

ROLLA CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 16th, 2025; 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, Steve Jackson, Aaron Pace, William Hahn, Tom Mc Neven, Kevin Greven, David Shelby, Tina Balch and Micheal Dickens

Council Members Absent: Mattias Penner

Department Directors and Other City Officials in Physical Attendance: Public Works Director Darin Pryor, Fire Chief Jeff Breen, Police Chief Sean Fagan, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers, Environmental Service Director Roger Pankey, City Planner Tom Coots and City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus.

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

I. PUBLIC HEARINGS -

- A. **Request to Postpone** Public Hearing regarding request to rezone 112 W Lions Club Drive. City (Planner Tom Coots) The recommendation to postpone the public hearing to July 21st is to allow the Planning and Zoning Commission to conclude their public hearing and consideration before making a recommendation. A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Greven, to postpone the agenda item until the July 21st City Council meeting. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, zero nays, 1 Absent.
- B. **Public Hearing and Ordinance** to approve the vacation of a portion of 11th Street West of Powell Avenue. (City Planner Tom Coots) At 6:34 p.m., Mayor Magdits opened the public hearing. City Planner Tom Coots explained the request from the hospital is to facilitate a building project in which the street would serve only the hospital. Mayor Magdits asked for any further comments and there were none. The public hearing was closed at 6:42 p.m. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus conducted the first reading of the ordinance by title: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF 11TH STREET GENERALLY LOCATED WEST OF POWELL AVENUE. Council proceeded to make a motion and vote on its first reading without prior notice. The vote passed unanimously by those present, but upon later realization of the procedural oversight, the Council agreed to reconsider the matter at the next scheduled meeting after second reading. The initial vote was declared void and stricken from the record.

II. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS –

- A. Blue Shield City Presentation – Mayor Magdits presented Chief Fagan and Police Officers a plaque of the Blue Shield Badge, awarded by the MO Dept. of Public Safety (a Gov. Kehoe initiative) demonstrating the commitment by the City of Rolla to enhance public safety and support law enforcement.
- B. Lauren Hill, SBA Representative (U.S. Small Business Administration) regarding disaster assistance. A representative from SBA was not present.

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III. OLD BUSINESS –

- A. **Ordinance** to enter into an agreement with Meyer Electric Company, Inc., for Project 517, Pine Street Lighting. (PW Director Darin Pryor) City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus conducted the final reading of the ordinance by title: ORDINANCE 4863: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND MEYER ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC. A motion was made by Hahn, seconded by Chirban, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: Ayes: Balch, Dickens, Chirban, Greven, Jackson, Hahn, McNeven, Pace, Shelby, Behrendt, and Rolufs. Nays: None. Absent: Penner.

IV. NEW BUSINESS – None

V. CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS –

- A. Review of Proposed Budget for Forum Plaza Community Improvement District. City Administrator John Butz presented the budget for the Forum Plaza CID. CID statutes require submittal and review by the City Council prior to the CID Board action (no formal action needed by Council). Mayor Magdits and City Administrator John Butz are 2 of the 5 representatives on the board.
- B. **Motion** to authorize the City Administrator to finalize TPA/PBM services with Consociate and Ventegra. City Administrator John Butz explained the difference between Third Party Administration (TPA) and Pharmacy Benefits Management (PBM) and this move was due to numerous employee complaints regarding frustration with the current TPA (UMR) and PBM (OptumRX -owned by UMR).
A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Behrendt, to allow the City Administrator to finalize services with Consociate as the new TPA provider. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

A motion was made by Balch, seconded by Hahn, to allow the City Administrator to finalize services with Ventegra as the new PBM provider. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.
- C. **Motion to award** and **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with Meyer Electric for Wilson Field Lighting Project. (Park's Director Floyd Jernigan) This is to install energy efficient LED lighting in Wilson Field using a 50/50 Land Water Conservation Fund grant. A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Greven, to award the bid to Meyer Electric for \$289,324. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus conducted the first reading of the ordinance by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND MEYER ELECTRIC FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WILSON FIELD LIGHTING.
- D. **Motion to award** and **Ordinance** to enter into agreement with Qualite Sports Lighting Inc., for Kwantes Field Lighting Project. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) This is to replace the tornado ravaged lighting on Kwantes Field. A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Pace, to award the bid to Qualite Sports Lighting Inc. for \$186,437. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus conducted the first reading of the ordinance by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND QUALITE SPORTS LIGHTING INC. FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF KWANTES FIELD LIGHTING.

- A. **Resolution to Select Estimate** from Backyard Showcase for design plans and materials for replacement pavilions at Veterans Memorial Park. (Park's Director Floyd Jernigan) A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Shelby, to approve the estimates provided by Backyard Showcase for the design plans and materials (minus metal roofing) for two pavilions in Veterans Memorial Park, demolished by the March tornado, both with elevated wind tolerance up to 125 mph. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus conducted one reading AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND BACKYARD SHOWCASE, FOR DESIGN PLANS AND MATERIALS TO REPLACE TWO PAVILIONS AT VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK.

- B. **Motion to award bid and Ordinance** to enter into an agreement with Pierce Asphalt, LLC for Project 601 – FY 2025 Asphalt Phase III. (PW Director Darin Pryor) A motion was made by Greven, seconded by McNeven to award the bid to Pierce Asphalt, LLC for \$194,495.50. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus conducted the first reading of the ordinance by title: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, AND PIERCE ASPHALT, LLC.

VI. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

- A. Marsha Weyman – Traci Dawn Drive, spoke in support of the new Animal Shelter and ways that the Rolla Animal Alliance would help fill gaps in shelter care, networking, and other programs. An invite was shared for a limited community microchipping event being held on July 19th.
- B. Kristin Williams – South Murry Lane, spoke about an event where sewage backed up and flooded her basement.
- C. Johnathan Kimble: Spoke about the successful Pride event on June 14th with approximately 600 visitors.
- D. David Dukes: Expressed frustration over drug overdoses and urged Council to refocus efforts on finding effective solutions to put an end to the crisis.

VII. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

- A. Consider Resolution in support of OAT's Application for T-Mobile's Hometown grant Program (City Administrator John Butz) This is to assist OAT'S in obtaining a very competitive grant through T-Mobile. City Counselor stated that he serves on the Missouri Arts Board which has previously awarded funds to OATS. City Counselor Nathan Nickolaus conducted one reading of the resolution by title: RESOLUTION 2068: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, IN SUPPORT OF THE OZARK ACTORS THEATRE PINE STREET STUDIO PLACEMAKING PROJECT. A motion was made by Greven, seconded by Shelby, to approve the resolution. A voice vote showed 11 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Absent.

VIII. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A. Next Meeting Date, Monday, July 7th, 2025
- B. Fire Chief Breen spoke about the success of the benefit held at the softball fields and how the Parks Department went above and beyond to help make it a success.
- C. Public Works Director shared that the Freedom Parade was scheduled for the 4th of July at 10:00 a.m. and would take the normal parade route and street closures.
- D. Council Representative Greven wished a Happy 250th Birthday to the Army and shared upcoming Lions Club Carnival festivities for July 2nd-5th.

IX. **CLOSED SESSION** –

A. Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – (1) Legal, (12) Contract Negotiations, (3) Personnel

At 7:53 p.m., a motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Mc Neven, to enter into closed session. A roll call vote showed: Chirban, Rolufs, Pace, Greven, Behrendt, Hahn, Dickens, Jackson, Shelby, Balch, and McNeven. Nays: none. Absent: Penner.

At approximately 9:30 p m., Council returned from closed session where there were no reportable actions taken.

X. **ADJOURNMENT** -

With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m.

CITY CLERK

MAYOR