# REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

**Monday, October 19, 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, MICHAEL RENO, 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, Michael Reno, Andrew Behrendt, Nathan Chirban, Steve Jackson, Sue Brown, Tom McNeven, Elizabeth Sperry, David Shelby, Amelia Markwell, Micheal Dickens,
- **Council Members Absent:** Aaron Pace and City Administrator Keith Riesberg
- **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, Police Chief William Loughridge, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers and City Counselor James Klahr.

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Councilmember Melissa Ganz**
3. **Swearing in Ceremony for Michael Reno as Ward 1 Councilmember.**

**Minutes:**
City Clerk Lorri Powell administered the Oath of Office to Michael Reno, who will serve the remainder the term which expires in April of 2027.

4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**
5. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None**
6. **OLD BUSINESS**

a. **Bill 2026-27 to approve a Right of Way Use Agreement with Wave Internet Technologies. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) Final Reading**

**Minutes:**
City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its final reading: ORD 4941: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND WAVE INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES, LLC. **Motion & Vote** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Markwell, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: * **Ayes:** Dickens, Reno, Shelby, Sperry, McNeven, Behrendt, Ganz, Markwell, Brown, Jackson and Chirban. * **Nays:**

b. **Bill 2026-26 to establish the Rolla Animal Shelter Advisory Board. (Community Development Director Dawn Bell) Final Reading**

**Minutes:**
City Counselor James Klahr read the ordinance for its final reading by title: ORD 4942: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE ROLLA ANIMAL SHELTER ADVISORY BOARD; PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF OFFICE, VACANCIES, QUORUM AND VOTING, ATTENDANCE AND REMOVAL, DUTIES, AND RELATED MATTERS. **Motion & Vote** A motion was made by Sperry, seconded by Markwell, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: * **Ayes:** Sperry, McNeven, Behrendt, Jackson, Chirban, Dickens, Reno, Shelby, Ganz, Markwell and Brown. * **Nays:** None

c. **Bill 2026-25 to approve the amendment of Chapter 28 pertaining to sections 28-3, 28-6, 28-7. (Community Development Director Dawn Bell) Final Reading**

**Minutes:**
City Counselor James Klahr read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 28, NUISANCES AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, BY AMENDING SECTIONS 28-3, 28-6 AND 28-7 RELATING TO NUISANCES AND WEEDS. **Motion & Vote** A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by McNeven, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: * **Ayes:** McNeven, Behrendt, Jackson, Brown, Dickens, Reno, Sperry, Markwell, Ganz, Shelby and Chirban. * **Nays:** None

d. **Bill 2026-28 to approve the contract with Nationwide Sports Construction for a turf field at Ber Juan Park. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) Final Reading**

**Minutes:**
City Counselor James Klahr read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4944: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND NATIONWIDE SPORTS CORPORATION. **Motion & Vote** A motion was made by Markwell, seconded by McNeven, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed: * **Ayes:** Brown, McNeven, Markwell, Ganz, Shelby, Jackson, Behrendt, Dickens, Reno, Sperry, and Chirban. * **Nays:** None

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Bill 2026-30 to approve the Final Plat of The Highlands Subdivision, Phase 2A, a residential subdivision in the R-1, Suburban Residential district with a PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning overlay to create 35 residential lots. (Community Development Director Dawn Bell) First Reading**

**Minutes:**
Community Development Director Dawn Bell spoke regarding phase 2A, a total of 8.53 acres, that will include 35 residential lots and two common lots along the perimeter of the development to be used for utilities and landscaping.
City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT OF THE HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2A.

b. **Bill 2026-31 to approve the Final Plat of The Highlands Subdivision, Phase 2B, a residential subdivision in the R-1, Suburban Residential district with a PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning overlay to create 27 residential lots. (Community Development Director Dawn Bell) First Reading**

**Minutes:**
Community Development Director Dawn Bell spoke on Phase B of this development, a total of 5.12 acres, that includes 27 residential lots and one common lot which serves as a utility and access corridor. City Counselor, James Klahr, read the Ordinance for its first reading by title: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE FINAL PLAT OF THE HIGHLANDS SUBDIVISION, PHASE 2B.

8. **CLAIMS and/or FISCAL TRANSACTIONS**

a. **Motion to award the bid for a Caterpillar Forklift from Wiese for $34,460.14. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor)**

**Minutes:**
A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Jackson, to award the bid to Wiese for $34,460.14. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

9. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

**Minutes:**
Joel Machkins noted his frustration that the planning forum was postponed until January.

10. **MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**Minutes:**
Councilmember Jackson shared details of two events. 1. The Knights of Columbus will be having Coats for Kids on Saturday, November 7th at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. 2. Shred Till You're Dead is a Halloween Skating event/ fundraiser from Noon-8:00 pm on Halloween. Funds raised will go towards skate park improvements.
Councilmember Behrendt shared that MS&T would be having a Community Conversation on Thursday October 29th at 6:00 pm at Eugene Northern Hall to discuss the State Energy Plan and local impacts.
Mayor Florence shared: 1. MS&T had an amazing Homecoming event and thanked law

enforcement for keeping order. 2. An Optimist Club Fundraiser at the Diamond Event Center to raise funds for the Early Childhood Center on Saturday, October 24th. 3. Kudos to City Administrator Keith Riesberg who was absent to attend an ICMA Conference where he would be recognized for 25 years of service.

11. **COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**
    a. **Next City Council meeting, Monday, November 2, 2026**
    b. **Public Works Director, Darin Pryor shared details of Boo-Palooza scheduled for Saturday, October 31st from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm on the Downtown Festival Lots.**
12. **CLOSED SESSION - Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – None**
13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Minutes:**
With nothing further to discuss, a motion was made at 7:11 pm by Markwell, seconded by Sperry, to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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