



REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, July 6, 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

Minutes:

- **Presiding:** Mayor Lister B. Florence Jr.
- **Council Members in Physical Attendance:** Melissa Ganz, Andrew Behrendt, Nathan Chirban, Aaron Pace, Steve Jackson, Sue Brown, Elizabeth Sperry, David Shelby, Amelia Markwell, and Micheal Dickens.
- **Council Members Absent:** August Rolufs and Tom McNeven
- **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, Assistant Chief Derrick Dillon, 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 Steve Jackson to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Council Representative Steve Jackson

3. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:

Minutes:

The City Council minutes for May were approved at the June 1st meeting and posted again to this agenda in error. The June minutes will now be posted on the July 20th agenda.

4. MONTHLY REPORTS; BOARD & COMMITTEE MINUTES

a. Environmental Services Department monthly report - May 2026

- b. **Building Codes monthly report - May 2026**
- c. **Rolla Police Department monthly report - May 2026**
- d. **Animal Control monthly report - May 2026**
- e. **Rolla Municipal Court summary - May 2026**
- f. **Fire Incident Report - May 2026**
- g. **Centre monthly report - None**
- h. **City of Rolla financials - None**
- i. **City Project Tracking Spreadsheet (as of 07/01/26)**
- j. **Park Advisory Commission Special Meeting for June 25th, 2026**

5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - None

6. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- a. **UpCiti Parking Sensors Presentation. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor and Asa King with UpCiti)**

Minutes:

Asa King with UpCiti spoke on a pilot project for the downtown area regarding parking and solutions for an improved experience. UpCiti creates and ingests data to put meaningful information directly in Rolla's hands. Rolla's average utilization of parking is 65% and the goal is at least 80%. The Wayfinding app would help drivers access real-time parking availability while protecting the privacy of citizens.

It was the consensus of Council for staff to move forward with further planning on this project.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Bill 2026-01: Ordinance to enter into agreement with Pierce Asphalt, LLC for Project 618, 2026 Asphalt Phase III project. (Public Works Director, Darin Pryor) Final Reading**

Minutes:

City Counselor, Nathan Nickolaus, read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4919: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND PIERCE ASPHALT, LLC.

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

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Resolution to reassign the ground lease from First Class Air Services LLC to Krer Aviation LLC. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) First Reading**

Minutes:

City Counselor James Klahr read the resolution for one reading, by title: RESOLUTION 2092: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN ADDENDUM BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA,

MISSOURI, FIRST CLASS AIR SERVICES LLC, AND KRER AVIATION LLC. A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Sperry, to approve the Resolution. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Bill 2026-02: Ordinance to permanently close the alley access for the alley intersecting Highway 72 at its Northern end. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) First Reading

Minutes:

City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PERMANENT CLOSURE OF ALLEY ACCESS FOR AN ALLEY INTERSECTING HWY 72 AT ITS NORTHERN END AND GENERALLY BOUNDED BY HWY 72, SPILMAN AVENUE, WALKER AVENUE, AND STROBACH STREET.

c. Bill 2026-03: Ordinance to authorize and execute the sale of remanent properties. (City Administrator Keith Riesberg) First Reading

Minutes:

City Administrator Keith Riesberg explained that this is the proposed sale of three remanent properties that are currently of no real value to the City. The sale would be for \$25,000 and the properties would need to be rezoned to C-2 Commercial Zoning. City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA AND M & L DEVELOPMENT, LLC

d. Bill 2026-04: Ordinance authorizing the sale of the 19.75-acre property near the Westside Market Place development.

Minutes:

City Administrator Keith Riesberg shared that this property has been listed since 2025 and Archer would now like to purchase the property for \$400,000 for the construction of an office building. City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT FOR THE SALE OF REAL PROPERTY BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA AND CM ARCHER GROUP, P.C.

9. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS

a. Motion to approve the purchase of 8 full sets of Turnout Gear from Macqueen Emergency Equipment for \$47,557.04. (Fire Chief Jeff Breen)

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A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Brown, to approve the purchases of 8 full sets of turnout gear from Macqueen Emergency Equipment for \$47,557.04. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

10. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

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Suzie Kidwell of Casey Lane- Asked that notice be given to the community before

doing projects such as road grading.

11. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- a. Motion to appoint Micheal Dickens as Council Representative on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a 3-year term expiring April 2029.**

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

- b. Motion to appoint Amelia Markwell as MS&T Representative on the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a 3-year term expiring April 2029.**

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

- c. Motion to appoint William Hahn to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a 3-year term expiring April 2029**

Minutes:

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

- d. Town Hall Meeting, Tuesday, July 7th at 6:00 pm at The Centre**

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Mayor Florence invited the citizens to attend the Town Hall meeting to be more informed on Proposition S.

- e. Councilmember Sue Brown**

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Kudos to RMU for their quick response after the storms on Saturday, July 4th.

- f. Councilmember Steve Jackson**

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Kudos to the Chamber on a successful Freedom Parade on Saturday, July 4th. He shared that he attended an event by the South-Central Skate Park who is fundraising to expand the skate park and complimented the Parks Department on their support of the event.

- g. City Administrator Keith Riesberg**

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At the June 15th meeting it was requested that an ordinance and discussion placing a moratorium on data centers be placed on the next agenda. The ordinance is ready for Council to review but failed to make it on this agenda. It will be on the July 20th agenda, and the focus will move from "data centers" to high energy users.

- h. Councilmember Micheal Dickens**

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Thanked the Rolla Fire Department for their assistance at a pancake breakfast event, where they re-roped the flagpole.

i. Councilmember Melissa Ganz**Minutes:**

Asked what the protocol was regarding notification of road construction as previously mentioned the citizen complaint. Public Works Director Darin Pryor stated that door hangars are placed. He had already verified that door hangars were placed for that specific project and apologized if any had been missed. She also asked about the legality of placing a moratorium on something is technically legal land use. City Administrator Keith Riesberg stated that Council does have the right to place a moratorium as to ensure that the appropriate regulations are in place. Moratoriums are not often used but they are permissible when there are guidelines and regulations that need further consideration.

j. Councilman Nathan Chirban**Minutes:**

Shared his positive experience at the Lions Club Carnival.

k. Councilmember Elizabeth Sperry**Minutes:**

Shared that there is a Facebook post advising citizens on what to do with debris from storm that passed through on July 4th. Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey clarified that there would not be a free pick-up like when the tornado went through, but citizens could schedule and pay for a special pick-up like normal through Environmental Services.

12. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**a. Next City Council meeting, Monday, July 20th, 2026****13. CLOSED SESSION - Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – (1) legal and (2) real estate****Minutes:**

At 7:36 pm a motion was made by Pace, seconded by Shelby, to go into closed session. **Motion & Vote * Ayes:** Dickens, Shelby, Sperry, Behrendt, Ganz, Markwell, Brown, Jackson, Chirban, and Pace. *** Nays:** none
At 8:17 pm Council returned from closed session where there were no final actions taken.

14. ADJOURNMENT**Minutes:**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm