

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024; 6:30 P.M.  
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

**Presiding:** Mayor Pro-Tem Lister Florence

**Council Members in Physical Attendance:** Joshua Vroman, Terry Higgins, Megan Johnson, Matt Fridley, Lister Florence, Jaired Hall, Rob Kessinger, Kevin Greven, Stanley Mayberry, Victoria Steen, and Tina Balch,

**Council Members Absent:** Nathan Chirban

**Newly Elected Council Members in Attendance:** Matthias Penner, Steve Jackson, and William Hahn

**Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance:** Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Public Works Director Darin Pryor, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Community Development Director Dawn Bell, City Planner Tom Coots, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan and City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus.

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

**I. OLD BUSINESS –**

- A. **Ordinance** to approve ground lease with Lions Club for the Fire Training Site. (Fire Chief Jeff Breen) City Counselor Nathan Nickolas read the ordinance for its final reading; by title, ORDINANCE 4798: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A GROUND LEASE WITH THE ROLLA LIONS CLUB FOR THE FIRE TRAINING SITE. A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Johnson to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Kessinger, Fridley, Steen, Vroman, Mayberry, Balch, Johnson, Florence, Higgins, Hall, Greven. Nays: none. Absent: Chirban
- B. **Ordinance** to enter into an agreement with Weathercraft, Inc for the City Hall Roof Coating project. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolas read the ordinance for its final reading; by title, ORDINANCE 4799: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND WEATHERCRAFT, INC. A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Kessinger to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Florence, Johnson, Fridley, Vroman, Steen, Mayberry, Higgins, Hall, Balch, Greven, Kessinger. Nays: none. Absent: Chirban.
- C. **Ordinance** to adopt the Old Town Neighborhood Plan as an element of the comprehensive Plan. (City Planner Tom Coots) City Counselor Nathan Nickolas read the ordinance for its final reading; by title, ORDINANCE 4800: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE OLD TOWN NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AS AN ELEMENT OF THE ROLLA 2020 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE 2005. A motion was made by Higgins and seconded by Fridley to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Johnson, Fridley, Steen, Vroman, Higgins, Balch, Greven, Kessinger, Florence, Hall, and Mayberry. Nays: none. Absent: Chirban.

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- D. **Motion** to accept the independent audit for fiscal year 2023; overview of preliminary Audit results presented by Michael Keenan, CPA with Hood and Associates. (Finance Director Steffanie Rogers) Michael Keenan presented an overview of the preliminary audit results. He reported no illegal acts, no changes in significant accounting policies, no difficulties with management and full cooperation from all involved. A motion was made by Balch and seconded by Hall to approve the audit results. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

## II. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Motion** to approve disposal of records pursuant to the Missouri Records Retention Law. (City Administrator John Butz) A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Fridley to approve the scheduled disposal of listed records. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.
- B. **Motion** accepting the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Certified Election Results (City Administrator John Butz) A motion was made by Hall and seconded by Fridley to accept the certified election results for the April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 General Municipal Election. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

## III. ELECTED OFFICIALS SWEARING IN CEREMONY

- A. Comments/Recognitions of Outgoing Councilmembers:
- i. Ward 1 Councilwoman Terry Higgins
  - ii. Ward 3 Councilman Lister Florence
  - iii. Ward 4 Councilman Jaired Hall
- B. Swearing-In of Newly Elected Officials:
- i. Ward 1 Councilman Mattias Penner
  - ii. Ward 2 Councilman Nathan Chirban
  - iii. Ward 3 Councilman Steve Jackson
  - iv. Ward 4 Councilman William K. Hahn II
  - v. Ward 5 Councilman Kevin Greven
  - vi. Ward 6 Councilwoman Tina Balch

City Administrator John Butz and Mayor Pro-Tempore Lister Florence recognized outgoing Council Representatives Terry Higgins, Lister Florence, and Jaired Hall for their service to the Citizens of Rolla and presented them with certificates of appreciation. City Clerk Lorri Powell swore-in 5 of the incoming Councilmembers. Councilman Chirban will be sworn in at a later date.

- C. Appointment by Council of Mayor Pro-Tempore - 1 year term. (expires April 2025) A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Kessinger to appoint Greven as Mayor Pro-Tempore. A motion was also made by Johnson to nominate Chirban as Mayor Pro-Tempore. There was no second and the motion failed. Regarding Greven as Mayor Pro-Tempore, a voice vote showed 10 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent, and 1 Abstention (Hahn).
- D. Appointment of Council Representative for P&Z Commission - 1 year term (expires April 2025) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Vroman to appoint Chirban as Council Representative for the P&Z Commission. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

IV. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** -

- A. Jonathan Kimball: Secretary Treasurer of LGBTQ+ Rolla – Mr. Kimball shared with Council the schedule of events and improvements made addressing public concerns, for the upcoming June 8<sup>th</sup> Pride event to be held at the Festival Lots and Bandshell.

V. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – None

VI. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- A. **Ordinance** amending Chapter 37 of the Rolla City code and enacting a new section enacting a sales tax at the rate of 3% for Adult Use Recreational Marijuana for General Fund needs. (City Administrator John Butz) City Counselor Nathan Nickolas read the ordinance for its first reading; by title, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 37 OF THE ROLLA CITY CODE AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION IMPLEMENTING A SALES TAX AT THE RATE OF 3% FOR ADULT USE RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA FOR GENERAL FUND NEEDS.
- B. **Resolution** authorizing subaward agreement with Missouri Department of Public Safety for the replacement of First Responder Equipment. (Fire Chief Jeff Breen) The full \$55,818 of the total approved project cost has been budgeted but this award would cover half at \$27,909. City Counselor Nathan Nickolas read the resolution for one reading; by title, RESOLUTION 2023: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE A SUBAWARD AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY REGARDING ARPA GRANT FUNDS FOR FIRST RESPONDER EQUIPMENT. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Balch to approve the resolution. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Absent.
- C. **Ordinance** to authorize contract with Raising Solution, LLC, for slab stabilization on the Highway 72 bridge. PW Director Darin Pryor shared with Council a video that explained the slab stabilization process for the Highway 72 bridge. It is estimated that 10,000 pounds or less of stabilization foam will be needed at \$3.85 per pound for a total of \$38,500, at no cost to the city as the current MoDot contract will be utilized to complete this work. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading; by title, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND RAISING SOLUTIONS, LLC.

VII. **CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS** – None

VIII. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- A. Chuck Whitmeyer – Asked whether an ordinance could be drawn up for all events regarding age appropriateness and sexually explicit material.
- B. Pat Houser – Felt the Pride event needed to have their event somewhere where it is not in open view for accidental view by children. She asked if an age limit could be set for certain activities in town.
- C. Dale Wands – Shared his frustration regarding property damage and vehicle theft at multiple addresses that has cost him approximately \$90,000 this year already.

## IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. National Tennis Month Proclamation (May 2024) Parks Director Floyd Jernigan shared Tennis clinics taking place on May 4<sup>th</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup>. Funds collected during that time will go towards the New Rolla Animal Shelter.
- B. National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week Proclamation (April 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2024) Fire Chief Breen and Police Chief Fagan shared stories of appreciation involving dispatch. Communications Chief Stacey Smith was accompanied by two Emergency Dispatch Officers, Erica Mangual and Gideon Brady.
- C. **Motion** to appoint Justin Renaud to the Parks Advisory Commission for a 3 year term. (exp. Apr 2027) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Vroman to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.
- D. **Motion** to appoint Aimee Campbell to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a 3 year term. (exp. Apr 2027) A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Johnson to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
- E. **Motion** to appoint Bradley Clay to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a 3 year term. (exp. Apr 2027) A motion was made by Hahn and seconded by Balch to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
- F. **Motion** to re-appoint of Jeremy Jamison to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a 3 year term. (exp. Apr 2027) A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Kessinger to approve the re-appointment. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
- G. **Motion** to appoint Tina Balch as Council Representative to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a 3 year term. (exp. Apr 2027) A motion was made by Vroman and seconded by Kessinger to approve the appointment. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
- H. **Motion** to re-appoint Ken Kwantes to the Park Advisory Board for a 3 year term. (exp. May 2027) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Balch to approve the re-appointment. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent
- I. **Motion** to re-appoint Jacob Rohter to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a 3 year term. (exp. Apr 2027) A motion was made by Fridley and seconded by Hahn to approve the re-appointment. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

## X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Next Meeting Date, Monday, May 6, 2024
- B. Councilman Vroman commented that board vacancies were remaining vacant for too long. Councilwoman Johnson added that she had expressed that concern a month ago. Councilman Vroman stated that he would like more information and more time for consideration before approving appointments. Councilman Vroman further suggested an ordinance that would allow Council to nominate board appointments that remain vacant or expired after a specified amount of time.

- C. Councilwoman Balch recognized Election Judge Gaylin Johnson who passed away August 2023, for his service to the community.
- D. Councilwoman Johnson shared that last Saturday, 22 teams from across Missouri participated in a 1 day baseball tournament hosted by Rolla Sliders Baseball Club. There were over 900 in attendance and many stayed in local hotels and were patrons at local restaurants.
- E. City Administrator John Butz asked City Counselor Nathan Nickolas to share his experiences with how the cities of Branson, Ashland, and Sedalia addressed Drag events. Counselor Nickolaus shared that banning Drag shows all together was unconstitutional as it is protected by the 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment unless found to be sexually explicit. The Resolution passed by Council in 2023 supported the enforcement of same. The State Statute is very detailed about what is considered to be, sexually explicit. The City cannot legally be in the position where they are distinguishing who can use public property based on content.

XI. **CLOSED SESSION** –

- A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021- (12) Sealed Proposals

At 8:41 p.m. a motion was made by Kessinger and seconded by Vroman to go into closed session. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Mayberry, Balch, Greven, Vroman, Steen, Kessinger, Jackson, Penner, Johnson, Fridley, and Hahn. Nays: none. Absent: Chirban.

At 9:07 p.m. Council returned from closed session with no reportable actions.

XII. **ADJOURNMENT** -

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Powell.

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CITY CLERK

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MAYOR