

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL
BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 2022; 5:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV

Council Members in Attendance: Moriah Renaud, Terry Higgins, Megan Johnson, Nathan Chirban, Lister Florence, Jaired Hall, Robert Kessinger, Stanley Mayberry, Victoria Steen, and Tina Balch.

Council Members Absent: Carolyn Bolin and Matthew Fridley

Department Directors and other City Officials in Attendance: Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Centre Recreation Director Marci Fairbanks, City Engineer Darin Pryor, and Parks Director Floyd Jernigan

Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV called the workshop to order at approximately 5:35 p.m.

- A. Review/ratify the ARPA budget for FY 2023
City Administrator John Butz reviewed for Council that the American Rescue Plan Act was signed into law in 2021 as direct federal aid to provide local governments with a substantial infusion of resources to meet pandemic response needs and rebuild a stronger, and more equitable economy as the country recovers. The City of Rolla received \$20,000 more than was originally allotted for a total of \$4,141,680. Funds must be obligated by 2024 and completely spent by 2026. Planned expenditures should be carefully assessed to provide the most direct impact on Covid-relief and stimulating of the economy while not adding long-term financial obligations that are not sustainable. The list of Round 1 expenditures, previously authorized by Council, were used to off-set Covid-related decrease in revenues (\$1,285,000) and for infrastructure investments (\$1,048,096) for a total expenditure of \$2,333,096. A total of \$1,500,000 worth of possible projects for Round 2 of ARPA legislative priority funding, were discussed and will be presented for official approval at the November 7th Council meeting.

- B. Review/authorize revised wage and grade scale. The city is currently using a 20 step wage and grade scale. Each step is a 1.5% increase in salary obtained through merit, with a 10% separation between grades. Staff has discussed and is in favor of restructuring the wage and grade scale to reducing the scale to 12–3%

steps. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Kessinger to approve the 12 step system for FY 2024. A voice vote showed 10 Ayes, zero Nays, and 2 Absent (Bolin and Fridley).

With nothing further to discuss, Mayor Magdits closed the workshop at 7:08 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk, Lorri Thurman

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