

ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH, 2026; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET

Presiding: Kevin Greven, Mayor Pro-Tem

Council Members in Physical Attendance: August Rolufs, Andrew Behrendt, Nathan Chirban, Steve Jackson, William Hahn, Tom McNeven, Tina Balch and Micheal Dickens.

Council Members Absent: Ward 1 Vacancy, Mayor Louis J. Magdits, Aaron Pace, and David Shelby

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Public Works Director Darin Pryor, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Major Will Loughridge, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Community Development Director Dawn Bell, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, City Administrator Keith Riesberg and City Counselor James Klahr

Mayor Pro-Tem Kevin Greven, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and proceeded to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS -

- A. **Public hearing and Ordinance** establishing the sewer rate for customers outside the city limits. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) At 6:32 pm Mayor Pro-Tem Kevin Greven officially opened the public hearing. Public Works Director Darin Pryor explained that the proposed ordinance would set the sewer rate at 1.5 times the rate for customers inside the city limits. With no further questions, at 6:37 pm, Mayor Pro-Tem Kevin Greven closed the public hearing. City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its first reading: AN 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.

II. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

- A. RMU 1st Quarter Report – RMU GM Rodney Bourne talked about the continued stability and upcoming updates for the MPUA/MoPEP – Missouri Public Energy Pool. Quarterly financials are posted on their website for public viewing. The incoming RMU GM Floyd Wolf begins March 9th.

III. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** pertaining to false alarm response. (Major William Loughridge) City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for a final reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-20 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA REGARDING ALARM SYSTEMS AND FALSE ALARM RESPONSES. A motion was made by Hahn to remove sections E, F, and H and replace with a new section E) Fines and Penalties: Beginning with the fourth documented false alarm within a rolling twelve-month period Any person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be punished for a first and second conviction thereof by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each conviction. Beginning with the sixth, and each subsequent documented false alarm within a rolling twelve-month period. Any person convicted of a violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of one hundred fifty dollars (\$150.00) After a lengthy discussion, Hahn withdrew his motion. A new motion was then made by Hahn, seconded by Chirban, to table the discussion until the March 2nd meeting to give legal Counsel time to further review the concerns discussed. A red-line version will be submitted to Council for review. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- B. **Ordinance** to authorize an agreement with MoDOT to apply for fully-funded traffic grants. (Police Chief Fagan) City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for a final reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PERTAINING TO GRANTS. A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Behrendt to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: McNeven, Dickens, Rolufs, Greven, Behrendt, Balch, Jackson, Hahn, and Chirban. Nays: none.

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** amending compensation of the Mayor. City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-69 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR. A motion was made by Hahn to amend Section 2 of the ordinance to read, “shall not take effect until the next fiscal year of next mayors’ term of office following adoption”. City Counselor Klahr explained constitutional limitations regarding elected official raises during active terms. Hahn then withdrew his motion.
- B. **Ordinance** pertaining to the sale and possession of Kratom, 7-OH, Delta-8, and Delta-9. (Police Chief Sean Fagan) Chief Fagan explained that this ordinance doesn’t affect regulated product from a dispensary, only unregulated versions of the products listed. Council requested that there be a provision clarifying the exemption for any licenses business. They requested that Sections 19-25 and 19-26 add the same sort of verbiage for clarifying sales outside of a state regulated facility. It was requested that definitions for Delta 8 and Delta 9 match. City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its first reading: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 19 OF THE CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE REGULATING AND PROHIBITING THE SALE AND POSSESSION OF KRATOM, 7-HYDROXYMITRAGYNINE (7-OH), AND CERTAIN HEMP-DERIVED PRODUCTS.
- C. **Ordinance** amending Section 27-88 of the City Code to reflect the restriction of left turns from Holmes to Salem Ave., only during school days. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-88 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO NO TURNS.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. **Motion** to award bid and **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with Pierce Asphalt, LLC, for Project 608, FY26 Asphalt Phase I. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Dickens to award the bid to Pierce Asphalt for \$810,296.90. City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND PIERCE ASPHALT, LLC.

VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. August Vossen: Shared concerns regarding the regulation of Delta 9 but felt the previous adjustment of the proposed ordinance addressed most of his concerns.
- B. Colin Gentry: Requested Rolla City Code 9-3 on citizen voting be repealed. City Administrator Keith Riesberg explained that this was a perfect example of why the City had recently been working on a review of the city code which will be brought to Council for a first reading at the March 2nd meeting. Hahn asked if there was a way the finished reviewed code could be posted online for citizen review.

- C. Colin also encouraged the city to help the state authorities in any way to aid in the removal of gambling machines that have now been declared as illegal per Federal Court.
- D. David Dukes – Expressed that he was pleased with the proposed ordinance pertaining to unregulated substances and requests that the ordinance be extended to synthetic substances as well (such as 70-H, a synthetic heroine).
- E. Joshua Patrick – Pastor of a local recovery ministry expressed gratitude for the efforts being made with the ordinance against unregulated substances.

VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Councilman Dickens shared that the Phelps County Dream Center has the next food distribution on Saturday from 8:00 am -11:00 am and on Wednesday the 25th from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There will also be a voter registration event on the MS&T campus in front of the library. Deadline to register to vote in the April Municipal Election is March 11th.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Next City Council meeting, Monday, March 2nd, 2026.

XI. CLOSED SESSION - Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor