

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2021; 6:30 P.M.  
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

**Presiding:** Mayor Louis J. Magdits, IV

**Council Members in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing:** David Schott

**Council Members in Physical Attendance:** Rachel Schneider, Lister Florence, Christine Ruder, Terry Higgins, Matthew Crowell, Ann Murphey, Carrolyn Bolin, Jody Eberly, John Meusch, and Marie Allen

**Council Members Absent:** Deanne Lyons.

**Department Directors in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing:** Community Development Director Steve Flowers, Public Works Director Steve Hargis, and Recreation Centre Director Marci Fairbanks.

**Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance:** City Administrator John Butz, Fire Chief Ron Smith, City Engineer Darin Pryor, City Clerk Lorri Thurman, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, and City Planner Tom Coots

Mayor Magdits called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilperson Terry Higgins to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Schneider to approve the consent agenda as submitted. A voice vote on the motion showed the following; Ayes: 11, Nays: none, Absent: 1

The consent agenda consisted of the following:

**I. CONSENT AGENDA**

- A) Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:
- 1) City Council Meeting - January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - 2) City Council Meeting - January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021
  - 3) City Council Closed Session Meeting - January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**II. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

NONE

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**III. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

NONE

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

- a. Environmental Services Department Monthly Report – December 2020
- b. Building Codes Monthly Report – December 2020
- c. Parks Financial Analysis – FY ending Sept 2020 and December 2020
- d. Parks Advisory Commission Minutes for January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- e. Police Department Monthly Report – December 2020
- f. Animal Control Division 2020 Year End Report – December 2020
- g. Rolla Municipal Court Monthly Report – November & December 2020
- h. Development Review Committee Minutes for January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- i. Rolla Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes for January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**V. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Ordinance to extend Facial Covering Ordinance (City Administrator John Butz) Final Reading**

City Administrator John Butz spoke to Council regarding proposed Ordinance 4596 that would extend the facial covering mandate from February 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 17<sup>th</sup>. He stated renewed community focus and effort has seen the number of active positive cases dropped from 600+ to under 200 over the last 6 weeks. Vaccine rollout has been slower than anticipated but the CDC is advising facial coverings and other safety measures be maintained.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for final reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO 4596: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 4595 IN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI. EXTENDING THE FACIAL COVERING REQUIREMENT IN THE CITY OF ROLLA. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Eberly and seconded by Allen to accept the ordinance as written, extending the facial covering mandate to March 17<sup>th</sup>. A roll call vote yielded the following results: Ayes: Eberly, Allen, Murphey, Schneider, Ruder, and Schott. Nays: Bolin, Meusch, Higgins, Crowell, and Florence. Absent: Lyons.

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Further discussion was had about a possible second motion and it being dependent on the withdrawal of the previous 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Allen declined the withdrawal of her motion. Ordinance failed.

- B. **Ordinance** adopting Appendix D of the 2018 International Fire Code and amending Section 14-1 of the Rolla City Code. (Rolla City Fire Chief, Ron Smith) **Final Reading**

Chief Ron Smith explained to Council that Fire Administration was unaware that the ordinance adopting International Fire Code 2018 (approved January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019) didn't include Appendix D. Appendix D is a vital document for planning and fire safety operations pertaining to fire lanes and access issues and has already been used as a guiding documentation since 2000.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO 4597: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 14-1 THROUGH 14-3 OF THE ROLLA CITY CODE, AND ADOPTING APPENDIX D OF THE 2018 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE. A motion was made by Crowell and seconded by Bolin to adopt Appendix D. A roll call vote yielded the following results; Ayes: Schneider, Florence, Ruder, Bolin, Higgins, Murphey, Schott, Crowell, Meusch, Allen, and Eberly. Nays: none. Absent: Lyons. Ordinance passed.

- C. **Ordinance** to approve a minor subdivision at 1600 Old Wire Outer Road. (City Planner, Tom Coots) **Final Reading**

City Planner Tom Coots described for Council, a plot of Land at 1600 Old Wire Outer Road that is zoned for commercial and could be subdivided into 2 lots.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO 4598: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT OF OUTER ROAD PARK. (SUB 20-04) A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Eberly to approve the subdivision. A roll call vote showed the following results; Ayes: Schott, Meusch, Higgins, Bolin, Schneider, Ruder, Allen, Murphey, Crowell, Eberly, and Florence. Nays: none. Absent: Lyons. Ordinance passed

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- D. **Ordinance** to approve a minor subdivision at 809 and 811 Black Street. (City Planner, Tom Coots) **Final Reading**

City Planner Tom Coots described for Council the need for the reorganization of two plotted lots located at 809 and 811 Black Street.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for final reading, by title. ORDINANCE NO 4599: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE MINOR SUBDIVISION FINAL PLAT OF DALTON'S DIVISION. (SUB 20-03). A motion was made by Crowell and seconded by Eberly to approve the subdivision. A roll call vote showed the following results; Ayes: Ruder, Murphey, Higgins, Schneider, Allen, Bolin, Crowell, Meusch, Florence, Schott, and Eberly. Nays: none. Absent: Lyons. Ordinance passed.

- E. **Ordinance** authorizing a contract with Hutchinson Recreation and Design for inclusive playground. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) **Final Reading**

Parks & Recreation Director, Floyd Jernigan spoke to council about the recent bid awarded to Hutchinson Rec/Miracle for an all-inclusive playground in Ber Juan Park. An all-inclusive playground is designed for all youth ages and abilities. Council had already determined that \$150,000 of this project would come from the Park Funds budget with the other \$50,000 coming from Park Land Reserve.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for final reading by title. ORDINANCE NO 4600: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND HUTCHINSON RECREATION AND DESIGN, LAKE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Schneider to authorize the contract. A roll call vote showed the following results; Ayes: Murphey, Allen, Bolin, Schneider, Ruder, Meusch, Higgins, Eberly, Florence, Schott, and Crowell. Nays: none. Absent: Lyons. Ordinance passed.

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**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Ordinance** to amend City Personnel Rules (City Administrator John Butz) **First Reading**

City Administrator John Butz explained to Council that the City last reviewed the City of Rolla Personnel Rules in 2018. From time to time, issues arise that justify review and modification. The proposed ordinance amends four provisions dealing with nepotism and potential conflict of interest, garnishment, personnel records, and minor police vehicle accidents.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading by title. ORDINANCE NO: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF ROLLA PERSONNEL MANUAL, DATED OCTOBER 1, 2018.

- B. **Ordinance** to amend City Code Sections 27-98 & 27-110 relating to parking. (City Engineer Darin Pryor) **First Reading**

City Engineer Darin Pryor explained to Council that a request from the Rolla Police Department had been received to change a 30-minute parking spot in front of the VIPS office (on Pine Street) to Police Parking Only. Doing so would assist in better efficiency for call response from that division.

City Counselor Lance Thurman read the following proposed ordinance for its first reading by title. ORDINANCE NO: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 27-98 AND 27-110 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 27-98 AND 27-110 IN LIEU THEREOF RELATING TO PARKING.

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

**VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Open Citizen Communication - Mayor Magdits opened the floor to anyone wishing to address the Council.

- A. Debbie Crutcher – Ward 4: Encouraged more thoughtfulness of the perceived tone when addressing the community’s response in regards to the facial covering mandate.

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- B. William Hahn – 593 Sycamore: Requested clarification on how much of the Ordinance was no longer in affect and expressed concern for the removal of restrictions that had demonstrated such effectiveness.

**IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- A. Fire Chief Ron Smith advised that the lack of an emergency declaration might affect the city’s ability to access funds from the state for reimbursement of costs obtained from the purchase of PPE supplies and other needs.

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

**XI. CLOSED SESSION**

Pursuant to RSMo. 610.021, Section 12 – the Council will discuss the following in Closed Session: Sealed proposal/negotiated contract.

- XII. Closed Session Action:** City Counselor Lance Thurman reported the Council discussed an issue of contract negotiations. No final action was taken.

The Council reconvened into open session at approximately 8:42 PM

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR

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