



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 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, VACANCY, 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, Vacancy, Andrew Behrendt, Nathan Chirban, Aaron Pace, Steve Jackson, Sue Brown, Tom McNeven, Elizabeth Sperry, David Shelby, Amelia Markwell, Micheal Dickens,
- **Council Members Absent:** None
- **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, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, City Administrator Keith Riesberg and City Counselor James Klahr.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilmember David Shelby

3. CONSENT AGENDA

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A motion was made by Shelby, seconded by Dickens, to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

a. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:

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1.

- August 3rd, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes.
- 2. August 17th, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes.
- 3. August 17th, 2026 Closed Session Minutes..
- 4. August 24th, 2026 City Council Budget Workshop.

- b. **Resolution to approve the appointments of Lister Florence and Joe Polizzi to The Forum Plaza Community Improvement District. (City Administrator Keith Riesberg)**

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RESOLUTION 2094: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SUCCESSOR DIRECTORS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FORUM PLAZA COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS; BOARD & COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- a. **Environmental Services Department monthly report - July 2026**
- b. **Building Codes monthly report - July 2026**
- c. **Rolla Police Department monthly report - July 2026**
- d. **Animal Control monthly report - July 2026**
- e. **Rolla Municipal Court summary - July 2026**
- f. **Fire Incident Report - July 2026**
- g. **Centre monthly report - July 2026**
- h. **City Project Tracking Spreadsheet (as of 09/02/26)**
- i. **Rolla Board of Public Works Minutes from June 2nd and June 23rd, 2026**
- j. **Audit Committee Meeting Minutes for August 3rd and August 17th, 2026**
- k. **City Financials as of July 31st, 2026**

5. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Proclamation for Walk to End Alzheimer's Day on October 3rd, 2026**

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Mayor Florence presented the proclamation to Councilmember Markwell who shared the details of the event which will be on October 3rd at the Lions Club Park.

- b. **Recognition of Kodie Jones for her honesty and integrity. (Police Chief Will Loughridge)**

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Police Chief Loughridge presented a civilian award to Kodie Jones recognizing her actions when finding a large sum of money that was returned to the owner.

- c. **Recognition of Kendra Rae Pierson for her heroism. (Fire Chief Breen and Mayor Lister B. Florence Jr)**

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Kendra Rae Pierson was recognized by Fire Chief Breen and Mayor Lister Florence for her heroism and actions during a building fire.

d. Courtney Jones on Celebration of Nations - Saturday, September 26, 2026**Minutes:**

Courtney Jones gave a presentation and invited all to the Celebration of Nations on September 26th.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS -**a. Public Hearing regarding the FY 2027 Budget and 2027 Sewer Fees and Bill 2026-21 adopting the FY 2027 Budget. (City Administrator Keith Riesberg) Public Hearing and First Reading****Minutes:**

Mayor Florence officially opened the public hearing at 6:48 pm. City Administrator Keith Riesberg explained that the purpose of the public hearing was for the adoption of the FY2027 budget as well as for the increase in 2027 Sewer Fees. The budget was reviewed by the Finance Audit Committee on August 17th. The budget reflects an anticipation of revenues in the excess of \$48 million and expenditures of over \$51 million. The expenditures do exceed the revenues as the city is continuing a planned spend down of a fund balance that is associated with capital improvement projects. The budget presented is compliant with legal requirements. The budget also reflects a slight increase in sewer rate fees, to take effect October 1st, 2026.

At 7:05 pm the public hearing was closed. City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OCTOBER 1, 2026 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO.

7. OLD BUSINESS**a. Bill 2026-17 establishing a Voluntary Rental Inspection Program (Community Development Director Dawn Bell) Final Reading****Minutes:**

City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4934: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, ADDING A NEW ARTICLE TO CHAPTER 20 (HOUSING) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, ESTABLISHING A VOLUNTARY RENTAL DWELLING INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR SINGLE-FAMILY, TOWNHOME, APARTMENT, AND GROUP RESIDENCE RENTAL DWELLINGS;

Motion & Vote A motion was made by Markwell, seconded by Behrendt, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: * **Ayes:** Dickens, Shelby, Sperry, McNEven, Behrendt, Ganz, Markwell, Brown, Jackson and Chirban. *

Nays: Pace

8. NEW BUSINESS**a. Motion to appoint Employer Representative to the LAGERS Annual Meeting. (City Administrator Keith Riesberg)**

Minutes:

A motion was made by Behrendt, seconded by Jackson, to authorize the City Administrator to make that designation. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Motion to approve use of RNA fields for Greek Week Games in September 2026 with beer sales. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor)**Minutes:**

Public Works Director Darin Pryor shared the details and past success of this event. Houston Brague was present to answer questions by Council. A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Pace to approve the use of the Rolla National Airfield with beer sales on September 12th and 19th. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

c. Bill 2026-18 to approve the adjustment of sewer rates for the 2026-2027 budget year. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) First Reading**Minutes:**

Public Works Director Darin Pryor shared that the overall increase would about \$1.40 a month per user for a typical residential customer. City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its first reading by title: 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.

d. Resolution to authorize the execution of Task Order #3 with HDR Engineering Inc. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) Motion**Minutes:**

Public Works Director Darin Pryor shared that this task order #3 would be for three preliminary and conceptual design alternatives for two primary Move Rolla TDD projects. City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Resolution for one reading by title: RESOLUTION 2095: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND HDR ENGINEERING, INC. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Pace, approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

e. Bill 2026-19 to authorize an agreement with Johnson Controls, Inc for repairs to the Centre. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) First Reading**Minutes:**

Public Works Director Darin Pryor explained that the structural damage and condition of the HVAC system were far worse than ordinarily thought, increasing the anticipated cost. This does not include the pool. A representative of Johnson Controls was present to answer some of the questions by Council regarding efficiency savings. City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND JOHNSON CONTROLS, INC.

- f. **Bill 2026-20 to authorize the agreement with Upciti for deployment of smart parking sensors and wayfinding app for downtown parking. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) First Reading**

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City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND UPCITI.

9. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

- a. **Motion to award bid to ARC (Amusement Restoration Companies) for the resurfacing of the Splash Zone slide. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) Motion**

Minutes:

A motion was made by Pace, seconded by Behrendt, to award the bid to ARC for the resurfacing of the Splash Zone slide. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

- b. **Motion to award bid to Wayde's Equipment for a diesel mower. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) Motion**

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A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Pace, to award the bid to Wayde's Equipment for a diesel mower for the Park's Department. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

10. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

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Debbie Castle of Hwy O, expressed her thanks for the passing of Proposition S and shared that she felt there were more people utilizing the pool now. Morigan Bearden of Timberline Drive shared comments regarding Downtown parking perceptions.

11. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- a. **Motion to reappoint Dale Martin to the Industrial Development Authority Board for a 6-year term expiring Sept 2032.**

Minutes:

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

- b. **Motion to reappoint Steve Bowles to the Industrial Development Authority Board for a 6-year term exp Aug 2032.**

Minutes:

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

- c. **Motion to appoint Louis J. Magdits to the Library Board for a 3-year term expiring Sept 2029 (term 1 of 3).**

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This item was postponed until the September 21st meeting.

- d. Motion to appoint Louis J Magdits to the Rolla Regional Economic Committee (RECC) for a 3-year term expiring Sept. 2029.**

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This item was postponed until the September 21st meeting.

12. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- a. Next City Council meeting, Monday, September 21st, 2026**
- b. Canine Plunge - Saturday September 12th, 2026 from Noon to 2:00 pm**
- c. Ranney Run September 19th at the Veteran's Memorial Park**

13. CLOSED SESSION - Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – None

14. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.