

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH, 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, Jaired Hall, Rob Kessinger, Kevin Greven, Victoria Steen and Stanley Mayberry

Council Members Absent: Tina Balch and Matt Fridley

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Public Works Director Darin Pryor, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, City Planner Tom Coots, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, and City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost.

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

PUBLIC HEARINGS –

- I. Public Hearing and Ordinance to approve the vacation of a utility easement and alley at property addressed as 610 E 10th Street. (City Planner Tom Coots) The applicant is requesting the alley vacated to allow for a planned parking lot for their medical center. At 6:36 Mayor Magdits opened the public hearing. There were no citizens that spoke regarding the topic and the public hearing was closed at 6:37. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VACATION OF AN ALLEY AND UTILITY EASEMENT AT 610 E 10TH STREET.

II. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

- A. RMU General Manager Rodney Bourne reviewed the 4th Quarter Financial Report. Council was updated on current and upcoming water, electric, and fiber projects. Total operating expenses through the 4th quarter of 2023 were \$32,155,062; an increase of \$730,735 for operating expenses. RMU received the Bronze award for Customer Service Award, 1 of 9 power companies recognized in the nation.

- III. **OLD BUSINESS** – **Note:** The items listed under New Business are actually Old Business, mistakenly put in the wrong section.

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IV. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** to approve Aptitude Internet LLC ROW Use Agreement. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4770: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND APTITUDE INTERNET, LLC. A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Johnson to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Johnson, Steen, Vroman, Higgins, Chirban, Greven, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Mayberry. Nays none. Absent: Fridley and Balch
- B. **Ordinance** to approve Aviation Project Consultant Agreement for geotechnical engineering to determine the scope of rehabilitating the taxiway at RNA. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4771: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AN AVIATION CONSULTANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND WOOLPERT, INC. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Hall, Mayberry, Chirban, Greven, Vroman, Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, Johnson, and Florence. Nays: none. Absent: Fridley and Balch. Nays: None. Absent: Balch and Fridley
- C. **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with All Purpose Erectors for the Bayless Field Lighting Project. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading by title: ORDINANCE 4772: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND ALL PURPOSE ERECTORS REGARDING THE BAYLESS FIELD LIGHTING PROJECT. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Higgins to suspend the rules for final reading. A voice vote showed 9 ayes, 1 Nay (Vroman), and 2 Absent (Balch and Fridley). City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading. A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Higgins to approve the ordinance. A roll call votes showed: Ayes: Vroman, Florence, Steen, Greven, Higgins, Chirban, Johnson, Kessinger, Mayberry, and Hall. Nays: none. Absent: Fridley and Balch.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. **Motion** to approve the purchase of the additional 3 Tahoes through Don Brown Chevrolet. (City Administrator John Butz) Council was asked to ratify the purchase of 8 budgeted patrol vehicles from Don Brown Chevrolet for \$407,824, 5 of which were preauthorized by Council last spring. A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Greven to approve the purchases. A voice vote showed 10 Ayes, zero Nays, and 2 Absent: Fridley and Balch.
- B. **Motion** to award the bid for a 2023 model Ford F150 (ACO Truck) to Hutcheson Ford. (City Administrator John Butz) A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Greven to award the bid to Hutcheson Ford for \$44,535. A voice vote showed 10 Ayes, Zero Nays, 2 Absent.

VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – None

VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS –

- A. Councilman Kessinger asked when the possible tax initiatives for the April ballot would be reviewed? Mayor Magdits and City Administrator John Butz stated they were first looking at a Council Workshop tentatively for December 11th to focus on the General Fund. The City must have their ballot items certified by the County Clerk’s office by January 23rd.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Councilwoman Johnson shared that the Rolla Chamber of Commerce received the Chamber of the Year Award, presented by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry. She also shared that the Christmas Parade will be December 2nd at 10:00 am.
- B. Mayor Magdits announced Candidate filing for the April 2nd Election, begins on Tuesday, December 5th at 8:00 am and will end at 5 pm on December 26th, 2023. He also spoke on all that we have to be thankful for during this Thanksgiving Season.
- C. City Counselor Lister Floyd shared that he had attended the First Assembly of God’s mortgage burning celebration.

IX. CLOSED SESSION –

- A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- (1) Legal

At approximately 7:30, a motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Johnson to go into closed session. A roll call votes showed: Ayes: Greven, Higgins, Steen, Mayberry, Chirban, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Vroman, Nays: none. Absent: Balch and Fridley.

At 8:12, Council returned from closed session where two matters of legal litigation were discussed with no final action taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT –

- A. Councilman Greven asked about the status of selecting a new legal team. Mayor Magdits stated there was one firm that had responded to the RFP and that he has asked Councilman Florence and Council Hall to participate in the review process including a couple of the municipalities that the firm currently represents.

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:19 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Powell.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR