

**SPECIAL ROLLA CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP MINUTES  
MONDAY, AUGUST 24, 2020; 5:30 P.M.  
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

**Presiding:** Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV

**Council Members in Attendance:** Rachel Schneider, Terry Higgins, Matthew Crowell, Ann Murphey, Lister B. Florence, Jr., David Schott, John Meusch, Carrolyn Bolin, Marie Allen, and Christine Ruder

**Council Members Absent:** Jody Eberly and Deanne Lyons

**Department Directors in Attendance:** Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Fire Chief Ron Smith, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Public Works Director Steve Hargis, and Community Development Director Steve Flowers

**Other City Officials in Attendance:** City Administrator John Butz, City Engineer Darin Pryor, and City Clerk Carol Daniels

Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV called the workshop to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

**COVID Update:** Mayor Magdits first reported that the numbers of COVID cases are increasing. He noted thus far, there have been 170 cases (40 active) in Phelps County with two deaths. Additionally, the hospital now has employees who have tested positive. Mayor Magdits stated we have yet to see the results from the return of Missouri S&T students. Mayor Magdits pointed out the Council's next meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2020. He encouraged the Council to give some thought as to how they wish to proceed.

**Ten Year Sustainability Plan:** Mayor Magdits stated the Ten Year Sustainability Plan is probably more important than the entire budget document. He then turned the floor over to City Administrator John Butz.

Mr. Butz then expanded on the contents of the plan, which included unaddressed major expenses looming. One of the major items listed was police body cameras (\$1,200 per officer per year (est. \$25,200 per year for 21 road officers)).

Councilman Schott stressed the importance of every police officer in the Police Department being equipped with body cameras. He stated it should be a public safety priority, regardless of the cost. If it has not been placed in this year's budget, the Council should make it a priority and replace it with something that is not a priority.

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**Ten Year Sustainability Plan (continued):** Mr. Butz and Mayor Magdits entertained questions and comments from the Council. Mayor Magdits reminded the Council that the budget workshop would be held on Monday, August 31, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the workshop adjourned at approximately 7:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

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