



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, June 1, 2026 at 6:30 pm

Please Note: The Council Meeting will be conducted at [Rolla City Hall, 901 North Elm Street, Rolla, MO 65401](#). Citizens are encouraged to watch the proceedings live on the City of Rolla, Missouri YouTube page at https://www.youtube.com/@City_of_Rolla/streams

PRESIDING: MAYOR LISTER B. FLORENCE JR.

COUNCIL ROLL: MELISSA GANZ, AUGUST ROLUFS, ANDREW BEHRENDT, NATHAN CHIRBAN, STEVE JACKSON, AARON PACE, SUE BROWN, TOM MCNEVEN, ELIZABETH SPERRY, DAVID SHELBY, AMELIA MARKWELL AND MICHEAL DICKENS

1. CALL TO ORDER

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- **Presiding:** Mayor Lister B. Florence Jr.
- **Council Members in Physical Attendance:** Melissa Ganz, August Rolufs, Andrew Behrendt, Nathan Chirban, Aaron Pace, Steve Jackson, Sue Brown, Tom McNeven, Elizabeth Sperry, David Shelby, Amelia Markwell, Micheal Dickens, and City Counselor James Klahr
- **Council Members Absent:**
- **Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance:** Public Works Director Darin Pryor, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Community Development Director Dawn Bell, Park's Director Floyd Jerningan. City Planner Tom Coots, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Retiring Police Chief Sean Fagan, Incoming Police Chief Will Loughridge, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, and City Administrator Keith Riesberg

Mayor Lister B. Florence Jr. called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm and asked Andrew Behrendt to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Andrew Behrendt

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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City Council Minutes for May 4th, 2026 Closed Session Minutes for May 4th, 2026 City Council Minutes for May 18th, 2026

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

- a. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:

4. MONTHLY REPORTS; BOARD & COMMITTEE MINUTES

- a. Environmental Services Department monthly report - April 2026
- b. Building Codes monthly report - April 2026
- c. Rolla Police Department monthly report - 2026
- d. Animal Control monthly report - April 2026
- e. Rolla Municipal Court summary - April 2026
- f. Fire Incident Report - April 2026
- g. Centre monthly report - April 2026

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Councilmember Jackson commented that the Centre report is showing that they are \$97K better than last year and that it reflects that things are moving in the right direction.

- h. City of Rolla financials - 2026 - None
- i. City Project Tracking Spreadsheet (as of May 27th, 2026)

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Councilman Jackson shared his appreciation for this report.

- j. Audit Committee Minutes for May 5th, 2026 and May 18th, 2026
- k. Board of Public Works Minutes for March 31, 2026
- l. Strategic Planning Minutes for May 11th, 2026

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. RMU GM Floyd Wolf - 2026 2nd Quarter Financial Report

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RMU GM Floyd Wolf talked about the nationwide rising power costs, impact of Winter storm Fern on the Natural Gas costs and MPUA's current strategic planning to protect member cities from the associated financial and reliability risks of data centers. RMU's financial statements are available on their website for citizen review.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance to approve a Text Amendment to Chapter 42, Planning and Zoning of the City of Rolla Ordinances Section 42.140, Processes; and Article III, Division II, Parking, Section 42.313, General Requirements pertaining to permitting and construction standards for parking lots (Community Development Director Dawn Bell) Final Reading

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City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its final reading, by title: ORDINANCE 4916: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42, PLANNING AND ZONING, ARTICLE I, ADMINISTRATION, SECTION 42-140 BUILDING PERMITS AND ARTICLE III GENERAL PROVISIONS, DIVISION II PARKING, SECTION 42-313 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

Motion & Vote A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Chriban, to

approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed:

- **Ayes:** McNeven, Dickens, Rolufs, Shelby, Sperry, Behrendt, Ganz, Markwell, Pace, Jackson, Brown, and Chirban.
- **Nays:** None

- b. **Ordinance to approve the Final Plat of Blues Lake No. 13, a replat to vacate certain easements and dedicate replacement easements in the C-2, General Commercial district with a PUD, Planned Unit Development overlay at 1630 Bridge School Rd. (Community Development Director Dawn Bell) Final Reading**

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City Counselor, James Klahr read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4917: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT OF BLUE'S LAKE PLAT NO. 13 AND VACATE CERTAIN EASEMENTS.

Motion & Vote A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Sperry, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed:

- **Ayes:** Dickens, Rolufs, Shelby, Sperry, McNeven, Behrendt, Ganz, Markwell, Brown, Jackson, Chirban, and Pace.
- **Nays:** None

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution authorizing the Project Development Agreement with Johnson Controls. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) Motion**

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City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Resolution for its first reading by title: RESOLUTION 2088, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC.

A motion was made by Pace, seconded by Dickens, to approve the Resolution. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- b. **Motion to affirm the City's intent to preserve its sovereign immunity defenses and authorize the City Administrator to sign the necessary policy endorsements (City Administrator Keith Riesberg) Motion.**

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A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Behrendt, to affirm to the city's intent to preserve its sovereign immunity defense. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- c. **Ordinance to approve the restriction of parking on the West side of Duane Ave. from Fitch Street to Joyce Ave. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) First Reading**

Minutes:

City Counselor, James Klahr, 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

RELATING TO PARKING.

9. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS - None

10. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- a. **Brandon Asher President, LGBTQ+Rolla shared details regarding the next Rolla Pride Celebration scheduled for June 13th from 5:00 pm -9:00 pm**

11. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- a. **Motion to reappoint Russell Schmidt to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 4-year term expiring May 2030.**

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A motion was made by Chirban, Seconded by Brown, to approve the reappointment. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- b. **Motion to reappoint Monte Shields to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 4-year term expiring May 2030.**

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This item is postponed until the June 15th meeting where it will be presented with the correct name.

- c. **Council Comments:**

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Councilmember Jackson shared his experience planting the floating habits at Ber Juan Lake under Missouri Conservation's guidance.

Councilmember Behrendt shared that the MS&T World Champion Mars Rover Team would be coming to Rolla that night with a Police Escort between 8:00 and 9:00 pm

Councilmember Dickens shared that the Dream Center Distribution would be on Wednesday from 10:00 to Noon.

12. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. **Next City Council meeting, Monday, June 15, 2026**

- b. **PW Director Darin Pryor:**

- c. **Fire Chief Breen:**

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The annual testing and maintenance of the 1800 fire hydrants in Rolla will begin this week.

- d. **City Administrator Keith Riesberg:**

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The Rolla City Hall will be open but with a skeleton crew on Friday, June 5th since the parking lot will be utilized for Summerfest activities.

- e. **Police Chief Fagan**

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It was recognized that this was Police Chief Fagan's last City Council meeting.

There will be a drop in celebration at the Alumni House on Friday June 12th from 2:00-4:00 pm

13. CLOSED SESSION - Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – (2) leasing, sale, purchasing of land and (1) Litigation

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At 7:15 pm, A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by McNeven to go into closed session. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Sperry, McNeven, Behrendt, Markwell, Brown, Jackson, Ganz, Rolufs, Shelby, Dickens, Chirban, and Pace. Nays: None
At 8:22 Council returned from closed session where there were no reportable actions taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT

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With no further questions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.