

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 6th, 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: - Deanne Lyons

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Moriah Renaud, Terry Higgins, Megan Johnson, Matt Fridley, Lister Florence, Robert Kessinger, Stanley Mayberry, Carrolyn Bolin, and Victoria Steen

Council Members Absent: Ann Murphey and Jody Eberly

Department Directors in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing: None

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Fire Chief Ron Smith, City Engineer Darin Pryor, Police Chief Fagan, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, Community Development Director Steve Flowers, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, City Planner Tom Coots, Recreation Center Director Marci Fairbanks, Park Director Floyd Jernigan and City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost.

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:
1. City Council Meeting – June 7th, 2021
 2. City Council Meeting – June 21st, 2021
 3. City Council Mini Workshop – June 21st, 2021

A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Johnson to accept the minutes as presented. A voice vote revealed 10 ayes. Zero nays. Two absent.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

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 – May 2021
- b. Building Codes Monthly Report – June 2021
- c. Parks and Recreation update for June 2021

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- d. The Centre Income Statement ending April 30th, 2021 and May 31st, 2021
- e. Police Department Monthly Report – May 2021
- f. Animal Control Division Report – May 2021
- g. RMU monthly reports – May 2021
- h. RMU board meeting notes for April 27, 2021
- i. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Meeting Minutes for May 12th, 2021

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Ordinance** approving interim agreement with Bird Scooters (City Administrator John Butz)

Mr. Butz stated that Bird Scooters is aggressively getting established in Missouri. Mixed reviews from various cities that are currently contracting with Birds Scooters have been received with a common thought that this program had more benefits to the community than it did costs. The proposed agreement has been modified as requested by City Council to remove the reference to skate boards and the length of the proposed agreement to six months. The University is not prepared to have a service like this on campus at this time.

A motion was made by Florence and seconded by Steen to amend Section II, page 2 to read as a 6-month agreement including verbiage recommended by Counselor Carolyn Buschjost. Also to remove the word “otherwise” from the first line. A voice vote revealed 10 ayes, zero nays, and two absent. Motion passed.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the proposed ordinance as amended for its final reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CERTAIN INTERIM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND BIRD RIDES INC. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Steen to pass the ordinance as amended. A roll call vote revealed the following results: Ayes: Steen, Mayberry, Bolin, Lyons, and Fridley. Nays: Higgins, Renaud, Johnson, Kessinger, and Florence. Absent: Eberly and Murphey Ordinance failed.

B. **Ordinance** rezoning 2141 Old Saint James Rd. and 2301 McCutchen Drive from M-1 and M-2 Manufacturing to GI (Government and Institutional District). (City Planner Tom Coots)

Mr. Coots stated this property is already owned by the City of Rolla and used for Government purposes. Property used by and owned by a governmental entity is generally zoned GI, Government and Institutional.

City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4622: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE RE-ZONING OF 2141 OLD SAINT JAMES ROAD AND 2301 MCCUTCHEN DRIVE FROM THE M-1, LIGHT MANUFACTURING AND M-2, HEAVY MANUFACTURING DISTRICT TO THE GI, GOVERNMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT. A motion was made by Florence and seconded by Bolin to accept the ordinance as written. A roll call vote revealed the following results: Ayes: Lyons, Mayberry, Bolin, Renaud,

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Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, Florence, Fridley, and Johnson. Nays: zero. Absent: Murphey and Eberly. Ordinance passed.

- C. **Ordinance** adopting the Schuman/Ber Juan Neighborhood Plan as an element of the Comprehensive Plan. (City Planner, Tom Coots)
Mr. Coots presented a Schuman/Ber Juan addendum to answer some of the questions that were asked at the meeting on June 21st. A neighborhood planning effort is a more detailed project than the comprehensive plan by providing more targeted goals and actions that impact the neighborhood.
City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the proposed ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4623: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE SCHUMAN/BER JUAN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AS AN ELEMENT OF THE ROLLA 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2005. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Kessinger to accept the ordinance as written. A roll call vote revealed the following results. Ayes: Bolin, Higgins, Steen, Fridley, Mayberry, Lyons, Johnson, Kessinger, Florence, and Renaud. Zero nays. Absent: Murphey and Eberly. Ordinance passed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of an **Ordinance** enacting an abandoned building registry (City Administrator John Butz)
Mr. Butz stated that the proposed ordinance is in response to the request of Council to pursue options in dealing with the current abandoned building issue and is being presented as a discussion item. Creating an active list of registered abandoned buildings would bring awareness to the issue, not eliminate abandoned and derelict properties. The law limits the amount that can be charged to \$200 semiannual.
City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the proposed ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW ARTICLE VII, SEC. 6-61 THROUGH 6-70 RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF A RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION PROGRAM.

VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

- A. **Motion** to award bid for Bank Depository Services to First State Community Bank for a 4 year term. (Finance Director Steffanie Rogers)
Ms. Rogers stated that bids were requested for Bank Depository Services. The City has 40 interest bearing and 3 non-interest bearing accounts.
A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bolin to award the bid to FSCB. A voice vote revealed 10 ayes, zero nays. 2 absent. Motion passed.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Open Citizen Communication - None

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IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Re-appointment of Dr. Eric Showalter to the Board of Public Works (Aug 2024) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Bolin to accept the re-appointment. A voice vote revealed 10 ayes. Zero nays. Two absent. Motion passed.
- B. Re-appointment of Keith Strassner to the Rolla Enhanced Enterprise Zone Board (June 2025) A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Kessinger to accept the re-appointment. A voice vote revealed 10 ayes. Zero nays. Two absent. Motion passed.
- C. Appointment of Fred Stone to the Move Rolla TDD. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Johnson to accept the appointment. A voice vote revealed 10 Ayes. Zero nays. Two absent. Motion passed.
- D. Re-appointment of Janece Martin to the Rolla P&Z Commission.(May 2025) A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Fridley to accept the reappointment. A voice vote revealed 10 Ayes. Zero nays. Two absent. Motion passed.
- E. Councilwoman Victoria Steen – Status of COVID Emergency Declaration
Councilwoman Steen expressed her desire to rescind the current Emergency Declaration which is set to expire when the State’s declaration expires (currently August 31st). Council Consensus was not to pursue drafting of an ordinance to expire sooner.

X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Mayor Magdits stated that COVID cases were on the rise. Springfield hospitals are full and they are out of ventilators. The sewer shed shows that 95% of the COVID positives in the effluent are the new Delta virus. In the County, those in the 30-40 year old range are reporting the largest COVID increases. The county is at a 30% vaccination rate.
- B. City Councilman Kessinger invited all to a neighborhood meeting for Ward 4, Thursday, July 15th, 7:30pm at Veteran’s Memorial Park.
- C. Councilperson Lyons shared personal COVID case information and urged everyone to take these new strains seriously and consider vaccination.
- D. Councilwoman Renaud, stated the final details for a neighborhood watch meeting are in the works for Ward I on Tuesday, July 27th in the Ber Juan area. Final details will be announced.
- E. Councilman Florence congratulated the Lions Club and the volunteers for a successful Carnival and 4th of July celebration.

XI. CLOSED SESSION - None

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XII. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:04 PM
Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

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