

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2014; 6:30 P.M.  
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

**Presiding:** Mayor William S. Jenks, III

**Council Members in Attendance:** Jonathan Hines, Monty Jordan, Greg Sawyer, Steven Leonard, Susan J. Eudaly, Don Morris, Lou Magdits, Jim Williams, Brian Woolley, Walt Bowe and Tony Bahr

**Council Members Absent:** Kelly Long

**Department Directors in Attendance:** Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Police Chief Mark Kearse, Fire Chief Robert Williams, Community Development Director John Petersen, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, Parks and Recreation Director Scott Caron, and Finance Director Steffanie Rogers

**Other City Officials in Attendance:** City Administrator John Butz, City Counselor Lance Thurman, and City Clerk Carol Daniels

Mayor Jenks called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilman Tony Bahr to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Eudaly to approve the consent agenda as submitted. A voice vote on the motion showed eleven ayes, zero nays, and one absent. Motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

**(A) Approval of the Rolla City Council Minutes for the following:**

- 1) Rolla City Council Meeting – January 21, 2014
- 2) Closed Session City Council Meeting – January 21, 2014

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

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**III. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**(A) Special Olympics Missouri:** Ms. Susan Stegeman, Vice President, Special Olympics Missouri; Sergeant Vince Giacolone, VIPS Coordinator of the Rolla Police Department, and; Corporal Tony Lauth of the Rolla Police Department addressed the Council regarding the upcoming Rolla Polar Plunge which will benefit Special Olympics. The Polar Plunge is scheduled for 1 p.m., Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Home of the Fugitive Run; Mud Obstacle Course, located off Highway 72 in Rolla.

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

Mayor Jenks referred the Council to **(A)** the December 2013, Centre Financial Analysis; **(B)** the December 18, 2013, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes; **(C)** the December 2013, Environmental Services Department Monthly Report; **(D)** the December 2013 Rolla Municipal Utilities Monthly Report; **(E)** the December 19, 2013, Rolla Board of Public Works Meeting Minutes; **(F)** the December 2013, Rolla Police Department Monthly Report; **(G)** the December 2013, Rolla Animal Control Monthly Report, and; **(H)** the December 31, 2013, City's Cash Position and Expenditure Report.

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**(A) Motion Awarding Listing Services for Sharp Road Property:** City Administrator John Butz recalled the City asked for Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for listing services to market the City's property, located off Sharp Road. The property consists of about 9.5 acres and includes the animal shelter property, the former Ransdall building, street shop property, etc. He noted the City has not had any success in selling the property. Mr. Butz noted when the Council renewed the annual listing last year with Investment Realty, staff was directed to solicit proposals this year to determine if other real estate firms might be interested. He informed the Council that RFPs were mailed to realtors in Phelps County, but Investment Realty submitted the only proposal. Mr. Butz said staff recommends renewing the listing with Investment Realty.

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**VI. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**(A) Motion Awarding Listing Services for Sharp Road Property (continued):**

Following discussion, a motion was made by Williams and seconded by Eudaly to award listing services for the Sharp Road property to Investment Realty.

Councilman Bahr suggested consideration of this item be postponed until the next Council meeting in order to discuss some ideas in Closed Session.

After a brief discussion, Councilman Williams and Councilwoman Eudaly withdrew the motion and second.

Mr. Butz pointed out Real Estate is listed on today's agenda for discussion during Closed Session. While final action could not be taken in Closed Session, the Council could have a conversation about the issue and defer a decision.

A motion was made by Bahr and seconded by Woolley to postpone consideration of this agenda item to give the Council an opportunity to discuss it during the Closed Session. A voice vote on the motion showed eleven ayes, zero nays, and one absent. Motion carried.

**VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS**

**(A) Motion Authorizing the Purchase of One Outdoor Warning Siren:** Police Chief Mark Kears reported that in this year's budget, the Police Department budgeted \$25,000 for one outdoor warning siren. He informed the Council there are currently nine sirens located throughout Rolla. Four of the sirens are 10 to 12 years old, four are over 25 years, and one is over 40 years old. Chief Kears said it is staff's intention to replace these sirens as the budget allows. However, instead of replacing one of the older sirens, which are all still functioning, staff feels it would be best to install a new siren in the Line-Barnitz area. Chief Kears said he has received complaints from residents in the Line-Barnitz area the warning sirens cannot be heard. He noted that since the agenda was prepared, he received a new bid for the siren, which is \$21,184.74, an additional \$1,521. Chief Kears explained the \$1,521 increase is attributed to the capability which allows the Police Department to "live talk" from the siren. Chief Kears asked the Council to consider authorizing the purchase of the outdoor warning siren from Blue Valley Public Safety, Grain Valley, Missouri, the sole source provider of Federal Signal products in the area. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Eudaly to

**VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS (continued)**

**(A) Motion Authorizing the Purchase of One Outdoor Warning Siren (continued):** approve the purchase of one outdoor warning siren from Blue Valley Public Safety, Grain Valley, Missouri, for \$21,184.74. A voice vote on the motion showed eleven ayes, zero nays, and one absent. Motion carried.

**(B) Motion Authorizing the Addition of First State Community Bank as an Authorized Financial Institution for Purposes of Bidding on City Investments:** Finance Director Steffanie Rogers noted the City's formal investment policy, which was approved in 2014, stipulates financial institutions wishing to bid on City investments, be approved by the City Council. She referred the Council to the existing list of approved financial institutions and asked the Council to consider including First State Community Bank, Rolla, Missouri, as an authorized financial institution. A motion was made by Morris and seconded by Woolley to authorize the inclusion of First State Community Bank as an authorized financial institution for purposes of bidding on City investments. After a brief discussion, a voice vote on the motion showed eleven ayes, zero nays, and one absent. Motion carried.

**(C) Motion Awarding a Bid for a Single Axle Dump Truck for the Concrete Division:** Public Works Director Steve Hargis informed the Council ten bids were received for a replacement dump truck for the concrete crew. He noted the first four bids listed in the agenda materials do not meet the minimum specification requirements. Mr. Hargis told the Council the fifth bidder met the specifications, but an International unit was bid. He explained the City's Vehicle Maintenance Division does not recommend the purchase of an International unit, due to a number of maintenance issues with existing International dump trucks. Mr. Hargis indicated staff is recommending the bid be awarded to Columbia Freightliner Sterling, Columbia, Missouri, for \$91,787. He said the unit the new dump truck will be replacing would be transferred to the Parks Department. The existing dump truck in the Parks Department would be sold through www.GovDeals.com, with the proceeds going toward the new dump truck. Additionally, Mr. Hargis said the new unit would be part of a leasing package for a dump truck and motor grader.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Williams and seconded by Bahr to award the bid for a new dump truck for the concrete crew to Columbia Freightliner Sterling, Columbia, Missouri for \$91,787. A voice vote on the motion showed eleven ayes, zero nays, and one absent. Motion carried.

City Administrator John Butz added the financing package would be submitted to the Council for approval.

**VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

**(A) Open Citizen Communication:** Mayor Jenks opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the Council. No one present addressed the Council.

**IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**(A) Communication Towers:** Councilman Williams asked City Administrator John Butz if he would comment on the communication tower issue recently mentioned in the news.

Mr. Butz explained AT&T and other cell phone providers are trying to strip local government of their regulatory oversight of the placement of towers and appurtenances. He said it passed the legislature last year. However, on a suit by the Missouri Municipal League and others, the Circuit Court struck it down because too much was bundled together; therefore, the issues of zoning oversight were not considered. The Circuit Court said it was not appropriate to bundle the multitude of issues, which were placed into the legislation. Mr. Butz said Rolla does not have a great deal of regulations on towers. However, some cities impose tremendous studies. This is why the industry is objecting.

Councilman Williams suggested the City look into its policies and take a stronger stand.

Mr. Butz added he has been in touch with Rolla's State Representative and State Senator and they are aware of the Missouri Municipal League's concern. He said the Council could take some kind of action that would allow the City to go on record.

**(B) Snow Removal Budget:** Councilman Bahr asked City Administrator John Butz how the City's budget is holding up as far as snow removal and chemicals.

Mr. Butz indicated the City is nearly out of salt. He informed the Council the salt is purchased well before the season and there is none available for purchase. Mr. Butz said the City does not have a salt dome, which would allow the City to have a large supply that might cover us for two or three years, depending on the market. He added all the City's budget has been expended for salt.

**(C) Renaming of Streets:** Councilman Sawyer said he had an idea about the e-mails regarding the renaming of streets. He suggested doing something similar to a "Hall of Fame" and possibly placing it at The Centre with a photo of the person with a plaque outlining what the person did for the community.

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**IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS (continued)**

**(C) Renaming of Streets (continued):** City Administrator John Butz indicated he is gathering sample policies and assimilating e-mails from Council on this issue.

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

None.

**XI. CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Eudaly and seconded by Morris to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021 to discuss real estate and personnel. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Bowe, Woolley, Leonard, Williams, Hines, Magdits, Jordan, Morris, Sawyer, Eudaly, and Bahr. Nays; None. Absent; Long. Motion carried.

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at approximately 7:17 p.m.

**XII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

The Council reconvened into open session at approximately 8:08 p.m.

City Counselor Lance Thurman reported that during closed session, the Council discussed matters involving real estate and personnel, but no final action was taken.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

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