

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2023; 6:30 P.M.  
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

**Presiding:** Mayor Pro-Tem Lister Florence

**Council Members in Physical Attendance:** Joshua Vroman, Terry Higgins, Megan Johnson, Nathan Chirban, Lister Florence, Matt Fridley, Jaired Hall, Rob Kessinger, Kevin Greven, Stanley Mayberry, and Victoria Steen

**Council Members Absent:** Tina Balch and Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV

**Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance:** Police Chief Sean Fagan, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Interim Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Public Works Director Darin Pryor, City Planner Tom Coots, Centre Recreation Director Marci Fairbanks and City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost.

Mayor Pro-Tem Lister Florence called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. and asked Councilwoman Megan Johnson to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

II. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** –

- A. Recognition of Retirement and years of service for Community Development Director Steve Flowers. A plaque was presented to Mr. Flowers in appreciation of over 21 years of service to the community.
- B. The Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association - DeAnna Alonso, President shared her personal experience of growing up in the foster system and her mission for starting CMFCAA. Carol Fischer, Interim Executive Director, shared foster care statistics for Phelps County, the programs that CMFCAA provides, and different ways that volunteers can help.

III. **OLD BUSINESS** –

- A. **Ordinance** approving the rezoning from C-1 Neighborhood Commercial district to the C-3, Highway Commercial district at 708 N. Main Street. (City Planner Tom Coots)  
This rezoning request was fully withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

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- B. **Ordinance** approving the FY 2024 Budget and 2024 Sewer Fees. (City Administrator John Butz) City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4757: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2023 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO. A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Greven to approve the final budget. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Mayberry, Chirban, Greven, Vroman, Steen, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, Johnson, Fridley, and Higgins.  
Nays: none. Absent: Balch.
- C. **Ordinance** to approve the increase in sewer rates for FY 2023-2024. (PW Director Darin Pryor) AN City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4758: ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 35 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, RELATING TO SEWERS AND WATER. A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Johnson to approve the final budget. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Johnson, Fridley, Steen, Vroman, Higgins, Chirban, Greven, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Mayberry. Nays: none: Absent: Balch.
- D. **Ordinance** to amend the Rolla City Code to remove the southerly direction only parking designation on Elm Street between 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Street. (PW Director Darin Pryor) Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4759: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-114 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CITY CODE OF ROLLA, MISSOURI RELATING TO ONE WAY TRAFFIC. A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Greven to approve the final budget. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Hall, Mayberry, Chirban, Greven, Vroman, Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, Johnson, Fridley, and Florence. Nays: none. Absent: Balch.
- E. **Ordinance** authorizing the contract with Independent Steel and Machine LLC for Airport Door Repairs. (PW Director Darin Pryor) Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4760: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND INDEPENDENT STEEL AND MACHINE, LLC. A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Higgins to approve the final budget. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Vroman, Florence, Steen, Greven, Higgins, Chirban, Fridley, Johnson, Kessinger, Mayberry, and Hall. Nays: none. Absent: Balch.

#### IV. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- A. **Motion** to appoint Employer Representative to LAGERS (retirement) Annual Meeting. (City Administrator John Butz) A motion was made by Greven and seconded by Vroman to delegate this nomination to City Administrator John Butz or a designee of his choice. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, and 1 Absent.
- B. 2023 ISO Rating Presentation – Fire Chief Jeff Breen shared with Council that the City of Rolla has received a Class II ISO Rating which puts the City of Rolla in the top 3% of all fire departments nationwide. He added that RMU has received an ISO rating Class of I which is the highest rating one can get. Chief Breen credited the forward thinking of past leadership over the last 30 years that has helped both the City of Rolla and RMU get to where they are today.

C. **Ordinance** to approve Jenks Parking Lot Lease. (PW Director Darin Pryor) This a renewal of a contract that began in 1979. This will be a zero dollar contract that will change the parking spots to paid permit parking with first rights allowed to Mr. Jenks. Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND JENKS, WILLIAM S III & PAULE J TRUST FOR A PARKING LOT LEASE.

D. **Motion** to approve street closing for Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. (PW Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Johnson to approve the street closures for the October 12<sup>th</sup> Homecoming Parade. A voice votes showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, 1 Absent.

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

A. **Award** of Bill to elite Textile Trading, LLC for Parade Barricades. (PW Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Fridley to approve the purchase of 480 (roughly 4000 linear feet) parade barriers from Textile Trading, LLC for \$26,476.80.

#### VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

A. Charlie Snow - MS&T student: Commented that the lights at the tennis courts would better serve the community and encourage fitness or if a push button switch were installed for ease of use. Council asked Administration to research the issue further.

B. Mark Murphey – 1801 Independence: Spoke in support of the LGBTQ+ community and drag.

C. Melissa Jones – Informed council that support at the state level is being organized to help address the issue of children participation at drag performances. Once addressed at the state level, council may be able to act as requested by citizens.

D. Carol Cates – 11020 Emerald Ct: Stated the Resolution enforcing RSMo 573 wasn't restrictive enough and urged council to pass an ordinance further regulating drag performances.

E. Phoenix Hazel – 1008 Forum: Expressed frustrated with council and urged them to set aside personal beliefs and to protect all of the community members.

F. Rachel Schnieder – Spoke on the issue of tolerance and the call to enforce certain religious belief and gave a short history of how America was founded by people fleeing from religious persecution in England.

G. Lanna Taylor – spoke on inappropriate behavior around children.

#### VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

A. Councilman Fridley urged the community if they “see something, say something” regarding crime in ward 3. Chief Fagan concurred with Mr. Fridley, saying that if the police do not there is an issue, they cannot do anything about it. He also encouraged citizens to join the Ring camera registry with the detective bureau to help in identifying criminal activity.

- B. Councilman Kessinger reminded all of the Ranney Run this Saturday (September 23<sup>rd</sup>) as well at the Jake Saunders Run on September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- C. City Administrator John Butz reminded all of Celebration of Nations this weekend.
- D. Councilman Vroman invited all to Celebration of Recovery on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 Pm at 12719 CR 5110.
- E. Councilman Florence thanked Council for their service.

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

IX. **CLOSED SESSION** –

- A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- NONE

X. **ADJOURNMENT** -

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Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:16 p.m with a motion from Vroman, seconded by Greven to adjourn. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, and 1 Absent.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Powell.

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MAYOR