

ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 21st, 2025; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET

Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV

Council Members in Physical Attendance: Andrew Behrendt, Nathan Chirban, Aaron Pace, William Hahn, Tom McNeven, Kevin Greven, David Shelby and Tina Balch.

Council Members Absent: Mattias Penner, August Rolufs, Steve Jackson and Micheal Dickens

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

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS -

A. **Public hearing and ordinance** to approve the re-zoning of property located at 931 Meriweather Road from the R-3, Multi-Family Residential District to the P, Public District. (City Planner Tom Coots)

At 6:32 p.m. Mayor Magdits officially opened the public hearing. City Planner Tom Coots explained that the applicant, Rolla Municipal Utilities, recently purchased the subject property and intends to use the property for a booster pump station to maintain water pressure in the area. Chad Davis, RMU Engineering Manager, shared that the building, similar to that being constructed on Nagogami Drive, will be a 12'x20' concrete brick building with a metal roof accessible from Meriweather Rd. Only the necessary trees will be removed for construction and once completed, noise pollution will not be a concern. City Administrator John Butz suggested a picture of a comparable RMU facility be emailed for distribution to the council. With there being no further comments, at 6:42 p.m., Mayor Magdits closed the public hearing. City Counselor Nathan Nickolous read the Ordinance for its first reading: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE RE-ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 931 MERIWEATHER RD FROM THE R-3, MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE P, PUBLIC DISTRICT.

II. CONSENT AGENDA –

A. **Motion** to accept Utility Easement from Curators of the University of Missouri. PW Director Darin Pryor explained that the University of Missouri preferred for the easement to be granted to the City of Rolla for the purpose of the construction of a new water main west of Watts Drive. A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Behrendt to accept the utility easement. A voice vote showed: 8 ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent.

III. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** –

- A. Rebecca West, MS&T Engagement/Outreach Program Manager shared plans for the 16th Annual Celebration of Nations, Saturday, September 20th, 2025. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m and will display 160 different flags. Live performances will be on three separate stages. Additional financial and advertising support was made possible by The Route 66 Centennial Commission to help broaden regional attendance.

IV. **OLD BUSINESS** –

- A. **Ordinance** amending Section 2-168 of the Rolla City Code pertaining to severance pay for the City Administrator. (City Administrator John Butz) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4869: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-168 OF THE ROLLA CITY CODE AND ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-168 PERTAINING TO THE REMOVAL OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR. A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Pace, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Hahn, Shelby, Balch, McNeven, Chirban, Pace, Greven, and Behrendt. Nays: none. Absent: Penner, Jackson, Rolufs, and Dickens.
- B. **Ordinance** to approve a tower lease agreement with Wisper ISP, LLC. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4870: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND WISPER ISP LLC. A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Greven, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: McNeven, Shelby, Greven, Behrendt, Balch, Pace, Hahn, and Chirban. Nays: none. Absent: Penner, Jackson, Rolufs, and Dickens.
- C. **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with Pierce Asphalt for FY 2025 Asphalt Phase IV, Project 604. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4871: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND PIERCE ASPHALT, LLC. A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Behrendt, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Shelby, Greven, McNeven, Behrendt, Balch, Hahn, Chirban, and Pace. Nays: none. Absent: Penner, Rolufs, Jackson, and Dickens.

V. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- A. **Resolution** authorizing the execution of the Grant Agreement through the Delta Regional Authority for stormwater improvements. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the resolution for one reading by title: RESOLUTION 2069: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING THROUGH THE DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY FOR STORMWATER IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE RELATED DOCUMENTS. These improvements will begin next spring and will last all summer. PW Director Pryor has already began preparing the Downtown Businesses for the disruption and will continue to stay in close contact/communication throughout the project. A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Balch, to approve the resolution accepting the DRA grant and authorized the City Administrator to execute related documents. A voice vote showed: 8 Ayes, zero Nays, and 4 Absent.

VI. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. **Motion** to award contract to McQueen Emergency for the purchase of 10 sets of Athletics Turnout Gear. Fire Chief Jeff Breen shared that 1/3 of the Department gear gets replaced every year and has an overall life of 10 years. The City was fortunate to be awarded 50% grants for 2024 and 2025. A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Behrendt to award the bid to McQueen Emergency for \$56,250. A voice vote showed: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent.
- B. **Motion** to award bid to Wayde’s Equipment for a 2025 zero turn radius mower. (Park Director Floyd Jernigan) The mowers usually have a life of 7-10 years and then transferred to the airport. A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Chirban to award the bid to Wayde’s Equipment for \$19,047.41. A voice vote showed: 8 Ayes, 0 Nays, 4 Absent.

VII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION - None

VIII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Councilmember Balch shared her experience of Child Safety Day at Lions Club Park where she served on behalf of BPAC.
- B. Mayor Magdits recognized the Rolla Public Library for their successful summer reading program where 17,000 books have been read. Further compliments were made by Councilmember’s Balch and Shelby.
- C. City Administrator John Butz reminded Council of the September Annual MML Conference and that Council will need to make a decision at the next August 4th meeting, as to the rescheduling of the September 15th meeting.

IX. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Next Meeting Date, Monday, August 4th, 2025

X. CLOSED SESSION –

- A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – (9) Union Negotiations

At 7:13 p.m., a motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Shelby, to go into closed session. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Chirban, Pace, Greven, Behrendt, Hahn, Shelby, Balch, and McNeven. Nays: none. Absent: Penner, Rolufs, Jackson, Dickens.

At 7:42 p.m., Council returned from closed session where there were not final actions taken.

XI. ADJOURNMENT -

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:42 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR