

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

Presiding: Mayor Pro-Tempore Kevin Greven

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

Council Members Absent: Ward 1 Vacancy, Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Public Works Director Darin Pryor, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Community Development Director Dawn Bell, Environmental Service Director Roger Pankey, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, City Planner Tom Coots, Interim Centre Recreation Director Josh Stephens, Police Major Will Loughridge, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, City Administrator John Butz, Incoming City Administrator Keith Riesberg, and City Counselor Nathan Nickolas.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Kevin Greven called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and asked Councilwoman Balch to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. CONSENT AGENDA –

- A. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:
 - A. City Council Minutes – September 2nd, 2025
 - B. Closed Session Minutes – September 2nd, 2025
 - C. City Council Minutes – September 17th, 2025
 - D. City Council Workshop Minutes – September 17th, 2025

A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Jackson, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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

- a) Environmental Services Department Monthly Report August 2025
- b) Building Codes monthly report – August 2025
- c) Rolla Municipal Court summary – August 2025
- d) Police Department Monthly Report – August 2025
- e) Animal Control Division Report – August 2025
- f) The Centre Income Statement ending August 2025
- g) Fire Incident Report for August 2025
- h) City of Rolla Financials for August 2025

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS -

- A. **Public Hearing and Ordinance** to approve the renaming of Sandstone Street to Sandstone Drive. (City Planner Tom Coots) Mayor Pro-Tempore Kevin Greven opened the public hearing at 6:36 pm. Larry Tate from 1829 Sandstone, thanked council for their consideration and reminded them that he had personally spoken with all 22 residents that would be affected by this name change; all of which were supportive. At approximately 6:40 pm, with no further comments, the public hearing was closed. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE TO CHANGE THE NAME OF SANDSTONE STREET TO SANDSTONE DRIVE.

IV. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

At this time, Mayor Pro-Tempore Greven, chose to address agenda item X.B. regarding the Homecoming parade. Ms. Zervos shared the details of the upcoming RHS Homecoming parade, scheduled on October 16th on Rolla Street.

V. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** to approve Preliminary Engineering Agreement with BNSF for 18th/Bardley Roundabout. (Public Works Director) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4877: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Behrendt, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Rolufs, Behrendt, Chirban, Pace, Jackson, Hahn, McNeven, Greven, Shelby, Dickens, and Balch. Nays: none.
- B. **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with MoDOT for Transportation Alternatives Funds Agreement to replace 45 non-compliant curb ramps. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4878: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CERTAIN TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVE FUNDS PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF APPROXIMATELY 45 ADA CURB RAMPS. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Balch, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Balch, Dickens, Chirban, Greven, Jackson, Hahn, McNeven, Pace, Shelby, Behrendt, And Rolufs. Nays: None.
- C. **Ordinance** amending Sec.31-3 of the Rolla City Code pertaining to Park Hours. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Jackson, to amend Section 1 of the ordinance to read, "...nighttime activities or when Parks...". The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Behrendt read portions of an email received from Megan Johnson. Park's Director Floyd Jernigan listed for Council actions taken by his department to combat criminal activity. Police Chief Fagan shared that his department strongly supported the proposed ordinance. Criminal statistics shared from January 1st through the end of September reflected that from the hours of 12:00 am to 6:00 am there had been 246 calls and 59 arrests in the Rolla Parks. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4879: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODE REGARDING PARK HOURS as amended. A motion was made by Pace, seconded by Jackson, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Behrendt, Jackson, Shelby, Greven, Rolufs, Pace, Chirban, Balch, and McNeven. Nays: Dickens and Hahn.

- D. **Ordinance** approving a CUP to allow an Agricultural Business Use (golf driving range) in the R-1, Suburban Residential district at 1905 Country Ridge Rd. (City Planner Tom Coots) Community Development Director Dawn Bell explained the purpose for general CUP usage which gives opportunity for discretionary review by City.

A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Behrendt to amend Section 2, #6, to read, “tee boxes beyond original ten”.

The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Pace, to amend Section 2, #5, to read, “range and all driving and parking surfaces is prohibited beyond permissible security lighting such as dusk to dawn. Motion passed with 9 Ayes, and 2 Nays (Chirban and Balch).

City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4880: AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR PROPERTY ADDRESSED AS 1905 COUNTRY RIDGE RD FOR AN AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS USE (GOLF DRIVING RANGE) IN THE R-1 SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT as amended. A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Jackson, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Hahn, Jackson, Shelby, Balch, McNEven, Chirban, Rolufs, Greven, and Behrendt. Nays: Dickens and Pace.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS** –

- A. **Ordinance** authorizing a Municipal Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission for repairs to the 10th Street (Route BB) bridge over the railroad. Public Works Director, Darin Pryor explained that this uncommon agreement would allow close city streets and detour traffic during the project. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.
- B. **Ordinance** prohibiting parking on Little Oaks Road between Route 63 and Rolla Street. PW Director Darin Pryor stated that the existing roadway on Little Oaks between Route 63 and Rolla Street, is not wide enough to allow parking. The road is scheduled for construction in 2026, in which it will be widened, and parking will again be allowed on one side of the street. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-92 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, RELATING TO PARKING.
- C. **Ordinance** authoring the execution of an Airport Infrastructure Grant Agreement with the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI A CERTAIN AIRPORT INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.
- D. **Ordinance** regarding the rights and duties of pedestrians and motorists in roadways and intersections. (Police Chief Sean Fagan) This proposed ordinance has been written for pedestrian safety and for the prevention of traffic flow obstructions/distractions at major thoroughfares within the City of Rolla. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading by title: An Ordinance Regarding the Rights and Duties of Pedestrians and Motorists in Roadways and Intersections.

- E. **Ordinance** to amend Chapter 18 of the City Code pertaining to trash service fees. Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey reported that the Environmental Services budget has operated at a deficit in three of the past four fiscal years. As a result, an increase in trash service fees is necessary to maintain service levels and ensure the long-term financial sustainability of the program. The ordinance was erroneously not included in the packet and so this item will be brought back to council for a first reading the October 20th.
- F. **Discussion/Motion** to ratify the Centre's Natatorium (indoor pool)-continued operation. (City Administrator John Butz) A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Behrendt, to direct the staff to continue to operate the natatorium to the extent possible with the constraints of the budget. The motion passed with a voice vote of 9 Ayes and 2 Nays (Balch and Chirban).

VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. **Motion** to award bid to Fabick Cat for a Caterpillar 430 Backhoe. (PW Director Darin Pryor)
A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Pace, to award the bid to Fabick Cat for \$152,645 using the Sourcwell program. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- B. **Motion** to award bid to:
- a. Rush Truck Centers of Missouri for the purchase of an International HV507 truck. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Hahn, to award the bid for \$132,918.92. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
 - b. Viking-Cives Midwest for a 16' dump bed. (PW Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Pace, to award the bid for \$118,426. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- C. **Motion** to ratify City Administration's renewal with Sunlife for excess coverage for health insurance. (City Administrator, John Butz) Sunlife stop-loss coverage took effect on October 1st for 12 months for FY 2025-2026 and will maintain the current \$100,000 deductible. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Chirban to ratify the renewal. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Collin Gentry asked for an update regarding pool design services talked about at a previous Council meeting.
- B. Doug Neogi thanked Council for voting to keep the pool open through the April election and expressed that the natatorium was an important tool in the retention of university personnel.
- C. David Dukes voiced his dissatisfaction with what he views as a misalignment of the City's priorities.

IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Jackson asked City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus about legislation regarding Video Gambling Machines and the lawsuit being pursued by the City of Springfield. City Counselor Nickolaus advised nothing had progressed legislatively and that the City of Springfield had dropped their lawsuit.
- B. Discussion was had about the student crossing at the Hwy 63/Tim Bradley Way round about and how student should be encouraged to cross at the tunnel for a safer experience.
- C. Jackson asked for an update regarding a citizen/stakeholder Coalition to address the homeless issue. City Administrator John Butz stated he would follow-up with Mayor Magdits on his intent.

- D. Jackson also commented on the sign ordinance and how it is a repeat topic regarding enforcement of same during elections.
- E. Chirban asked about a proposed ordinance outlining street and parking lot closures. City Administrator John Butz replied that this was actively being worked on.
- F. Behrendt later commented that perhaps the Homeless Task Force in Jefferson City would send someone that could come speak about their experiences. Rolufs commented that this issue wasn't unique to Rolla and was increasing everywhere.

X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Next City Council meeting, Monday, October 20th.
- B. Gina Zervos – RHS Director of Communications: 2025 Homecoming Parade on Thursday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. Note: This item was addressed in section IV.
- C. Fire Chief Jeff Breen spoke on Fire Safety Month and the theme, “Charge into Safety”, a topic highlighting the dangers of Lithium Ion batteries.
- D. Incoming City Administrator Keith Riesberg shared his sentiments regarding the high-quality service he has observed among City employees, noting a strong team spirit and high-performing culture across the organization. He also provided updates, including the Rolla Police Department receiving a \$50,000 grant through the Blue Shield Community Initiative and the Rolla City Fire Department receiving a \$54,000 grant from Homeland Security; both cited as examples of the positive impact of Council support on key initiatives.
- E. Mayor Pro-Tempore Kevin Greven reported that, following conversations with Aimee Campbell (RACC Tourism Director) and Lonna Sowers (President of RDBA), statistics indicate that last Saturday's Downtown Craft Festival was the largest to date, featuring 113 vendors.
- F. Jackson shared that City Administrator John Butz had represented the City at the Homecoming activities and ribbon cutting for the new Mo S&T Welcome Center. He also shared that the RMU Director position has been posted.
- G. City Administrator John Butz shared that the asbestos results regarding the Sharp Road property have come in and the City is now soliciting proposals for possible development.

XI. CLOSED SESSION – Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – NONE

XII. ADJOURNMENT - With nothing further to discuss, Mayor Pro-Tempore Greven adjourned the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR