Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV


Council Members Absent: None.

Department Directors in Attendance: Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Fire Chief Robert Williams, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, Parks and Recreation Director Scott Caron, Interim Police Chief Rick Williams, and Finance Director Steffanie Rogers

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

Mayor Magdits called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked a member of the Rolla Ministerial Alliance to give the invocation.

Councilman Kelly Long then led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. CONSENT AGENDA

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

(A) Approval of the Rolla City Council Minutes for the following:
   1) City Council Meeting – December 1, 2014
   2) City Council Meeting Closed Session – December 1, 2014
   3) City Council Meeting – December 15, 2014

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.

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III. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

(A) Missouri S&T Master Plan: Mr. Walt Branson, Missouri S&T Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration provided an overview of Missouri S&T’s Master Plan. He said the University is seeking ways to make Bishop Avenue safer for students.

(B) Phelps County Regional Medical Center Update/Presentation: Mr. John Denbo, Phelps County Regional Medical Center (PCRMC) CEO, focused his comments on the Delbert Day Cancer Institute, which will face Interstate 44. Regarding the houses in the Powell Addition, Mr. Denbo said the hospital would continue to purchase houses as they became available. Some of the houses would be used for medical staff residences and some would be rented.

(C) Celebration of Nations: Mr. Rich Myers, Program Coordinator for International and Cultural Affairs at Missouri S&T, requested the Council’s permission to close certain streets during the sixth annual Celebration of Nations Parade on Saturday, September 26, 2015, at 11 a.m.

City Administrator John Butz suggested this matter be considered at the next meeting so City staff can prepare a map showing the parade route.

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

Mayor Magdits referred the Council to (A) the November 2014, Centre FY 2015 Financial Analysis; (B) the November 2014, Parks Department FY 2015 Financial Analysis; (C) the November 17, 2014, Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes; (D) the November 2014 Environmental Services Department Monthly Report; (E) the December 2014 Fire and Rescue Department Monthly Report; (F) the October and November 2014 Police Department Monthly Reports; (G) the October and November 2014 Animal Control Division Monthly Reports; (H) the December 9, 2014 Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting Minutes; (I) the November 6, 2014, Board of Adjustment Meeting Minutes; (J) the November 19, 2014, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes, and; (K) the November 2014, Municipal Court Monthly Report.
V. OLD BUSINESS

(A) Ordinance Calling for an April 7, 2015, Election – Sales Tax Issue on Parks Funding: As mentioned during the Council’s last meeting, Parks and Recreation Director Scott Caron said staff has tweaked some of the proposed ballot language for “Proposition P” to make it more clear with what the City is asking the voters to approve. He explained the proposition is a parks only sales tax, which would support the current operations as well as the redevelopment of the current parks, including the cemetery. Mr. Caron asked the Council to consider the final reading of the subject ordinance.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO. 4183: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AT THE NEXT ELECTION DAY, APRIL 7, 2015, “PROPOSITION P” IMPOSING A MUNICIPAL SALES TAX OF ONE-QUARTER OF ONE PERCENT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2015, FOR EIGHT YEARS, REDUCED TO THREE-SIXTEENTHS OF ONE PERCENT BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDING FOR LOCAL PARKS AND RECREATION, INCLUDING, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF PARKS. A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Morris to approve the proposed ordinance. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Hines, Long, Bahr, Williams, Jordan, Miller, Eudaly, Sawyer, Bowles, Woolley, Morris, and Bowe. Nays; None. Absent; None. Motion carried. The ordinance passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

(A) Preliminary Consideration of Westside Transportation Study: City Administrator John Butz recalled that during the biennial survey for at least the last twelve years, traffic congestion has been the number one rated concern or need of the community, primarily on Highways 72 and 63. He noted a draft proposal from HNTB Corporation, which is included in the Council’s packet, is for a comprehensive study of where the vehicles are coming and going. Mr. Butz said there is a lot of advanced technology today that helps determine this. Without some real detail, the City is not going to be able to obtain the Missouri Department of Transportation’s (MoDOT) support in tackling these issues. As suggested by Mayor Magdits, Mr. Butz indicated staff would like to come back in about a month with a proposal for some additional study. He explained more time is needed because staff is working with other funding partners (UTW Rolla West, the hospital) on how it can be funded. After some discussion, the Council consensus was to have staff bring back the issue in February with the scope of work, study costs, and the funding mechanisms for the study.
VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

(A) Motion Awarding Bid for New Vibratory Soil Compactor: Public Works Director Steve Hargis reported bids were received for a planned replacement of a 1996 Caterpillar compactor. He told the Council the low bid was received from Crown Power & Equipment for a 2015 Case at $67,950 with trade-in. However, Mr. Hargis said staff is recommending the bid be awarded to the second low bid from The Victor L. Phillips Co. for a 2015 Dynapac for $73,217 with trade-in. Mr. Hargis explained the Case unit is new to the market, no existing units could be found in Missouri, and there is no track record for the City to inspect. He added Dynapac is a well-established company with many units in service.

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Sawyer to award the bid for the vibratory compactor to the second low bidder, The Victor L. Phillips Co. for a 2015 Dynapac CA1500D for a total, with trade-in, of $73,217. A voice vote on the motion showed twelve ayes, zero nays, and zero absent. Motion carried.

(B) Motion Awarding Bid for Horizontal Auto-Tie Baler: Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson recommended the purchase of a 2015 Max-Pak, HOE-4860-308AR, horizontal, open-ended auto-tie baler from DeHart Recycling Equipment, Hazelwood, MO for $126,638 with a $20,000 trade-in. He noted this is not the low bid, but stated he felt it is the best bid for the City for a variety of reasons, which he outlined in his agenda memorandum. Additionally, Mr. Wilson said his department does not have any familiarity with the Summit brand, which is the low bid from Nisely Brothers, Inc., Hutchinson, Kansas, and is unable to locate anyone in the region that does. By their own admission, Mr. Wilson indicated they are trying to get a foothold in the Midwest market and they largely do business in the northwest.

A motion was made by Williams and seconded by Eudaly to award the bid for one horizontal auto-tie baler to DeHart Recycling Equipment, Hazelwood, MO for a 2015 Max-Pak, HOE-4860-308AR for $126,638 with trade-in. A voice vote on the motion showed twelve ayes, zero nays, and zero absent. Motion carried.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

(A) Open Citizen Communication: Mayor Magdits opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the Council.
VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION (continued)

(A) Open Citizen Communication (continued): (1) Mr. Craig Montgomery, Fidelity Communications, indicated he was asked by City Administrator John Butz to address the Council regarding channel changes at Fidelity.

Mr. Montgomery explained that due to some pending increases in programming carriage fees, Fidelity has had to drop KRCG (Jefferson City), KSPR (Springfield), and KOLR (Springfield). He said Fidelity is cautiously optimistic they will be able to reach an agreement with KRCG to put them back on the system. Mr. Montgomery told the Council Rolla is in the middle of three large designated market areas (DMA) as far as carriage of television stations. He explained Rolla is in the St. Louis DMA, bordering the Springfield DMA, and the Jefferson City/Columbia DMA. For that reason, Fidelity has the rare instance of having more than one CBS, ABC, and NBC channel. Mr. Montgomery informed the Council that Fidelity must pay large sums of money to put channels on a cable system and having multiple market feeds is cost prohibitive. He told the Council Fidelity is not leaving these spaces blank, but is adding MeTV (a channel provided through KMOV) and, My Network TV (a Fox affiliate).

No one else present addressed the Council.

IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

(A) Huffman Trailer Court Cleanup: Councilwoman Eudaly thanked Ms. Michelle Broxton and her crew for the work they did in cleaning up the Huffman Trailer Park. She indicated it is looking much better.

X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

None.

XI. CLOSED SESSION

None.
XII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Carol Daniels.

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CITY CLERK                        MAYOR