

To: Mayor Jenks and Rolla City Council

From: Councilmen Don Morris, Don Barklage and Don Brown

Subject: Motion to Consider an Official Censure of Councilwoman Donna Hawley

Date: Monday, June 15, 2009

Censure – “an official reprimand”

On August 4, 2008 the Rolla City Council adopted Resolution No. 1670 to establish and formalize “Guidelines of Conduct for the Rolla City Council”. The Guidelines do not establish an enforcement or penalty provision but was adopted to effectively lead the City of Rolla in a democratic process based on mutual support and respect. Dissension is a critical element of the democratic process but not to the point of being disruptive and unprofessional. The demonstrated behavior from Councilwoman Hawley has been just that for the last several months – disruptive and unprofessional, and the Rolla City Council has been silently critical but publicly passive with regard to policing Council conduct. The Council is asked to consider an official reprimand of Councilwoman Hawley for the following examples of conduct unbecoming an Officer of the City of Rolla:

- Frequent innuendos and accusations leveled at the Mayor, City Administrator, City Counselor, City Council, and Rolla Municipal Utilities Board and Administration;
- Publicly calling City Officials liars, cheats, and idiots without formal documentation or proof;
- Drawing frequent legal and financial judgments with no legal background, training or qualifications to wage same;
- Making exaggerated financial conclusions on obligations, referencing depreciation as cash flow, and auditing/accounting matters with no formal training or experience;
- Disregard for any adherence to the Guidelines of Council Conduct;
- Repeated failure to treat people with the respect and courtesy that she expects to be treated;
- Poor representation of the Citizens of Ward 6 with absences in excess of 30% of all public meetings since election;
- And most recently an embarrassing tirade against the City Council, Staff and RMU for conclusions regarding the recent State Audit that were simply unfounded in the State Audit itself.

We, the City Council of the City of Rolla, do hereby Censure Councilwoman Donna Hawley for unprofessional conduct as a member of the Rolla City Council and urge her commitment to a spirit of cooperation and constructive debate and dialog in the affairs of the City of Rolla.