REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes

Monday, October 5, 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 PRO-TEMPORE AARON PACE

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

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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- **Presiding:** Mayor Pro-Tempore Aaron Pace
- **Council Members in Physical Attendance:** Melissa Ganz, Andrew Behrendt, Nathan Chirban, Aaron Pace, Steve Jackson, Sue Brown, Elizabeth Sperry, David Shelby, Amelia Markwell, Micheal Dickens,
- **Council Members Absent:** Ward 1 Vacancy, Mayor Lister B. Florence Jr 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. City Planner Tom Coots, Environmental Services Director Roger Pankey, Police Chief William Loughridge, Finance Director Steffanie Rogers and City Administrator Keith Riesberg.

Mayor Pro-Tempore Aaron Pace called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 pm and asked Micheal Dickens to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Council Representative Micheal Dickens**
3. **CONSENT AGENDA**
   a. **Consider Approval of the City Council Minutes of:**

Minutes:
A motion was made by Brown, seconded by Sperry, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

1. **City Council Minutes - August 3rd, 2026**

2. **City Council Meeting - August 17th, 2026**
3. **Closed City Council Minutes - August 17th, 2026 .**

4. **MONTHLY REPORTS; BOARD & COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Minutes:
Various questions were asked by Council members regarding statistics.
A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Shelby, to approve the reports. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

   a. **Environmental Services Department monthly report - August 2026**
   b. **Building Codes monthly report - August 2026**
   c. **Rolla Police Department monthly report - August 2026**
   d. **Animal Control monthly report - August 2026**
   e. **Rolla Municipal Court summary - August 2026**
   f. **Fire Incident Report - August 2026**
   g. **Centre monthly report - August 2026**
   h. **Airport Advisory Committee Minutes from December 8, 2025**
   i. **City Project Tracking Spreadsheet (as of 09/30/26)**
   j. **City of Rolla Financials - None**
   k. **Park Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes for September 23rd, 2026**

5. **PUBLIC HEARINGS - None**
6. **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS and SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - None**
7. **OLD BUSINESS**
   a. **Bill 2026-22 to approve a map amendment to rezone property located near the SE corner of Hwy 72 and Bridge School Rd. from the R-1, Suburban residence district to the C-2, General Commercial district. (City Planner Tom Coots) Final Reading**

Minutes:
City Planner Tom Coots reviewed the proposed map amendment.
City Clerk Lorri Powell read the Ordinance for its final reading by title:
ORDINANCE 4938: AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE THE RE-ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED NEAR THE SE CORNER OF HWY 72 AND BRIDGE SCHOOL RD FROM THE R-1, SUBURBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO THE C-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.
Motion & Vote A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Chirban to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed:

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

   b. **Bill 2026-23 to approve the vacation of portions of Hwy 72 and Bryant Rd. rights-of-way and a utility easement. (City Planner Tom Coots) Final Reading**

Minutes:

City Planner Tom Coots reviewed the proposed vacation of rights-of-way and utility easement.
City Clerk Lorri Powell, read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4939: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE VACATION OF A PORTION OF HWY 72 AND BRYANT RD GENERALLY LOCATED NEAR THE SE CORNER OF HWY 72
Motion & Vote A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Jackson, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed:

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

c. Bill 2026-24 to restrict parking on both sides of Thomas Drive from the City Limits to a point 38 feet North of the City Limits. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor) Final Reading

Minutes:
City Clerk Lorri Powell read the Ordinance for its final reading by title: ORDINANCE 4940: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 27-381 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI KNOWN AS THE CODE OF THE CITY RELATING TO PARKING.
Motion & Vote A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Markwell, to approve the ordinance. A roll call vote showed:

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

8. NEW BUSINESS

a. Resolution to adopt Governing Body Rules and Procedures. (City Administrator Keith Riesberg)

Minutes:
City Administrator Keith Riesberg explained that the proposed Governing Body Rules and Procedures were presented to Council earlier in the year as well as in August. Any changes requested at that time are included in this version.
A motion was made by Chirban, seconded by Markwell, to amend section 2.3 "Getting the Floor", to remove "each member has the right to speak twice on the agenda item on the same day (except on approval by council). Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
City Clerk Lorri Powell, read the Resolution for one reading by title: RESOLUTION 2098: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI, ADOPTING THE GOVERNING BODY RULES OF PROCEDURE.
A motion was made by Sperry, seconded by Chirban, to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

b. Resolution to approve an agreement with Compass Health Networks for services using opioid settlement funds. (City Administrator Keith Riesberg)

Minutes:
Jamie Myers, Compass Health, spoke on current programs at the Rolla Public Schools that are being supported by Compass Health. City Administrator Keith Riesberg said that to date, the City has received more than $19,000 in opioid settlement funds. The proposal from Compass Health Networks is for $8,400.
City Clerk Lorri Powell read the resolution for one reading, by title: RESOLUTION 2099: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA AND COMPASS HEALTH NETWORK, ON THE USE OF SUB-AWARD OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS. A motion was made by Sperry, seconded by Brown to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

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) First Reading

Minutes:
Community Development Director Dawn Bell explained that the proposed amendment expands the City's authority to address hazardous trees that present a danger to adjacent private property. City Clerk Lorri Powell read the Ordinance for its first 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

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

Minutes:
Community Development Director Dawn Bell explained that the proposed five-member board appointed by the Mayor with the consent of the City Council, would advise and counsel the City on the management, operation, policies and programs of the Rolla Animal Shelter.
City Clerk Lorri Powell read the ordinance for its first reading by title: 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.

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

Minutes:
Public Works Director Darin Pryor said that Wave Internet Technologies submitted an application for a ROW use agreement that, if approved, would allow Wave to install fiber optic cables in City ROW to provide internet access to citizens of Rolla.
City Clerk Lorri Powell read the ordinance for its first reading: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CERTAIN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROLLA, MISSOURI AND WAVE INTERNET TECHNOLOGIES, LLC.

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

   a. **Motion to authorize the purchase of 15 Panasonic Toughbook FZ-G2 mobile computers and related equipment form Turn-Key Mobile, Inc for $69,045 utilizing NASPO ValuePoint Master Agreement 23019 and the State of MIssouri Participating Addendum. (Police Chief William Loughridge)**

   Minutes:
   Police Chief William Loughridge explained that the requested purchase of 15 Panasonic Toughbooks would replace half of the current mobile computers. The other half would be scheduled to be replaced in the next 2027 budget. A motion was made by Dickens, seconded by Sperry, to award the bid to Turn-Key Mobile, Inc. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

   b. **Motion to award the bid for a Caterpillar 265-05H1 from Fabick Cat for $82,923. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor)**

   Minutes:
   A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Markwell, to award the bid to Fabick Cat for $82,923 for a Caterpillar model 265-05H1 compact Track Loader using the Sourcewell purchasing program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

   c. **Motion to award the bid for a Caterpillar 306-7 from Fabick Cat for $93,740. (Public Works Director Darin Pryor)**

   Minutes:
   A motion was made by Jackson, seconded by Behrendt, to award the bid to Fabick Cat for $93,740 for a Caterpillar 306-7 through the Sourcewell purchasing program. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

   d. **Motion to Award and Bill 2026-28 to award the bid to Nationwide Sports Construction for a turf field at Ber Juan Park. (Parks Director Floyd Jernigan) Motion to Award and First Reading**

   Minutes:
   A motion was made by Markwell, seconded by Ganz, to award the bid to Nationwide Sports Construction for $894,275 for a synthetic soccer turf field in Ber Juan Park. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
   City Clerk Lorri Powell, 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 NATIONWIDE SPORTS CORPORATION.

10. **CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

Minutes:

1. Andrew Machens, Rolla resident, praised the 2050 Comprehensive Plan and encouraged Council to be ambitious with the re-zoning of the Downtown and to consider the legacy they could leave behind.
2. Matthew Sanders, a swim instructor for the Centre, expressed interest in expanding the swimming program at The Centre.

3. Alfaye Jackson, Spoke on the death of Dorthy Jackson in April of 2006.

11. MAYOR/CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

a. Motion to appoint Michael Reno to the vacancy of Ward 1 Councilmember. Term expires April 2027. (Mayor Lister B Florence)

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

b. Motion to a appoint Elizabeth Sperry to the Destination Rolla Grant Committee for a 1-year term. (Mayor LIster B. Florence)

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

c. Motion to a appoint Aaron Pace to the Destination Rolla Grant Committee for a 1-year term. (Mayor LIster B. Florence)

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

12. COMMENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

a. Next City Council meeting, Monday, October 19th, 2026

b. Next City Council Workshop pertaining to the Downtown rezoning, Monday, October 12th at 5:30 pm

c. Pumpkin Float Fest - Ber Juan Park October 17th from 6:00pm - 9:00 pm

Minutes:
Details of this inaugural event were shared by the Parks Director Floyd Jernigan.

d. Councilmember Jackson - Shared the last day to register to vote in the November election is October 6th.

e. Public Works Director Darin Pryor - MoDOT Public Meeting invite

Minutes:
MoDOT will be having two public meetings regarding I-44 reconstruction, on Tuesday, October 13th. 1. Rolla City Hall from 1:30-2:30. 2. St James Council Chambers from 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

f. Fire Chief Breen - In honor of Fire Safety Month, Chief Breen spoke on the cautions of charging lithium-Ion batteries in the home

13. CLOSED SESSION - Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 – (3) Personnel

Minutes:
Closed Session for this item has been postponed until the November 2nd meeting.

14. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
With nothing further to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

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