

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY JUNE 6th, 2022; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV

Council Members in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing: Victoria Steen and Terry Higgins

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Moriah Renaud, Megan Johnson, Nathan Chirban, Lister Florence, Jaired Hall, Rob Kessinger, Carrolyn Bolin, Stanley Mayberry, and Tina Balch.

Council Members Absent: Matt Fridley

Department Directors in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing: - Steffanie Rogers

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: City Administrator John Butz, Community Development Director Steve Flowers, Public Works Director Steve Hargis, City Planner Tom Coots, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Fire Chief Ron Smith, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, RMU GM Rodney Bourne, and City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost.

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:
1. City Council Meeting – May 2nd, 2022
 2. City Council Meeting – May 16th, 2022
 3. City Council Closed Session – May 16th, 2022

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Renaud to accept the minutes. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, and 1 Absent.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

III. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

- A. RMU 2nd Quarter report for Fiscal Year 2022. General Manager Rodney Bourne advised that 2nd quarter revenues increased \$358,266 from last year. Council was updated on current projects including street lighting on Lions Club Drive, new business projects such as QT and the University area and the replacement of ageing water mains. Mr. Bourne went over the latest Cost of Service Study and informed Council of the change of website domain to rmurolla.org for easier online public access. A plaque will be

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attached to the current RMU building to acknowledge the historical importance of its' original constructed use by the federal government as a Colored USO to house African American Soldiers in the 1940's. Summer peak alerts were discussed and the importance of citizen participation to help save on long term power supply costs.

- B. Final Draft of SMTS Plan - review of survey and proposed routes as a result of the SMTS Deviated-Fixed Route study. Anne Freand, Planning Manager with MRPC reviewed the results of the survey sent out for a deviated fixed route. Participation by the public was disappointingly low but with the results they received, they hope to have the first route active by next spring. She cautioned that the routes that she presented could change multiple times as information regarding public needs and wants was received. Ginny Smith with SMTS explained to Council that everyone was allowed to currently use the transportation system currently in place. Their age and disability or lack of would determine the cost. This is a separate door to door service than the proposed deviated-fixed route which is similar to a bus route where the public is responsible for getting themselves to a fixed bus stop and on and off the bus on their own.

IV. REPORT OF MAYOR and COUNCIL/REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS/CITY DEPARTMENTS

- a. Environmental Services Department Monthly Report – April 2022
- b. Building Codes monthly report – April 2022
- c. Police Department Monthly Report – April 2022
- d. Animal Control Division Report – April 2022
- e. RMU monthly reports – April 2022
- f. Rolla Board of Public Works minutes for April 26th, 2022
- g. The Centre Income Statement – April 2022
- h. Municipal Court Division Summary – April 2022
- i. City of Rolla Financial Reports – April 2022 and Semi-Annual Revenue/Expenditure Rpt
- j. Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes – May 10th, 2022
- k. Development Review Committee Minutes for May 17th, 2022

V. OLD BUSINESS –

*Mayor Magdits stated that Council would be going into closed session before taking this item up on the agenda. He stated this item of old business would be addressed after closed session at the end of the meeting.

- A. **Ordinance** allowing the rezoning of 1898 Old Saint James Rd from C-3, Highway Commercial district to the M-1, Light Manufacturing district. City Planner Tom Coots) At 9:41 after returning from closed session, Councilwoman Renaud made a motion and Johnson seconded to defer final consideration for this ordinance to the next meeting, currently scheduled for June 20th and for staff to look at implications of “landscaping buffer” requirements. A voice vote showed 11 ayes, zero nays, and 1 absent.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Resolution** authorizing the application of grant funds to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for projects pertaining to improving drinking water, wastewater, and/or storm water systems. Public Works Director Steve Hargis requested approval of the proposed Resolution that would allow the city to pursue/apply for certain ARPA grants through the Missouri Dept. of Natural Resources for infrastructure projects pertaining to drinking water, wastewater, storm water, and lead service line

inventories. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the resolution for one reading by title; RESOLUTION 2006: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE CENTER'S STATE ARPA GRANT PROGRAMS FOR SUBAWARD OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO THE STATE OF MISSOURI BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY ("TREASURY") PURSUANT TO SECTION 602(B) OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT, AS ADDED BY SECTION 9901 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, (PUB. L. NO. 117-2 (MARCH 11, 2021), 135 STAT. 4, 223-26. A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Kessinger to pass the resolution. A voice votes showed 11 ayes, zero nays, and 1 absent.

VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

- A. **Award of Bid** to Heritage Tractor for a 2022 zero turn radius diesel mower. Parks Director Floyd Jernigan stated that bids were received for a 2022 zero turning radius diesel mower to replace their 2015 mower. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Renaud to award the bid to Heritage Tractor of Rolla for \$15,642.10. A voice vote showed 11 ayes, zero nays, and 1 absent.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. David Black – Police Concerns – Mr. Black was unable to attend and will reschedule for a later date.

IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. **Appointment** of David Schott to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee replacing Dick Elgin. (term to expire 04/2023) A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Kessinger to allow the appointment. A roll call votes showed the following; Ayes: Chirban, Balch, Mayberry, Bolin, Renaud, Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, Hall, Florence, and Johnson. Nays: none. Absent: Fridley.
- B. **Reconsider appointment** of Jody Eberly for Board of Adjustment (1st term ends July 2024) Mayor Magdits announced to citizens that at the last meeting on May 16th, he voted to break a 5 to 5 vote regarding the appointment to BOA for previous Councilwoman Jody Eberly. The next day he was informed by Legal Counsel that doing was not appropriate as approval requires a majority of the full city council (7 yes votes). Mayor Magdits asked to bring the vote back to correct and resolve the issue. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Higgins to allow the appointment. A roll call votes showed the following; Ayes: Bolin, Higgins, Mayberry, and Florence. Nays: Steen, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Kessinger, Hall, and Renaud. Absent: Fridley. The appointment failed.
- C. **Reappointment** of Francine Merenghi to the Health & Recreation Centre Board. (3 year term ending April 2025) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Hall to allow the appointment. A roll call vote showed the following; Ayes: Balch, Mayberry, Chirban, Bolin, Renaud, Florence, Kessinger, Higgins, Hall, Johnson, and Steen. Nays: zero Absent: Fridley.
- D. **Reappointment** of William Moorkamp to the Health & Recreation Centre Board. (3 year term ending April 2024) A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Renaud to allow the appointment. A roll call vote showed the following; Ayes: Kessinger, Steen, Renaud, Mayberry, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Florence, Higgins, Hall, and Bolin. Nays: none. Absent: Fridley.

X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Councilwoman Renaud asked for a constituent the difference between the responsibilities of the public and the city in the cemetery. Parks Director Floyd Jernigan stated the City mows, weed eats, maintains the ground (levels and reseeds). The families are responsible for the stones. Four times a year (quarterly) the city clears the cemetery of old worn-out, unsightly, or broken items.
- B. Councilwoman Johnson asked if the P&Z meeting on June 14th could be moved to the Administration Building. P&Z certainly can make that call subject to Council direction but it will have to be reposted with the new location if that what they choose to do.
- C. Councilman Rob Kessinger commented on the success of Summerfest and shared the top 5 things he learned from getting his vehicle stolen last week.
- D. Councilwoman Tina Balch complemented Skylar Johnson when assisting/explaining procedures to her on an issue.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 (1) for two Legal Matters for discussion.

At 8:20 PM a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chirban to go into closed session. A roll call vote showed the following; Ayes: Steen, Chirban, Higgins, Renaud, Mayberry, Bolin, Balch, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, and Hall. Nay: none. Absent: Fridley.

At 9:40 PM Council returned from closed session. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost stated that Council went into closed session to discuss 2 legal matter. No final action was taken. Item of Old Business was then taken up. See top of Agenda for minutes on that item

XII. ADJOURNMENT -

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:43 PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR