

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 18TH, 2022; 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: Megan Johnson, Matt Fridley, and Lister Florence

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Moriah Renaud, Terry Higgins, Ann Murphey, Jody Eberly, Carrolyn Bolin, Robert Kessinger, Stanley Mayberry, and Victoria Steen.

Council Members Absent: Deanne Lyons

Department Directors in Attendance via Zoom Videoconferencing: Recreation Centre Director Marci Fairbanks

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: City Administrator John Butz, Community Development Director Steve Flowers, Public Works Director Steve Hargis, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Fire Chief Ron Smith, Assistant Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, and City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost.

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

I. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** - None

II. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** –

- A. Fire Chief Ron Smith: Presentation of Life Saving Awards. Challenge coins were awarded to two brothers, Tim Longinotti and Bill Longinotti, for their quick response and calling 911 for their neighbor, who was not responsive. Lifesaving awards were issued to Rolla City Fire Shift B, for quickly coming to their aid and administering life saving techniques. Thanks to the quick response of all involved, the patient was breathing and coherent by the time they got to the hospital.
- B. Ms. Lonna Sowers President of RDBA and Russell Volmert Landscape Architect from St. Louis and our original DREAM consultant : Fountain Plaza Project
Council was officially introduced to the Downtown Fountain project, completing nearly 20+ years of strategic planning. If partnerships with the City of Rolla are made to manage the project, the total cost would be \$230,000 compared to \$500,000 from outside contractors, with an in-kind match of \$60,000 from the City of Rolla and possibly \$25,000 of ARPA funds. This would leave \$145,000 to be raised through public and private sponsorship programs. \$5000 has already been donated from Burlington

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Northern Railroad and \$10,000 has been donated by Bank of Missouri. The Council agreed to draft an MOU with RDBA to be considered at a future meeting.

III. **OLD BUSINESS** - None

IV. **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. **Resolution** to approve MOU between the City of Rolla and RREC (Rolla Regional Economic Commission). (City Administrator John Butz) RREC was developed in 2004 as a countywide effort to consolidate all available economic development organizations under one umbrella. The City has been a primary contributor to that since its formation. There are 19 contributing partners besides the City of Rolla. This Resolution would renew the MOU for another 5 years. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the resolution for one reading, by title: RESOLUTION 2000: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BY AND BETWEEN THE ROLLA REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF ROLLA. A motion was made by Eberly and seconded by Bolin to pass the resolution. A voice vote showed 11 ayes, zero nays, and 1 absent.
- B. **Ordinance** to approve interagency agreement between the City of Rolla and RADE (Rolla Area Drug Enforcement) (Police Chief Sean Fagan) The agreement would create a multi-jurisdictional drug task force in Phelps County to provide more effective law enforcement protection in the Rolla area. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND THE ROLLA AREA DRUG ENFORCEMENT TASKFORCE (RADE).

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

- A. **Motion** to award bid to Capri Pool & Aquatics for the replacement of Splash Zone filter media. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) The Splash Zone filter media is overdue to be replaced. The proposal is for the use of glass beads which has a better filtration rate, lasts longer, creates a better flow which is less stress for the pumps, promotes healthier swimming and saves on water and chemistry usage. A motion was made by Murphey and seconded by Johnson to award the bid to the lowest bidder, Capri Pool & Aquatics of Edwardsville, Ill. For \$11,250.00. A voice vote showed 11 ayes, zero nays and 1 absent.
- B. **Resolution** to consider a revision to the FY 2021 Budget. (Finance Director Steffanie Rogers) The presented budget adjustments increase budgeted revenues by \$4,247,950 (mostly through \$899,000 reimbursed by the Rolla Rural Fire District and increases in Federal Grants (\$2,061,340 ARPA), sales tax and use taxes and an increase in expenditures of \$2,888,993 (depreciation expenses of \$1,192,500 sewer and environmental services). Not including depreciation and ARPA, the budget adjustments provide a net change of almost \$490,117. These adjustments are intended to modify the budget to the actual year-end projections. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read the Resolution for one reading, by title: RESOLUTION 2001: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2020, AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT

THERE TO. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Eberly to approve the adjustments. A voice voted showed 11 Ayes, zero nays and 1 absent.

- C. **Resolution** to Authorize Participation in ARPA funding. (City Administrator John Butz) This resolution authorizes the City’s acceptance and compliance of Treasury rules and conditions. The resolution also stipulates that the Rolla City Council retains full authority to use or expend ARPA funds by separate action. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost read resolution for one reading, by title: RESOLUTION 2002: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ROLLA STATING INTENT TO OBTAIN FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE CITY ROLLA THROUGH THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE APPROPRIATE DOCUMENTS TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES REQUIRED FROM THE U.S. TREASURY AND THE STATE OF MISSOURI AND APPROVING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS AND COMPLIANCE ASSOCIATED THEREWITH. A motion was made by Bolin and seconded by Murphey to pass the resolution. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero nays, and 1 absent.

Secondarily the City Council enacted the FY2022 budget addressing the “loss revenue” provision of ARPA with the initial \$2.1M distribution. The Centre, General Fund and Splash zone were the three City services most directly impacted by COVID. A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Higgins to authorize the transfer of funds. A voice vote revealed 11 ayes, zero nays, and 1 absent.

VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Request to allow UTVs on city streets - Mr. Kelly Martin
Mr. Martin requested Council to consider repealing the ordinance that prohibits UTV’s from driving in the city limits. Kessinger made a motion and Murphey seconded, to initiate a draft ordinance for Council consideration. A voice vote revealed 11 ayes, zero nays, and 1 absent.
- B. Zachary Millbradt - 1409 Commercial: Asked Council if they would be considering reinstating a mask mandate any time soon. Councilman Kessinger provided his medical opinion on flattening the curve and the failure of masks to live up to their protective expectations. Councilwomen Higgins and Renaud added that they agreed with Councilman Kessinger and would not be considering a mask mandate at this time.

VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Appointment to Board of Adjustment – No appointment was made.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

IX. CLOSED SESSION - Closed Session RSMo 610.021 (1) Legal Actions

At 8:03, a motion was made by Eberly and seconded by Higgins to adjourn into closed session. A roll call voted revealed the following: Ayes: Murphey, Mayberry, Bolin, Renaud, Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, Eberly, Florence, Fridley, and Johnson. Nays: zero. Absent Lyons.

At 8:30, Council returned from closed session. City Counselor Carolyn Buschjost stated that Council discussed one item regarding a legal matter and no further action was taken.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:36 pm
Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR