

**ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2024; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET**

Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Mattias Penner, Joshua Vroman, Megan Johnson, Nathan Chirban, Steve Jackson, Matt Fridley, William Hahn, Kevin Greven, Rob Kessinger, Victoria Steen and Tina Balch

Council Members Absent: Stanley Mayberry (resigned 09/03/24)

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

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:
1. City Council Minutes – October 7th, 2024
 2. City Council Closed Session Minutes – October 21st, 2024
 3. City Council Minutes – October 21st, 2024
 4. Council Workshop Minutes for October 28th, 2024

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Vroman to accept the minutes. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, Zero Nays, and 1 Absent.

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

- a. Environmental Services Department Monthly Report September 2024
- b. Police Department Monthly Report – September 2024
- c. Animal Control Division Report – September 2024
- d. The Centre Income Statement ending September 2024
- e. City of Rolla Financials ending September 30th, 2024
- f. P&Z Commission Minutes for October 15th, 2024
- g. Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Minutes for May 30th, 2024

Comments were made regarding the September Centre report that reflected 90 new memberships and 123 membership cancellations. The three primary factors for cancelled membership are utilization, relocating from the area and cost. Results of close-out surveys received from past members, were requested to be shared with Council.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS – None

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IV. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

- A. Rolla Area Sister City Association (RASCA)-History, Kristkindl Market & Lichternacht – Klaus Woelk and Jeff Sandquist. A history was shared of the Sister City Association and how Sonderhausen, Germany came to be selected as Rolla’s Sister City. Lichternacht is scheduled for Friday, December 6th at 5:30 PM with the tree lighting at 7:15 PM. December 7th is the 12th Annual Christkindle Market from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM, which has been relocated to the Downtown Festival Lot.

V. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** to rezone 645 Houston Rd from R-1, Suburban Residential to the R-3- Multi-family Residential District. (City Planner Tom Coots) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading by title: ORDINANCE 4829: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE RE-ZONING OF PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 645 HOUSTON RD FROM THE R-1, SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE R-3, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT. A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Chirban to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Kessinger, Fridley, Steen, Vroman, Chirban, Balch, Johnson, Jackson, Penner, Hahn, and Greven. Nays: none and Absent: none
- B. **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with Donald Maggi for Project 541 -2A – Animal Shelter Kennel Slab. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading by title: ORDINANCE 4830: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND DONALD MAGGI INC. A motion was made by Hahn and seconded by Greven to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Jackson, Johnson, Chirban, Fridley, Vroman, Steen, Penner, Hahn, Balch, Greven, and Kessinger. Nays: none Absent: none

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. **Resolution** to approve the 2nd 5-year extension of a land lease agreement for the mulch/composting site to the Phelps County Landfill Board. (Environmental Services Director, Roger Pankey) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the resolution for one reading by title: RESOLUTION 2049: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LAND LEASE EXTENSION BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA AND THE PHELPS COUNTY LANDFILL BOARD FOR LAND USED AS THE COMPOST/MULCH SITE. A motion was made by Chirban and seconded by Vroman to approve the resolution. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, and none Absent.

VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. **Motion to award** bid to Schaefer Carts for the purchase of 1,200 refuse carts. (Env. Serv. Director Roger Pankey) A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Kessinger to award the bid for \$62,292. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero Nays, and zero Absent

VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION – None

IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Councilman Vroman shared sexual abuse statistics and presented a draft ordinance to Council proposing background checks to include all facilities owned by the City of Rolla. The City currently requires background checks on youth sports leagues utilizing City fields. Conflicting opinions regarding necessity, broadness of impact and responsibility of parents, eventually ended with a show of hands agreeing for the topic to be placed on a future agenda for further consideration.
- B. Councilman Kessinger asked the Mayor for the status on the Fluoride discussion and shared further medical journal information connecting the use of fluoride with hypothyroidism. Mayor Magdits stated that he has reached out to a pediatric dentist to speak on the subject. Council expressed interest in hearing from both sides of this issue.
- C. Councilman Vroman asked about the \$30K place holder in the budget, to support drug and alcohol prevention programs. City Administrator John Butz stated he could have an RFP prepared within the next couple meetings for Council consideration.

X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Election Day – Mayor Magdits reminded everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 5th, 2024
- B. Christmas Unwrapped will be held on November 9th, 2024, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM to kick off the holiday season.
- C. Councilman Greven shared that due to lack of registration, the Veteran’s Day Parade that was scheduled for November 9th, 2024, has been cancelled.
- D. Next Meeting Date, Monday, November 18th, 2024

XI. CLOSED SESSION –

- A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021, (2) Real Estate (1) Legal
At 7:51 PM, a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Penner, to go into closed session. A roll call vote showed the following: Ayes: Hahn, Chirban, Greven, Vroman, Steen, Kessinger, Penner, Balch, Johnson, Fridley, and Jackson. Nays: none Absent: none

At 8:42, Council returned from closed session with 1 reportable action to release a draft ordinance on overnight shelters.

XII. ADJOURNMENT -

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:43 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by City Clerk Lorri Powell.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR