

## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 20, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve Dean at 7:04 PM at Le Roy City Hall, 207 S East Street, Le Roy. Council members present were Matt Steffen, Ron Legner, Patti Welander, Justin Morfey, Dawn Hanafin, Kyle Merkle and Kelly Lay. Sarah Welte was absent.

Staff members present were Jason Williamson, Dan Lush, Dave Jenkins, and Anita Corso.

There were no comments from the public.

Included on the consent agenda were Regular Meeting Minutes from 11/6/2023, invoices from 11/20/2023 totaling \$ 93,993.16, payroll for the period of 11/17/2023 in the amount of \$47,475.41.

The items of the consent agenda were voted on separately.

Motion was made by Patti and seconded by Matt for approval of the Council Meeting Minutes. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- abstain, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Motion was made by Matt and seconded by Justin for approval of the invoices and payroll. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin - abstain, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nays, 1 abstain.

Staff Reports: Dan reported the Christmas lights are up and will be left on overnight to make sure they stay on. The two large trees will then be turned off until Light Up Le Roy on Saturday. He also expressed concern over setting a precedent over a waterway on any single property while giving an overview of Golden Eagle drainage. He also stated the Gaultney Park sign has been installed.

Dave reported the DG Market plan review is in process; the MetroNet release date is coming closer; and gave a brief overview of the Retail Live conference he and Justin attended.

Noah O'Brien presented his Eagle Scout project for council approval. He is building a GaGa Ball area at a park of council's choosing. Noah described the game, the details of the build and answered questions. Patti made a motion, seconded by Kelly, to approve construction of the GaGa Ball area at Gaultney Park with park department funds totaling no more than \$2,000.00.

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Roll Call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays. In closing, the Mayor requested GaGa Ball lessons as part of ParkFest next fall.

Motion was made by Justin and seconded by Dawn for approval of the Retail Strategies Academy program through data collection and analysis as described within the “Scope of Services” proposal totaling \$25,000. Discussion included concerns over marketing support, who chooses which businesses to solicit, if there are other sources for the same information, as well as marketing options and the lack of available man-hours to make the program work. Justin amended the motion, seconded by Dawn, to approve the Retail Strategies Academy or similar data collection company program up to a maximum of \$25,000 as well as earmark an additional \$25,000 for a part time position to assist the program and up to an additional \$10,000 for directional signage in the City right-of-way to direct traffic to local businesses. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Matt was seconded by Kyle for approval of the professional services quote dated November 14, 2023 from SKS Engineers, LLC totaling \$2,100.50 for the structural inspection of the old Town Hall building. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

**ORD No. 23-11-02-20** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF APPROXIMATELY 6.0 ACRES IN PARCEL #30-28-100-038 TO POINDEXTER TRUCKING, LLC for \$19,200 per acre. Motion to approve by Patti was seconded by Matt. Roll call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion by Patti was seconded by Kelly for approval to allocate \$1,000 from the General Fund to purchase Christmas Gift Cards for city employees and Zoning Board members. Discussion included who all was included and the possibility of adding others concluding the current list was sufficient. Roll Call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

In Old and New Business Patti and Kelly relayed complaints about loose dogs – especially in Ward One.

Mayor Dean reminded everyone Light Up Le Roy begins at 3:30 pm Sat 11/25. It’s also Small Business Saturday. He also discussed complaints by business owners about the parking issue

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downtown. Mostly about cars there all day when it's marked as 2 hour parking. He is currently working with the police and code compliance for a solution.

At 8:20 PM a motion was made by Matt and seconded by Kelly to enter executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(6) - Setting a price for sale or lease of City owned property. Specifically, the sale or lease of the 11.54 acres of city owned property on Bicentennial Drive, (County Highway 21). Roll Call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

At 9:03 PM a motion made by Kyle was seconded by Patti to return to regular session. Roll Call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle- yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Motion was made by Kelly and seconded by Kyle to adjourn the regular council meeting. Roll Call: Matt Steffen-yes, Dawn Hanafin -yes, Patti Welander-yes, Ron Legner-yes, Kyle Merkle-yes, Kelly Lay- yes, Justin Morfey-yes. Motion carried 7 yeas, 0 nays.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Submitted by,

Anita Corso,  
City Clerk