

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017; 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, Monty Jordan, Matthew Miller, Matthew Crowell, Kelly Long (arrived at 7:08 p.m.), Susan J. Eudaly, Don Morris, John Meusch, Steven Jung, and Walt Bowe

Council Members Absent: Jim Williams and Brian Woolley

Department Directors in Attendance: Community Development Director John Petersen, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, Parks and Recreation Director Floyd Jernigan, and Fire Chief Ron Smith

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 a member of the Ministerial Alliance to give the invocation.

Mayor Magdits then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

II. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(A) Rolla Municipal Utilities (RMU) FY 2017 First Quarter Report: Mr. Rodney Bourne, Rolla Municipal Utilities General Manager, provided an overview of RMU's FY 2017 First Quarter Report and reliability statistics. He mentioned a complete copy of the report may be viewed on RMU's website.

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III. OLD BUSINESS

(A) Ordinance Amending Sec. 37-46 to Codify the Rolla Enhanced Enterprise Zone: City Administrator John Butz asked the Council to consider the final reading of an ordinance that would repeal the Enterprise Zone provisions, which was repealed by the State of Missouri eight or ten years ago. Rolla was fortunate to enact the Enhanced Enterprise Zone. However, Rolla City Code did not reflect this change. The subject ordinance would adopt the resolution that was approved in 2009 and corrects the language in City Code.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the following proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO. 4328: City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE V – PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT IN ENTERPRISE ZONE (SECTION 37-46) OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE V, IN LIEU THEREOF PERTAINING TO THE ENHANCED ENTERPRISE ZONE. A motion was made by Eudaly and seconded by Morris to approve the proposed ordinance. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Morris, Miller, Hines, Jung, Meusch, Jordan, Bowe, Crowell, and Eudaly. Nays; None. Absent; Woolley, Williams, and Long. Motion carried. The ordinance passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

(A) Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department: Police Chief Sean Fagan noted the subject mutual aid agreement is with Pulaski County. With the recent election of a new sheriff in Pulaski County, a new agreement is necessary.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE: 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 THE PULASKI COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PERTAINING TO MUTUAL AID.

IV. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

(B) Ordinance Approving the Resubdivision of Lots 7, 8 and 9, Block 10 of the Holloway Addition (Wilkins): Community Development Director John Petersen pointed out the subject property is located at the intersection of Twelfth and Iowa Streets. He informed the Council the applicant is requesting the elimination of the interior lot lines, making one large lot, which would permit future development of moderate density housing. Mr. Petersen pointed out the property is currently vacant.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 7, 8, AND 9 BLOCK 10, OF THE HOLLOWAY FIRST ADDITION TO ELIMINATE INTERIOR LOT LINES BETWEEN LOTS 7 AND 8, HOLLOWAY ADDITION TO SUBSTITUTE A MINOR SUBDIVISION DESCRIBED AS LOT 1, SPRING PROPERTIES FIRST ADDITION, CITY OF ROLLA, PHELPS COUNTY, MISSOURI. (WILKINS)

(C) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Supervised Work Release Program Agreement with the South Central Correctional Center (SCCC): Public Works Director Steve Hargis indicated the subject resolution would authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the South Central Correctional Center. He told the Council the City employs eight offenders from the SCCC. These individuals do work such as mow and pick up trash. Mr. Hargis noted the City has been working with the SCCC since 2005 and it has been a successful program.

Councilman Jung requested that residents be notified in advance before trees in the right-of-way are trimmed. This would allow the residents an opportunity to have their own trees trimmed.

Mr. Hargis said the City would not touch the trees if the property owners keep the trees trimmed so they are not encroaching on the sidewalks and street.

Mr. Hargis agreed to issue a press release notifying residents when the trees in their neighborhood would be trimmed.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the following proposed resolution for one reading, by title. RESOLUTION NO. 1874: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE IN BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY

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IV. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

(C) Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Supervised Work Release Program Agreement with the South Central Correctional Center (SCCC) (continued): OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS. A motion was made by Eudaly and seconded by Morris to approve the proposed resolution. A voice vote on the motion showed nine ayes, zero nays, and three absent. Motion carried.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

None.

VI. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

(A) Park Department Open House: Mayor Magdits announced the Park Department would be hosting an open house on Tuesday, February 28, 2017, from 10 a.m. to Noon and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. He encouraged residents to attend. Mayor Magdits said this is an opportunity to obtain feedback. He stated the City wants to be efficient with staff's time as to what they are going to work on and what the community would like to see.

Mayor Magdits recalled a group of people approached the Council a few months ago regarding a dog park and it did not take long for a lot of feedback to come from citizens both for and against a dog park, at least with respect to Buehler Park. He said this group should be recognized for having the initiative to want to put in a dog park. Mayor Magdits noted, however, we must be respectful to the group of Buehler Park folks who have spent a lot of time and effort over the years on wanting the park to remain a park and not a dog park. Mayor Magdits explained an idea was floated to the Parks Advisory Board a few weeks ago. The idea was when the Highway 72 extension goes in it will create about an acre of property adjacent to the existing Buehler Park that could be merged into the existing Buehler Park footprint. Regarding the dog park proposal, staff considered reducing the dog park proposal to about an acre and placing it in the northwest corner away from the trees and playground equipment. Mayor Magdits expressed his concern that he has not received a lot of feedback from the community on the dog park itself, in particular how many people in Rolla really want it.

Mayor Magdits encouraged Councilmembers to attend this open house because staff will be asking the Council for decisions on the dog park concept.

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VI. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS (continued)

(B) Texting While Driving: Councilman Jung said he has noticed several people, especially at intersections, texting while driving. He relayed a near accident at Poole Street and Fourteenth Street because of texting. While drinking and driving is bad, texting and driving is just as bad and a child could be hit.

(C) Students Crossing the Street: Mayor Magdits mentioned to Mr. Barrett Barker, Missouri S&T Student Liason, that it amazes him how many smart students we have in Rolla who do not bother looking before they cross the street.

(D) Street Sweeping: Councilman Hines indicated he was asked earlier today about street sweeping in the area of the neighborhood north of Ber Juan Park. He said the residents were saying the streets had a lot of debris and leaves. Mr. Hines said he learned the street sweeper is not operated during the winter months, but Public Works Director Steve Hargis said the City would try to sweep the streets in that area next week. Mr. Hines thanked City Administrator John Butz and Mr. Hargis for their prompt response to his inquiry.

VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

(A) Open Citizen Communication: Mayor Magdits opened the floor to any citizen wishing to address the Council.

(1) Mr. Tom Sager, 8 Laird Avenue, Rolla, Missouri, commended the Council for opening up the discussion on the future of Buehler Park. Buehler Park certainly needs new amenities such as restrooms and a water fountain and with the new road going in, a fence between the park and Highway 72 is necessary. Mr. Sager stated he is surprised some child has never run into Kingshighway and been injured. He pointed out Buehler Park brings many people into Rolla including Rolla residents. Mr. Sager said one of the reasons he feels Buehler Park is so popular is because it has a semi-natural look to it with the big trees and the open meadow. He told the Council he recognizes a need for change such as new playground equipment. Rather than fencing in an area for a dog park, Mr. Sager said to make the new equipment fit in with the old equipment and maintain the semi-natural look to the park.

Councilman Long entered the meeting at approximately 7:08 p.m.

VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION (continued)

(A) Open Citizen Communication (continued):

(2) Mr. Barrett Barker, Missouri S&T Student Council Liaison, 800 University Drive, Rolla, Missouri, stated he is open to any ideas on how to get students to look both ways before crossing the street.

No one else present addressed the Council.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

IX. CLOSED SESSION

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

The Council adjourned into Closed Session at approximately 7:16 p.m.

X. CLOSED SESSION ACTION

The Council reconvened into Open Session at approximately 8:06 p.m.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost reported two real estate matters were discussed by the City Council during Closed Session. However, no final action was taken on either matter.

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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