

**ROLLA CITY SPECIAL ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020; 5:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV

Council Members in Attendance: Allen, Bolin, Crowell, Eberly, Jordan (remotely), Meusch, Murphey (remotely), Rohter, Ruder (remotely), Schneider, and Schott

Department Directors in Attendance: Police Chief Sean Fagan and Fire Chief Ron Smith

Other City Officials in Attendance: City Administrator John Butz, City Counselor Lance Thurman, and Deputy City Clerk Millie Street

Mayor Magdits called the meeting to order at approximately 5:30 p.m. Mayor Magdits began by introducing the three councilmembers that were attending by Zoom teleconferencing (Jordan, Murphy, and Ruder).

Item (#1) – Review Meeting Format: Mayor Magdits reviewed the agenda in its entirety. Mayor Magdits briefed the Council regarding the current COVID-19 situation and the ordinances that were included in the Council packets. The Mayor stated that city employees have been working full-time every day in order to gather information and to be on top of changing situations. The Mayor reviewed both ordinances that the Council would be reviewing during the meeting.

Item (#2) – Community Briefing of COVID-19: Mayor Magdits briefed the Council on the COVID-19 preparedness plans for the City of Rolla. Mayor Magdits stated that signs will be posted around the City giving information on where to find information for the Plan. Mayor Magdits stressed the CDC guideline of “Do the Five”, wash hands, cough into your elbows, don’t touch your face, adhere to the six feet social distancing, and if you feel sick – stay home. Mayor Magdits stated that this is an effective and common sense approach that would prevent the spread of the virus. Mayor Magdits updated the Council regarding Phelps Health’s position on COVID-19 and the daily testing for the virus. At this time, no one at Phelps Health has tested positive for the virus. The Director of the Health Department inspects businesses daily and stated that she has been receiving complete cooperation.

The Mayor updated the Council regarding the placement of city employees in order to adhere to the six feet social distancing.

Mayor Magdits turned the meeting over to City Administrator John Butz.

Item #3 – Review & Endorse Coronavirus Preparedness Plan – City Administrator Butz reviewed the Preparedness Plan for the City of Rolla. Mr. Butz went over items affecting employees, i.e. six feet social distancing, flexible work schedules for employees that work in an

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area to where they cannot distance themselves from each other. Mr. Butz reviewed the handout that was provided to the Council and stated that this plan will be adhered to by all employees.

Mayor Magdits asked for a roll call to approve the Coronavirus Preparedness Plan. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Meusch to approve the proposed Coronavirus Preparedness Plan. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes: Bolin, Jordan, Ruder, Schott, Allen, Murphey, Crowell, Meusch, Rohter, Eberly, and Schneider. Nays: none. Absent: none. Motion passed.

Item #4 – Legal Review of Council Power in an Emergency –

City Counselor Lance Thurman reviewed the memorandum in the packet regarding the City Officials powers in case of an outbreak of contagious disease. City Counselor Thurman stated that the City of Rolla is a 3rd Class City and the City Council has the general right to pass ordinances and regulations for the preservation of general health, and prevention and abatement of contagious diseases. City Counselor Thurman entertained questions from the Council.

Item #5 – Consider Ordinance Declaring an Emergency and Adopting CDC Mitigation Strategies –

Mayor Magdits turned the meeting over to City Administrator John Butz. City Administrator Butz stated that the proposed ordinance declares an emergency proclamation in Rolla and does encourage the citizens to implement the mitigation strategies of the CDC. City Administrator Butz stated that the ordinance cites both Governor Parson’s declaration on March 13, 2020 and the Phelps County Commission declaration on March 19, 2020. After a review of the ordinance with the Council, City Administrator Butz entertained questions from the Council.

City Counselor Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO. 4546: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION IN THE CITY OF ROLLA AND ENCOURAGING THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF ROLLA TO IMPLEMENT THE MITIGATION STRATEGIES LAID OUT BY THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH. A motion was made by Schott and seconded by Eberly to suspend the rules and that the ordinance be read for its final reading, by title. A roll call vote of the motion showed the following: Ayes; Allen, Murphey, Bolin, Schneider, Rohter, Meusch, Jordan, Eberly, Crowell, Schott, and Ruder. Nays; None. Absent; none. Motion carried. City Counselor Thurman then read the proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title. A motion was made by Jordan and seconded by Schneider to approve the proposed ordinance. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Meusch, Schott, Ruder, Schneider, Allen, Murphey, Crowell, Rohter, Jordan, Eberly, and Bolin. Nays; None. Absent; none. Motion carried. The ordinance passed.

Item #6 – Review Ordinance Declaring a Stay at Home Ordinance –

Mayor Magdits introduced the next item on the agenda; Item #6, Review Ordinance Declaring a Stay at Home Ordinance. Mayor Magdits mentioned that the proposed ordinance is very similar

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to the ordinance passed by Columbia, Missouri this past week. The Mayor then turned the meeting over to City Administrator John Butz. City Administrator Butz stated that the ordinance's intent is to ensure the maximum number of individuals stay at home to slow the spread of COVID-19 while enabling essential services to continue. City Administrator Butz then reviewed the proposed ordinance in detail. After a detailed review of the ordinance, City Administrator Butz entertained questions from the Council. City Counselor Thurman then read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO. 4547: AN ORDINANCE DECLARING AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION IN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND EXECUTING A STAY AT HOME ORDINANCE. A motion was made by Schott and seconded by Allen to suspend the rules and that the ordinance be read for its final reading, by title. A roll call vote of the motion showed the following: Ayes; Rohter, Murphey, Schott, Schneider, Ruder, Allen, Jordan, Eberly, and Bolin. Nays; Crowell, and Meusch. Absent; none. Motion carried. A motion was made by Schott to amend the current ordinance to be in effect as of 5:00 p.m. April 1, 2020, no second of the motion was obtained. A motion was then made by Jordan and seconded by Bolin to amend the proposed ordinance to be in effect as of 8:00 a.m., April 6, 2020. A roll call vote of the motion showed the following: Ayes; Jordan, Bolin, Ruder, Schneider, Murphey, Crowell, and Meusch. Nays; Allen, Rohter, Eberly and Schott. Absent: none. Motion carried. City Counselor Thurman then read the proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title as amended. A motion was made by Eberly and seconded by Allen to approve the proposed ordinance as amended. A roll call vote on the motion showed the following: Ayes; Allen, Murphey, Bolin, Schneider, Ruder, Meusch, Rohter, Eberly, Schott, and Jordan. Nays; Crowell. Absent; none. Motion carried. The ordinance passed.

MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Ruder read in full a citizen petition handed out to the Council by Ms. Deanne Lyons in regards to the financial devastation effect of the COVID-19 on the citizens of Rolla.

RMU General Manager Rodney Bourne updated the Council on the recent RMU Board meeting. Bourne noted that since March 23, 2020 RMU has discontinued non-payment service terminations through May 1, 2020. Bourne also stated that the Board authorized transferring \$50,000 to the RMU Helping Hand Program. Bourne entertained questions from the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deputy City Clerk Millie Street

DEPUTY CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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