

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018; 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, Kelly Long, Matthew Crowell, David Schott, Don Morris, John Meusch, Brian Woolley, and Walt Bowe

**Council Members Absent:** Steven Jung and Jim Williams

**Department Directors in Attendance:** Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Parks and Recreation Director Floyd Jernigan, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, Police Chief Sean Fagan, and Fire Chief Ron Smith

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

Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV called the meeting to order at approximately 6:32 p.m. and asked a member of the Rolla Ministerial Alliance to give the invocation.

Councilman Monty Jordan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**(A) Public Hearing to Rezone East Half of Lot 4, Block 7, Cowan's Addition Subdivision (aka 106 S. Rucker) from Neighborhood Business District (C-1) to Highway Commercial District (C-3) (Sonic):** City Planner James Shields noted this is the second rezoning request for the area. The subject parcels are located on the west side of Rolla, approximately 450 feet northeast of the intersection of Highway 63 and Highway 72 and the property address is 106 S. Rucker. Mr. Shields informed the Council the proposal is to rezone the parcel from Neighborhood Business District (C-1) to Highway Commercial District (C-3). He noted the house on the subject parcel is in the process of being demolished and the rezoning is being processed with a lot consolidation. Mr. Shields reported the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommends approval of the rezoning request.

Mayor Magdits opened the public hearing to anyone wishing to address the Council concerning the subject-rezoning request. No one present addressed the Council. Mayor Magdits closed the public hearing.

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**I. PUBLIC HEARINGS (continued)**

**(A) Public Hearing to Rezone East Half of Lot 4, Block 7, Cowan's Addition Subdivision (aka 106 S. Rucker) from Neighborhood Business District (C-1) to Highway Commercial District (C-3) (Sonic) (continued):** City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE THE EAST HALF OF LOT 4 OF BLOCK 7 OF THE COWAN'S ADDITION SUBDIVISION, WHICH IS A PARCEL THAT IS ALSO KNOWN AS 106 SOUTH RUCKER AVENUE, FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT (C-1) TO THE HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT (C-3). (SONIC)

**II. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**(A) Ms. Constance Hoffman, Director, Disaster Crisis Manager, Show Me Hope Missouri:** Ms. Constance Hoffman and Ms. Michelle Peterson explained they are with Show Me Hope Missouri, which is funded through a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Association) grant. They said the mission of the Show Me Hope Missouri program is to assist individuals and communities in recovering from the challenging effects of natural disasters through the provision of community-based outreach and free mental health support services.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**(A) Ordinance Consolidating Lots 3, 4, 5 & 6, Block 7 & Lots 4, 5, & 6, Block 8, Cowan's Addition & the Vacated Right-of-Way That Lies Between Lots 4, 5, and 6, Blocks 7 & 8 Cowan's Addition (Sonic):** City Planner James Shields noted the subject property is located about 250 feet northeast of the intersection of Highway 63 and Highway 72. The request is to consolidate seven lots together with a soon to be vacated street. Mr. Shields noted the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends approval of the subject request.

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**IV. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

**(A) Ordinance Consolidating Lots 3, 4, 5 & 6, Block 7 & Lots 4, 5, & 6, Block 8, Cowan's Addition & the Vacated Right-of-Way That Lies Between Lots 4, 5, and 6, Blocks 7 & 8 Cowan's Addition (Sonic) (continued):** City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE TO CONSOLIDATE ALL OF LOTS 3, 4, 5, AND 6 OF BLOCK 7 OF COWAN'S ADDITION AND ALL OF LOTS 4, 5, AND 6 OF BLOCK 8 OF COWAN'S ADDITION TOGETHER WITH THE VACATED RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT LIES BETWEEN THE FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH LOTS OF BLOCKS 7 AND 8 OF THE COWAN'S ADDITION SUBDIVISION THROUGH THE RESUBDIVISION PROCESS. (SONIC)

**(B) Review of "No Left Turn" off Strobach:** City Administrator John Butz recalled that during the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council meeting, Ward V resident Mr. Lynn McFarland approached the Council about the prospect of relaxing the hours of the prohibited no left turn off Strobach onto Bishop Avenue. Both the Public Works Department and Public Safety Departments were asked to consider this request. Additionally, Mr. Butz said the Public Works Department was asked to look at the flow of traffic on Highway 63 (Bishop Avenue). Not surprising, traffic does drop off considerably on Bishop Avenue after 8 p.m. until about 7 a.m. He said philosophically, staff agrees with the recommendation of a modification to the ordinance that would allow left turns from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. However, Mr. Butz indicated staff recommends waiting until the Highway 72 extension is complete (about November 2018). Staff believes many traffic patterns will be changing. Rather than incurring the cost of changing the street markings and signage, it might make more sense to wait until after the Highway 72 extension is open.

The Council's consensus was to postpone action on this matter until the Highway 72 extension is open.

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

**(A) Motion Awarding Bid for Diesel Tractor with Loader:** Parks and Recreation Director Floyd Jernigan reported bids were opened on February 28, 2018, for a 2017/2018 Diesel 4 x 4 tractor with front loader. He told the Council the Parks Department primarily uses this equipment for leveling the ballfields and work in the cemetery. Mr. Jernigan explained the new unit would replace a 1994 John Deere 5200

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

**(A) Motion Awarding Bid for Diesel Tractor with Loader (continued):** model tractor with 6,100+ measured hours. Staff is seeing an increased number and frequency of repairs on this unit due to the high hourly usage. Mr. Jernigan indicated staff recommends the bid be awarded to the low bidder, Schaeperkoetter Sales & Service, Owensville, Missouri, for \$32,316. The 1994 John Deere tractor would be sold on GovDeals.com. A motion was made by Hines and seconded by Schott to award the bid for a 2018 tractor with loader to the low bidder Schaeperkoetter Sales & Service, Owensville, Missouri for \$32,316. A voice vote on the motion showed ten ayes, zero nays, and two absent. Motion carried.

**VI. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**(A) City Administrator's Goals – 2018:** Mayor Magdits explained that City Administrator John Butz's goals and objectives need to be aligned with the Council's. With the help of Councilmen Jonathan Hines and Kelly Long, a set of tangible, measurable goals and objectives has been developed. Mayor Magdits continued by commenting on some of the goals. A motion was made by Long and seconded by Morris to approve the proposed goals and objectives. A voice vote on the motion showed ten ayes, zero nays, and two absent. Motion carried.

**VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

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

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

**(A) Mr. Gene Sally:** Mayor Magdits regretfully reported that longtime Rolla resident Mr. Gene Sally passed away this weekend. He noted Mr. Sally was responsible for much development in Rolla, particularly on the east side, i.e. Forum Hills Subdivision, the RTI facility, Forum Shopping Center, and was largely responsible for the construction and funding of the Tenth Street overpass. Mayor Magdits stated Rolla was made a better place because of Mr. Sally and he expressed the City's condolences to his family.

**VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER (continued)**

**(B) Lions Club Drive:** Councilman Dave Schott told the Council that a few weeks ago a citizen who lives on Lions Club Drive mentioned there are people using Lions Club Drive from Highway 63 to Rolla Street as a drag strip. Ms. Schott said when he was riding his bicycle in the area recently he witnessed someone doing it.

Mayor Magdits asked Police Chief Sean Fagan if his department would provide some targeted enforcement in this area.

**(C) St. Patrick's Day Concert:** Regarding the concert held on Saturday, Councilman Brian Woolley told the Council he lives about four miles from where the concert was held and it sounded like it was in his back yard and the windows in his house were shaking. He asked if City staff could look into lowering the volumes during the St. Patrick's Day and Summerfest festivities.

City Administrator John Butz indicated City staff would be having a post St. Patrick's Day meeting with the St. Pat's Board and staff liaison. He said there were some issues that surfaced with the band. Mr. Butz asked the Council to let him know if there are other issues that need to be addressed.

**(D) Internet Costs:** Councilman Matthew Crowell told the Council that this past week he renewed his internet contract with Fidelity and was shocked that the lowest price option offered was \$65. He stated he felt this is excessive for internet this day and age when it is not considered a luxury, but rather a necessity. Mr. Crowell said he would like to know why the market is not driving competition.

City Administrator John Butz indicated he would ask Rolla Municipal Utilities General Manager Rodney Bourne to address this issue when he presents the quarterly report.

**(E) St. Patrick's Day Weekend:** Councilman Dave Schott expressed his appreciation to the Police and Fire Departments for their services during the St. Patrick's Day weekend.

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**IX. CLOSED SESSION**

A motion was made by Hines and seconded by Long 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; Jordan, Schott, Woolley, Miller, Bowe, Crowell, Meusch, Long, Morris, and Hines. Nays; None. Absent; Williams and Jung. Motion carried.

The Council adjourned into closed Session at approximately 7:19 p.m.

**X. CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

The Council reconvened into open session at approximately 8:24 p.m.

City Counselor Lance Thurman reported that during Closed Session the City Council discussed personnel and real estate matters. No final action was take on the real estate matters. He noted the personnel issue would be released within 72 hours after the employee is advised.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:25 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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