



# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, May 18, 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](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

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## 1. CALL TO ORDER

### Minutes:

- **Presiding:** Mayor Lister B. Florence Jr.
- **Council Members in Physical Attendance:** Melissa Ganz, Andrew Behrendt, Aaron Pace, Steve Jackson, Sue Brown, Tom McNeven, Elizabeth Sperry, Amelia Markwell, and Micheal Dickens
- **Council Members Absent:** Nathan Chirban, David Shelby and August Rolufs
- **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, Police Chief Will Loughridge, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, City Administrator Keith Riesberg and City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus

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

## 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Aaron Pace

## 3. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

- a. **Public Hearing and Ordinance to approve a Text Amendment to Chapter 42, Planning and Zoning of the City of Rolla Ordinances Section 42.140, Processes; and Section 42.310, Parking pertaining to permitting and construction standards for parking lots (Community Development Director Dawn Bell) Public Hearing and First Reading**

### Minutes:

At 6:32 pm, Mayor Florence opened the public hearing. Community Development Director Dawn Bell spoke on the request which would standardize specifications on required parking lots. With no further questions, the public hearing was closed at 6:34 pm. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus read the ordinance for its first reading, by title: 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.

#### 4. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

##### a. **Rebecca Baker with KPM CPAs and Advisors - Presentation of 2024 Financial Audit**

**Minutes:**

Rebecca Baker briefed Council on the audited financial statements for FY 2024. The independent auditors issued an unmodified (clean) opinion, indicating the financial statements present fairly the financial position and results of operations for the year. The delay on this was due to issues presented when RMU changed accounting systems which delayed their audit. Their audit is a component of the City of Rolla audit.

A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Behrendt, to accept the audit. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. City Administrator Keith Riesberg acknowledged the efforts of the Finance Department for the excellent results and finding of this audit.

##### b. **Abby Gill - S&T Student Projects: Pollinator Garden Establishment at Frisco Lake in Schuman Park. (Parks Director, Floyd Jernigan)**

**Minutes:**

The S&T Birding Club, Pollinator Executive Leadership Team the ECO Miners and Sustainable Engineering are working with the Parks & Recreation Department to establish a pollinator garden composed of Missouri Native plants adjacent to the Frisco Lake in Schuman Park.

#### 5. **OLD BUSINESS**

##### a. **Ordinance adopting and enacting a new code of Ordinances of the City of Rolla. (City Administrator Keith Riesberg) Final Reading**

**Minutes:**

City Counselor, Nathan Nickolaus, read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4912: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, COUNTY OF PHELPS, STATE OF MISSOURI; ESTABLISHING THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, EXCEPT AS HEREIN EXPRESSLY PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE

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

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

**b. Ordinance calling for election to consider a 1/4% sales tax for reimagining the Centre. (City Administrator Keith Riesberg) Final Reading**

**Minutes:**

City Counselor, Nathan Nickolaus, read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4913: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUBMITTING TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY A PROPOSITION TO IMPOSE A GENERAL SALES TAX WITHIN THE CITY TO FUND OPERATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING AN EXERCISE/THERAPY POOL, A RECREATION/FAMILY POOL , AND MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS FOR YOUTH AND ADULT PROGRAMMING WITHIN THE RECREATIONAL FACILITY KNOWN AS THE CENTRE AS WELL AS ENSURING THE AFFORDABILITY OF THE FACILITY FOR RESIDENTS.

**Motion & Vote** A motion was made by Sperry, seconded by Behrendt: to approve the ordinance. A roll call votes showed: \* **Ayes:** McNeven, Dickens, Sperry, Behrendt, Ganz, Markwell, Pace, Jackson and Brown. \* **Nays:** None

**c. Ordinance for Project 598 - Rolla Street Storm Sewer Improvements. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) Final Reading**

**Minutes:**

City Counselor, Nathan Nickolaus, read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4914: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND DONALD MAGGI, INC.

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

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

**d. Ordinance for Project 607 - 2026 Maltene Rejuvenation. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) Final Reading**

**Minutes:**

City Counselor, Nathan Nickolaus read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4915: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND CORRECTIVE ASPHALT MATERIALS, LLC.

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

- **Ayes:** Sperry, McNeven, Behrendt, Jackson, Pace, Dickens, Ganz, Markwell and Brown.
- **Nays:** none

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **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) First Reading**

**Minutes:**

Community Development Dawn Bell explained that the developer ran into rock issues when trying to install utilities in the original easements. This ordinance would vacate the original easements and dedicate the new easements for utilities.

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

**7. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS - None**

**8. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

- a. **Nikki Seifert, Co-Executive Director of Bunches of Joy, Inc - Sharing information regarding the Just One Yes (J.O.Y.) Program**

**Minutes:**

Nikki Seifert and Cass Butler, shared information regarding the Just One Yes (J.O.Y.) Program which is a service that supports young adults ageing out of foster care through programs that teach prevention, self-sustainability and accountability.

- b. **Debbie Castle: Thanked Council for passing the ordinance calling for an August election for The Centre sales tax ballot initiative.**

**9. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

- a. **Councilmember Sperry: Thursday, May 21st at 5:30pm, The Mission is having an open house to educate attendees on the programs and services offered by their organization.**
- b. **Mayor Florence: 1. The Phelps County Fair is looking for volunteers to work the Fair on May 28th -30th. 2. The Memorial Day Ceremony will be May 25th, 10:00 am, at the Veteran's Memorial Park. 3. The Rolla High School Baseball team will be hosting Class 3, District 2 quarter final games on Tuesday at the ballfield. 4. Kudos to the Chamber of Commerce for providing the opportunity for professional headshots during Small Business Week.**
- c. **Councilmember Jackson - Reminded all on the Military Briefing Breakfast on May 27th at the Innovation Lab.**
- d. **Councilmember Pace: Kids Fishing Day at Ber Juan Lake is coming up on Saturday, May 23rd from 8:00am-2:00pm**

**10. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- a. **Next City Council meeting, Monday, June 1st, 2026**

**11. CLOSED SESSION - Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT: With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.**

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