

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2023; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor Pro-Tem Lister Florence

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Moriah Renaud, Megan Johnson, Matt Fridley, Jaired Hall, Rob Kessinger, Stanley Mayberry, Lister Florence, Nathan Chirban, Terry Higgins, Victoria Steen and Tina Balch

Council Members Absent: None

Council Ward Vacancy: Ward 5 - Carolyn Bolin

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Community Development Director Steve Flowers, Interim PW Director Darin Pryor, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Interim Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, RMU GM Rodney Bourne, Environmental Services Director Brady Wilson and City Counselor Emily Woodward Guffey

Mayor Pro-Tem Florence called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilwoman Moriah Renaud to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

II. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** –

- A. RACC Executive Director Stevie Kearse/Tourism Director Aimee Campbell: 2022 Year End Tourism Report and 2023 Tourism Marketing Plan. Ms. Kearse reviewed the history of the 3% Motel Tax over the last 30 years and the final statistics for 2022. Ms. Campbell reviewed tourism efforts for 2022 with insight regarding efforts in 2023.
- B. RMU General Manager Rodney Bourne reviewed the 1st Quarterly Financial Report. An operating loss of \$1,403,831 was shown. Council was updated on current and upcoming water, electric, and fiber projects. It was also recognized that Rodney Bourne was also nominated by MPUA for a position on APPA's Deed Board.

III. **OLD BUSINESS** –

Ordinance to amend Rolla's Indoor Smoke Free Act to include Marijuana. (City Administrator John Butz) City Counselor Emily Woodward Guffey read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4723: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTIONS 19-10(a)(M) AND 19(l)(B) OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND ENACTING NEW SECTIONS 19-10(a)(M) AND 19(l)(B) IN LIEU THEREOF PROHIBITING SMOKING IN INDOOR WORKPLACES AND PUBLIC PLACES. A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Fridley to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the

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following: Ayes: Johnson, Fridley, Steen, Renaud, Higgins, Chirban, Balch, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Mayberry. Nays: None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Resolution** to approve Airport Rescue State Block Grant Agreement. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Emily Woodward Guffey read the resolution for one reading, by title: RESOLUTION 2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, A NOTICE OF AWARD AND GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF ROLLA REGARDING THE AIRPORT RESCUE STATE BLOCK GRANT. A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Higgins to authorize the grant agreement that would reimburse the airport for wages paid during the 2022 calendar year. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Hall, Mayberry, Chirban, Renaud, Steen, Kessinger, Higgins, Balch, Johnson, Fridley, and Florence. Nays: None.
- B. **Ordinance** to vacate waterline easement in the Freuh Addition Subdivision. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Emily Woodward Guffey read the ordinance for its first reading: AN ORDINANCE VACATING AN EXISTING WATERLINE EASEMENT IN LOTS 1 AND 2 OF THE LEWIS ADDITION.
- C. **Motion** to accept utility easement in the Freuh Addition Subdivision (PW Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Balch to accept the utility easement. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Fridley, Kessinger, Higgins, Renaud, Steen, Mayberry, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Hall, and Florence, Nays: none.

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. **Motion** to award bid to Downing Sales and Service for the purchase of 1,000 refuse carts. (Environmental Services Brady Wilson) A motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Johnson to award the bid to Downing Sales and Service for \$57,490. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays

VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION - None

VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. **Motion** to appoint Chuck Whitmire to the Rolla Housing Authority Board (4 year term exp. Feb 2027) A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Johnson to appoint Chuck Whitmire to the RHA. A voice vote showed 10 Ayes, 1 Nay (Steen)
- B. **Motion** to reappoint Brenda Linkmann to the Library Board (term exp. Feb 2025) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Balch to reappoint Brenda Linkmann to the Library Board. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays
- C. Councilwoman Johnson – Illegal Encampments: Councilwoman Johnson shared a slideshow of encampment pictures she has received over the last couple years. She shared that the Green County Sheriff has started an illegal encampment clean-up program that has proven to be successful. Council members were unanimous in wanting to find practical solutions in cleaning up the encampments. Johnson directed the Chief and Administration to reach out to the Phelps County Sheriff to discuss a proactive solution similar to the one in Green County, possibly utilizing the Work Release Program. There were no objections by other Councilmembers.
- D. Councilman Kessinger asked Chief Fagan for an update regarding the apprehension of Juvenile mailbox and windshield vandals. All Juveniles have been identified and two have been apprehended and charged.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Chief Fagan reiterated that if citizens see something to say something. Officers respond regarding encampment calls but it takes citizens to call and tell them where they are located.
- B. Chief Fagan also spoke on the new, 100% voluntary, Camera Registry Sharing Program and how citizens sharing their personal monitoring footage has already helped solve cases.
- C. Councilwoman Balch also spoke on the need for citizen reporting when they see something wrong.

IX. CLOSED SESSION – Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- (3) Personnel

At 8:23 P.M. a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Balch to go into closed session. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Florence, Johnson, Chirban, Fridley, Renaud, Steen, Mayberry, Higgins, Hall, Balch, and Kessinger. Nays: none.

At approximately 8:30 P.M. Council returned from Closed session where one personnel item was resolved, with the outcome to be reported within 72 hours.

X. ADJOURNMENT -

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Thurman.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR