June 10th.
- B. Ron Sluder - Rolla 1st Church of the Nazarene: Spoke on the need for the community to take a stand to promote a better community.
- C. Darren Facen - 12719 CR 5110: Spoke on the moral obligation to protect the innocence of the children of our community.
- D. Melissa Jones - Rolla 1st Church of the Nazarene: Spoke on the horror of what the children were exposed to on June 10th.
- E. Chris Barrett – Independence, MO – Mo Chapter Leader of Gays Against Groomers: Spoke against the indoctrination and sexualization of children.
- F. Greg Bipps – 1604 October Place: Stated that there are laws about movies, public decency and public nudity that are being ignored.
- G. Denise McClanahan – 10328 Cr 3010: Attended the June 10th event and prayed over the children and was horrified at what the children were exposed to.
- H. John Thompson – Life Church: Reminded Council of past changes that were made in order to protect citizens.
- I. John Streeby – Salem, Mo: Mr. Streeby was present at the June 10th event to watch his son preform and felt there was nothing pornographic or inappropriate that had occurred.
- J. Heather Hagen – 1606 Amber Place: Was present for the event with a child who commented it was the only time he felt loved and accepted. She spoke in support of future Pride events.
- K. Scott Wisdom – 18205 Hwy 72: Shared religious beliefs.
- L. Johnathan Kimble- 601 Southview: Recognized theological differences and spoke in favor of the event stating there was nothing at Pride that wasn't already on TV.
- M. Lance Langenberg - 1st Assembly of God: Reminded Council that it isn't just about the decision you make but what you allow as civic leaders.
- N. Patrick Wilson – 209 Sooter: Shared that he was at the Pride event representing the Trever Project and reminded Council that all lives matter regardless of sexual orientation.
- O. Karen Harris – Rolla resident: Asked Council to address the indecency issue. There have been multiple Pride events in the last few years with no incident.
- P. Scott McBride – Rolla resident: Urged Council to protect children in a way that makes sense.

VIII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Councilman Josh Vroman – Offenses concerning pornography.
Councilman Vroman asked Council if they were interested in creating an ordinance to show where they stood on obscene and pornographic material. A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Johnson to pursue an ordinance to bring to the attention of the local area of where Council stands on the subject of obscene material in public places. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays.
- B. Councilman Florence reminded citizens of the upcoming 88th Lions Club Carnival on June 30th through July 3rd.
- C. Councilman Chirban reminded citizens of the cancellation of the July 3rd meeting and next Council meeting on July 17th.
- D. City Administrator John Butz invited the public to the next open house on July 13th from 4:00 pm -6:00 pm at the Eugene Northern Community Hall.
- E. Councilman Kevin Greven invited the public to the Vietnam Era Pinning Ceremony on June 27th at the Columbia Collage in Rolla at 9:00 am.

IX. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

X. CLOSED SESSION –

Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- None

XI. ADJOURNMENT -

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:27 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR