

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015; 6:30 P.M.  
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

**Presiding:** Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV

**Council Members in Attendance:** Jonathan Hines, Greg Sawyer, Matthew Miller, Kelly Long, Susan J. Eudaly, Don Morris, Stephen Bowles, Jim Williams, and Brian Woolley

**Council Members Absent:** Monty Jordan, Tony Bahr, and Walt Bowe

**Department Directors in Attendance:** Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Fire Chief Robert Williams, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, Interim Police Chief Rick Williams, Community Development Director John Petersen, and Finance Director Steffanie Rogers

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

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

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**(A) Third Quarter 2014 Tourism Report:** Rolla Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Stevie Kearse provided an overview of the Third Quarter 2014 (July through September 2014) Tourism Report. Following her report, she entertained questions from the Council.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**(A) New Police Chief Profile/Advertisement:** City Administrator John Butz reported the Police Chief Search Committee held its first meeting in December 2014. During that meeting, the Committee decided to survey Rolla Police Department employees as well as City Council members and Department Directors. Mr. Butz referred the Council to the compilation of the surveys, included in the agenda packets. He said some of this information was incorporated into the Police Chief's profile, which will be used in advertising the position. Mr. Butz said the position will be advertised for about a six to eight week period and the Committee decided to keep the position open until filled. He added the current salary range for this position is \$57,000 to \$75,000.

**(B) Motion Approving Animal Shelter Development/Fund Raising Committee:** City Administrator John Butz recalled the animal shelter feasibility study was conducted in September 2014, which identified a 5,600 square foot facility with a \$2 million price tag. While the City received a generous donation from Mr. Bob Eck and his estate of over \$400,000, in excess of \$1.6 to \$1.8 million will need to be raised for both the construction and operating costs. Mr. Butz outlined the names of the individuals who are volunteering to serve on the fundraising committee. He said the process could take eighteen to twenty-four months. Mr. Butz asked the Council to consider a motion to officially form the committee. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Long and seconded by Sawyer to officially approve the animal shelter fundraising strategy committee as submitted. A voice vote on the motion showed nine ayes, zero nays, and three absent. Motion carried.

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

**(A) Motion Approving the Surplus Sold Assets Through GovDeals:** City Administrator John Butz recalled when the Council initially gave staff the authority to sell items on GovDeals.com, staff agreed to periodically submit a report to the Council. He referred the Council to the sold asset listing for the period July 2014 through December 2014. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Eudaly to approve the surplus sold asset list through GovDeals.com from July through December 2014. A voice vote on the motion showed nine ayes, zero nays, and three absent. Motion carried.

**(B) Motion Awarding Bid for Two Dump Trucks:** Public Works Director Steve Hargis explained the agenda packets contain the information from the Missouri State bid for dump trucks. He said staff is requesting to be able to participate in the cooperative purchase through the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for two dump

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

**(B) Motion Awarding Bid for Two Dump Trucks (continued):** trucks. Mr. Hargis indicated the purchase price each for the dump trucks would be \$140,508.47. One truck would be for the Street Department and the other for the Sewer Department. Mr. Hargis explained staff plans to lease/purchase the Street Department dump truck along with the roller, which was approved during the Council's last meeting. The Sewer Department dump truck would be purchased from existing revenues. After some discussion, a motion was made by Williams and seconded by Bowles to authorize the purchase of two dump trucks from Vanguard Truck Center, St. Louis, Missouri for \$140,508.47 each. A voice vote on the motion showed nine ayes, zero nays, and three absent. Motion carried.

**VI. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

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

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

**(A) Phelps County Extension Election:** Mayor Magdits noted the 2015 election for the University of Missouri Extension Council would be held from Monday, January 26 until Friday, January 30, 2015. He encouraged everyone to vote.

**(B) City Engineer Darin Pryor:** Public Works Director Steve Hargis introduced City Engineer Darin Pryor to the Council. He said Mr. Pryor was an engineer at the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) for the past ten years. Additionally, he is a Missouri S&T graduate and grew up in the Salem, Missouri area.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Eudaly to adjourn into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021 to discuss real estate and personnel. A roll call vote on the

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**IX. CLOSED SESSION (continued)**

motion showed the following: Ayes; Eudaly, Bowles, Williams, Hines, Woolley, Long, Sawyer, Morris, and Miller. Nays; None. Absent; Jordan, Bahr, and Bowe. Motion carried.

**IX. CLOSED SESSION (continued)**

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at approximately 6:59 p.m.

**X. CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

The Council reconvened into open session at approximately 7:51 p.m.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost reported the Council met in Closed Session and discussed two real estate matters of which no final action was taken.

The Council also discussed a personnel matter and the Council approved the employee's evaluation as well as the merit adjustment retroactive to January 1, 2015.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

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MAYOR

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