

ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 2nd, 2026; 6:30 P.M.
ROLLA CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
901 NORTH ELM STREET

Presiding: Mayor Louis J. Magdits IV

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

Council Members Absent: Ward 1 Vacancy and Tom McNeven

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Public Works Director Darin Pryor, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Major Will Loughridge, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Community Development Director Dawn Bell, Parks Director Floyd Jernigan, City Administrator Keith Riesberg and City Counselor James Klahr

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

I. CONSENT AGENDA –

A. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:

1. City Council Minutes – February 2nd, 2026
2. City Council Minutes – February 17th, 2026

A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Hahn, 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 – January 2026
- b) Building Codes monthly report – January 2026
- c) Rolla Police Department monthly report – January 2026
- d) Animal Control monthly report – January 2026
- e) Rolla Municipal Court summary – January 2026
- f) Fire Incident Report for January 2026
- g) Centre monthly report – January 2026
- h) City of Rolla financials – January 2026
- i) Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC) minutes for May 5, 2025
- j) City Project Tracking Spreadsheet (as of 02/25/26)

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

IV. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

- A. Stevie Kearse, RACC 4th Quarter Tourism Report & EOY Benchmarks 2025. 2026 is the 100th Anniversary of Route 66. Planning has been in place for 2 years, including the purchase and placement of the Route 66 monument at Buehler Park and other events that are being planned. Aimee Campbell, Tourism Director shared tourism advertising efforts; website, social media, billboards, all advertising a variety of local events and encouraging local commerce. An E-newsletter is also available as well as text alerts. Active outreach is made to the Fort Leonard Wood

soldiers and their families. Stevie Kearse talked about benchmarks that are outlined in the contract between the City of Rolla and the Chamber of Commerce. \$75K in local grants were awarded in 2025 to approximately 36 applicants.

- B. Mayor Louis Magdits presented a Route 66 Proclamation to the Route 66/Summerfest committee members that were present. Jim Larson shared the significance of Route 66 to the Rolla area. He's expecting 250 cars to attend the Route 66 Car show at Summerfest this year. Rachel Guth shared that Thursday, June 4th will be the parade for Summerfest.
- C. Rebecca Buckley, Director of the Rolla Public Library, shared some of the statistics from the 2025 Annual Report of the Rolla Public Library. She praised her team and all involved in the success of the library. She shared examples of the many regular programs available to the public. She also shared that the library is anticipating losing \$8000 of funding due to government funding though it is being appealed at the state level. Besides the promotion of books and audiobooks, they provide a lot of assistance for basic technological needs, resumes and homeschooling. Leaking of the side windows are also being dealt with. The library is separate from the City of Rolla. It has its own taxing jurisdiction and board of directors.
- D. Mayor Magdits presented a proclamation for March as Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month. Jordan McConahey shared her personal experience with Colorectal Cancer and her efforts to advocate and educate others through the diagnosis and treatment journey.

V. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. Ordinance pertaining to false alarm response. Major William Loughridge asked that Council proceed with the second reading of the ordinance as originally proposed. The ordinance is consistent with that of the International Association of Chief's of Police as well as other agencies researched. As written, there would be three documented responses before any fines are assigned for civil fee recoupment of costs associated with responding. Discussion was had regarding the unnecessary criminalization of violators and options for an appeal process.

A motion was made by Hahn, to amend Section (H) to state Administrative and Judicial review and to strike the last sentence of Section (H) and replace it with, "Judicial review may be sought in Circuit Court of the Missouri Constitution Article 5, Section 14 and as provided in RSMO 536.150 among others." Motion was seconded by Rolufs. Motion failed by voice vote with 3 Ayes (Rolufs, Behrendt, Hahn) and 7 Nays.

A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Jackson to amend the last sentence of Section (H) to read, "The decision shall be final, subject to any appeal rights provided by law". Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Jackson to amend Section (F) to read only as, "False alarm fees shall apply whenever there is a false alarm as defined above." Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4898: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6-20 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA REGARDING ALARM SYSTEMS AND FALSE ALARM RESPONSES. A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Jackson to approve the ordinance as amended. A roll call vote showed. Ayes: Behrendt, Jackson, Dickens, Shelby, Greven, Hahn, Rolufs, Pace, Chirban and Balch. Nays: None.

- B. Ordinance establishing the sewer rate for customers outside the city limits. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: **ORDINANCE 4899: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 35 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, RELATING TO SEWERS AND WATER.** A motion was made by Pace, seconded by Jackson to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed. Ayes: Hahn, dickens, Jackson, Shelby, Balch, Chirban, Rolufs, Pace, Greven, and Behrendt. Nays: none.
- C. Ordinance amending compensation of the Mayor. City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: **ORDINANCE 4900: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-69 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Pace to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed. Ayes: Dickens, Rolufs, Shelby, Behrendt, Balch, Pace, Jackson, Hahn, and Chirban. Nays: none. Abstain: Greven.
- D. Ordinance pertaining to the sale and possession of Kratom, 7-OH, Delta-8, and Delta-9. (Police Chief Sean Fagan) Mayor Magdits chose at this time to hear from the citizens regarding this topic:
1. John Grady – Hemp Farmer- spoke in opposition of the ordinance and suggested a different direction and age gating at 21 years of age.
 2. Nova Bennet: Spoke in opposition of the ordinance.
 3. Jay Patel - President of Missouri Hemp Trade Association- Educated Council on the difference between the three products in question. He spoke in favor of regulating the 7-hydroxy products but not the Kratom products.
 4. Brett Damouski, local business owner and seller of said products, spoke in favor of regulating 7OH products and age gating Kratom sales at 21 years old plus. He’s opposed to the regulation of Hemp products.
 5. Zephyryn Milbrandt questioned a specific section 19-26 of the ordinance and what it means for possession of products.
 6. Josh Patrick, Pastor of local recovery ministry, spoke on money being the motivation behind those not wanting these products to be regulated.
 7. Anne – Spoke in opposition of the ordinance.
 8. Kara – Spoke as a small business and the benefits of having these products in small stores besides dispensaries. Spoke in favor of people having freedom on where they purchase products.
 9. Citizen – Spoke in favor of Kratom and how it helped him in managing his Opiate addiction.
 10. David Dukes – Commented on small businesses outside of dispensaries not having licenses or regulations.
- Police Chief Fagan clarified that this ordinance was specifically Delta 8, Delta 9, and Kratom that are not regulated and being sold in stores outside of dispensaries. In the discussion the ensued, Council expressed that they didn’t feel educated enough to vote on this final version. Many expressed the desire for age gating at 21 years of age and the possibility of separating the different products into different ordinances. It was suggested to have disinterested parties come to educate Council. City Administrator Keith Riesberg asked that Council forward all questions that they have, so staff knows where to focus their efforts. A motion was made by Rolufs, seconded by Hahn, to postpone the 2nd reading for two weeks, to be amended and presented at the March 16th meeting. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Ordinance amending Section 27-88 of the City Code to reflect the restriction of left turns from Holmes to Salem Ave., only during school days. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: **ORDINANCE 4901: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-88 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO NO TURNS.** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Pace, to approve the ordinance. A roll call

vote showed: Ayes: Behrendt, Jackson, Chirban, Pace, Dickens, Rolufs, Shelby, Balch, and Hahn. Nays: None Absent: Greven

Note: Greven returned to room right after the vote.

- F. Ordinance to enter into agreement with Pierce Asphalt, LLC, for Project 608, FY26 Asphalt Phase I. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4902: 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 Jackson, seconded Behrendt to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed. Ayes: Behrendt, Jackson, Hahn (passed then voted aye on return), Pace, Dickens, Rolufs, Greven, Balch, Shelby and Chirban. Nays: none

VI. NEW BUSINESS –

- A. Natatorium Update – Mayor Magdits updated Council the natatorium and what is going to be asked of Council. The goal of keeping the 1900 members unimpacted thus far has been successful. There are no membership price changes being made at this time. The transition is going well.
- B. Discussion on Centre Budget Amendment – Functioning as it is now, the natatorium is going to be functioning at an approximate \$25,000 monthly loss. That doesn't include another \$8,500 in fixed costs associated with the building (insurance etc.) If Council closes the natatorium, there will still be the \$8,500 in fixed cost and approximately \$10,000 monthly loss. Council is being asked by staff, to make two decisions at the next Council meeting. Whether to keep the natatorium open and for how long and then to approve a budget adjustment. At the end of March the \$400,000 previously budgeted by Council will run out. City Administrator Keith Riesberg explained that staff needs to know how to move forward. Mr. Riesberg has created a model that shows Council will need an addition \$250,000 to keep the natatorium open through the end of the fiscal year (September 30th). That money would come from the reserve funds. If Council decides to close the natatorium, there will still be slightly less amount but that won't be known until the February financials come in. The City has engaged with Cordogan Clark on the reimaging of the natatorium space. These ideas will be presented to Council as a future meeting to view. The next big milestone for Council will be the end of May, when the ballot wording is chosen for the August election. If it passes, the money will start to be collected in December. The next Council will have to fund the Center through the end of December. If it fails, it will not be able to be brought to the voters again for a full year. Citizen input is needed.

VII. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. Motion to award bid and Ordinance to enter into agreement with Sak Construction for Project 610 – 2026 Sanitary Sewer CIPP Repairs. (PW Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Pace, to award the bid to Sak Construction for \$313,281. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT FOR PROJECT 610 BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND SAK CONSTRUCTION, LLC.
- B. Motion to accept quote from Forward Slash for a new phone system. (Finance Director Steffanie Rogers) A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Hahn, to accept the phone quote from Forward Slash. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

1. Elizabeth Sperry, invited everyone to the Annual Rolla Optimist Club Oratorical at the Rolla Middle School on Wednesday.

IX. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Discussion regarding RREC Board Appointments – Mayor Magdits gave a brief history of RREC. The city, as a founding stakeholder, has a board member position. The City has 3 at large positions (3 year staggered terms). However, there is one member that is chosen by Council. The Mayor has served the position both as a Councilmember and now the Mayor. There are no restrictions on who they appoint, but it is something to consider between now and April.
- B. Discussion on Sewer Policy – Staff needs a policy on providing sewer service to people outside the city limits. How does the city make a decision on whether or not to provide services to those residents? In the past, the city has had the option to annex the property. City staff will write a white paper on what they want and why they want it and recommendations for policy. This will be provided to Council in a workshop to critique before creating an ordinance. This will come back to council after April.
- C. Steve Jackson shared that per the earlier hemp conversation, House Bill 2641 got passed by the House and is being considered by Senate.

X. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Next City Council meeting, Monday, March 16th, 2026.
- B. Information regarding St. Patrick's Day Festivities (PW Director Darin Pryor)
- C. 32nd Annual Hot Rod Power Tour – Rolla will be a pit stop on June 11 which will bring an estimated 1500 cars to the downtown area. (Darin Pryor)
- D. Rolla Parks and Recreation events: Great Egg Scavenger Hunt – March 23-28th and the Easter Bone Hunt – April 4th. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan)
- E. Councilman Hahn asked Fire Chief Breen to speak about burning in the city limits. Burn bans are announced on the radio, social media and the website. Open burns require a burn permit which can be obtained at the fire station or online.

XI. CLOSED SESSION - Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – (1) Litigation

At 9:55 pm a motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Chirban, to go into closed session. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Greven, Behrendt, Balch, Hahn, Jackson, Rolufs, Shelby, Dickens, Chirban, and Pace. Nays: none.

At 10:20 pm, Council returned from closed session where there were no final actions taken.

XII. ADJOURNMENT -

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 pm.

City Clerk

Mayor

