

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 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, Mattias Penner, Megan Johnson, Nathan Chirban, Matt Fridley, Steve Jackson, William Hahn, Rob Kessinger, Kevin Greven, Stanley Mayberry, Victoria Steen, and Tina Balch,

**Council Members Absent:** None

**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, 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 Councilman Kessinger to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS** –

- A. Amendments to Chapter 20, Housing and Chapter 42, Planning and Zoning regarding to Overnight Shelters and related uses. **Postponed to June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.**

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

**III. OLD BUSINESS** –

- A. **Ordinance** to submit to voters ballot issue to increase Hotel/Motel Tax from 3% to 5%. City Administrator John Butz reviewed the origin of the Rolla Hotel Motel Tax and based on the current 3% rate collecting approximately \$450,000 a year, the proposed 2% would collect an estimated additional \$300,000. He then explained the distribution breakdown of those funds (City retains 2% for the collection of the taxes, 8% for tourism efforts, and \$27,550 is withdrawn over a period of 20 years in support of the tourist center).

Mayor Magdits explained that City Council's role in monitoring how the Hotel/Motel Tax funds are spent and monitored is controlled through a contract for services in which the City and Chamber would be in mutual agreement. He urged Council to approve the ordinance and allow the voters to choose in the August election.

A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Hahn to accept the ordinance as written.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Steen to amend the ordinance to the November 5<sup>th</sup> election date. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Vroman, Steen, Penner, Balch, and Johnson. Nays: Hahn, Mayberry, Chirban, Kessinger, Fridley, Jackson, and Greven. Absent: None  
Motion Failed

A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Steen to amend the ordinance to show a 1% increase instead of a 2%. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Vroman, Steen, Penner, Chirban, Johnson, and Balch. Nays: Jackson, Fridley, Kessinger, Mayberry, Hahn and Greven. Mayor Magdits, as president of Council and as permitted by Rolla City Code Section 2-72, was the tie breaking vote with a Nay vote. Motion failed.

With the first motion still on the floor to pass the original ordinance, City Counselor Nathan Nickolas read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4803: AN ORDINANCE CALLING FOR AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, ON THE SIXTH DAY OF AUGUST, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, THE PROPOSITION OF INCREASING THE THREE PERCENT TAX ON EACH SLEEPING ROOM OCCUPIED AND RENTED BY TRANSIENT GUESTS OF HOTELS AND MOTELS LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, TO A FIVE PERCENT TAX FOR PROMOTING THE CITY AS A CONVENTION, VISITOR, AND TOURIST CENTER. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Fridley, Kessinger, Mayberry, Chirban, Hahn, Jackson, and Greven. Nays: Penner, Vroman, Steen, Balch, and Johnson. Absent: none. Motion passed

- B. **Ordinance** amending chapter 33 of the City Code pertaining to Pawn Brokers, sellers of gold, silver and platinum, junk dealers, and dealers of second hand goods. (City Administrator John Butz) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4804: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 33 OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO PAWN BROKERS, SELLERS OF GOLD, SILVER AND PLATINUM, JUNK DEALERS, AND DEALERS OF SECONDHAND GOODS. A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Vroman to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Steen, Chirban, Penner, Vroman, Mayberry, Greven, Balch, Johnson, Kessinger, Jackson, Fridley, and Hahn. Nays: none. Absent: none.
- C. **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with Donald Maggi, Inc for Project #517 – Pine Street Improvements (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolas read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4805: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND DONALD MAGGI, INC. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Vroman to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Chirban, Balch, Mayberry, Greven, Vroman, Steen, Kessinger, Penner, Hahn, Jackson, Fridley, and Johnson. Nays: none. Absent: none.

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** to remove parking on selected sections of Pine Street between 12<sup>th</sup> and Bishop. PW Director Darin Pryor explained the permanent closure of parking on the proposed areas on Pine Street would allow for the reconstruction of Pine Street from 12<sup>th</sup> to Bishop. City Counselor Nathan Nickolas read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-92 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, RELATING TO PARKING.
- B. **Discussion** on proposed change in shift scheduling from 24/48 hour schedule to 48/96 schedule. Fire Chief Jeff Breen shared with Council the results of a sleep study and trial run of a new 48/96 hour schedule. A survey sampling by Missouri Fire Departments shows that many have successfully switched to this schedule which ultimately resulted in better sleep and physical recovery.

- C. **Resolution** to approve Mutual Aid Agreement between the City of Rolla and MO S&T Police. (Police Chief Sean Fagan) The new agreement eliminates the need for RPD to commission the MO S&T Police Dept. officers with the Missouri POST Commission as Reserve Officers for RPD. This would also eliminate the Oath of Office administered by the City Clerk, as the authority given to the Mo S&T officers would simply be covered under this agreement. There is a separate Mutual Aid Agreement (dated April 2013) that covers the operational aspects of the relationship between agencies, none of which will change. City Counselor Nathan Nickolas read the Resolution for one reading, by title: RESOLUTION 2034: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND THE MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Johnson to approve the resolution. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays, and none Absent.

#### V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. **Award of bid** to CXT Inc. (State Procurement) for the purchase of a new pre-fabricated restroom facility for Ber Juan Park. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Vroman to award the bid to CXT Inc. for \$91,418. Total project including utility extensions estimated at \$115,000 (\$91,418 for bathroom combined with \$23,500 for concrete, water, sewer and electric ran by the City) with 100% reimbursement by grant. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays, and none Absent.

#### VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. David Dukes – Shared concern about the growing housing crisis, the closing of the Budget Inn Motel resulting in additional homeless on the street, and spoke words of encouragement to Council.

#### VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Re-appointment of Judy Jepsen to the Police Personnel Board for a 4 year term (exp. June 2028). A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Vroman to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays, none Absent.
- B. Re-appointment of Doug Cresswell to the Rolla Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board for a 5 year term (exp. June 2028) A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Johnson to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays, none Absent.
- C. Appointment of Kevin Greven to the Finance/Audit Committee for a 1 year term (exp. May 2025). A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Fridley to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays, none Absent.
- D. Re-appointment of Matt Fridley to the Finance/Audit Committee for a 1 year term (exp. May 2025). A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Greven to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays, none Absent.
- E. Re-appointment of Rob Kessinger to the Finance/Audit Committee for a 1 year term (exp. May 2025). A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Balch to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 12 Ayes, zero Nays, none Absent

- F. Councilman Vroman asked about the feral cat TNR (Trap Neuter and Release) program. City Administrator John Butz shared that while an overpopulation of feral cats is not desired, there is an ecosystem balance that includes feral cats that reduces the rodent population. The entities with the local TNR program are privately owned and operated.
- G. Councilwoman Johnson asked when the parking lot closures for an upcoming event that was introduced as a special presentation on April 15<sup>th</sup>, would be presented to Council. City Administrator John Butz stated it is not the City's intention to bring parking lot closures to Council. Last year, it was brought to Council as a courtesy but isn't required. The whole provision on the application and review process to approve the use of City lots, is under review.

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

- A. Next Meeting Date, Monday, June 3rd, 2024
- B. Councilman Greven reminded everyone about Memorial Day Weekend and an event that will be at the Veterans Memorial Park on Monday, May 27th at 10:00 am.
- C. City Administrator John Butz shared that Brewer Science would be hosting their electronic and tire waste collection on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to noon.
- D. Councilman Kessinger reminded all about the last day of School releasing on May 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 pm.
- E. Mayor Magdits shared his appreciation of the Rolla City Fire Department and the extra care they take to comfort the loved ones when they arrive on scene.
- F. PW Director Darin Pryor was asked by RDBA to share the upcoming Summerfest schedule and street closures.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION –**

- A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- None

**X. ADJOURNMENT –**

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Powell.

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MAYOR