

**CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Roeland Park City Hall  
4600 W 51st Street, Roeland Park, KS 66205  
Monday, July 18, 2022, 6:00 P.M.

- Mike Kelly, Mayor
- Trisha Brauer, Council Member
- Benjamin Dickens, Council Member
- Jan Faidley, Council Member
- Jennifer Hill, Council Member

- Tom Madigan, Council Member
- Michael Poppa, Council Member
- Kate Raglow, Council Member
- Michael Rebne, Council Member

- Keith Moody, City Administrator
- Erin Winn, Asst. City Administrator
- Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk
- John Morris, Police Chief
- Donnie Scharff, Public Works Director

**Admin**  
Raglow  
Dickens

**Finance**  
Rebne  
Hill

**Safety**  
Poppa  
Madigan

**Public Works**  
Brauer  
Faidley

(Roeland Park Council Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.)

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mayor Kelly called the City Council meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

City Clerk Nielsen called the roll. All Governing Body members were present with CMBR Brauer participating online. Staff members present were City Administrator Moody, City Attorney Felzien, Assistant City Administrator Winn, Public Works Director Scharff, Police Chief Morris, and City Clerk Nielsen.

**Modification of Agenda**

CMBR Madigan requested adding to New Business a discussion regarding cancellation of the August 1<sup>st</sup> City Council meeting.

**I. Citizen Comments**

*There were no citizen comments made.*

**II. Consent Agenda**

- A. **Appropriations Ordinance #1002**
- B. **Council Minutes July 18, 2022**

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**III. Business from the Floor - Proclamations/Applications/Presentation**

- A. **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Communications Report - Katie Garcia**

Katie Garcia, the City's Public Information Officer, provided second quarter statistics on the City's various social media platforms and the public engagement with those posts. She noted that Constant

Contact has a 50 percent open rate. Ms. Garcia said a lot of this is coming through desktops versus mobile and they are also getting more click-throughs through desktops.

City Administrator Moody asked what is normal for laptop versus mobile. Ms. Garcia said that she sees it completely reversed in some cases. For Roeland Park, it could signal the type of demographic they are engaging or that the posts are being engaged with while people are working. She said from this data it's important to make sure the City's desktop functionality works as well as their mobile platform.

Their top posts are videos and include Dean and Anthony at the pool and making those introductions. Also the egg hunt, the Ukrainian sculpture, Public Works happenings, Food Fest, and June Pride Month were the top engagement posts. The data shows that people are interested in what is happening now at the City. She recommended making sure they continue posting photos and providing ways for people to get involved. She will talk more about this with her third quarter report.

Social highlights have seen a growth of about 3.2 percent and compared to neighboring cities, Roeland Park is still well above average in terms of public engagements per post. Higher views come from videos and Ms. Garcia will be looking to increase that during the third quarter.

Ms. Garcia enclosed a detailed report in the agenda packet. It provides a deeper analysis of the statistics and information she shared with the Governing Body.

#### **IV. Mayor's Report**

Mayor Kelly reminded everyone that August 2<sup>nd</sup> is election day. Turnout expectations are higher than normal, and the Mayor encouraged everyone to check out the early voting locations. Go to [www.jocoelection.org](http://www.jocoelection.org) for further information.

#### **V. Reports of City Liaisons and Committees**

##### **A. Parks Committee**

Laura Savidge, Chair of the Parks Committee, spoke of the committee's relationship with Public Works and acknowledged how integral they have been in the work done at R Park and Cooper Creek. She said it could not have been accomplished without the support of Public Works Superintendent Daniel Vandebos. She also spoke to Parks and Recreation Director Anthony Marshall and said they will be bringing his enthusiastic nature as they begin the Phase 3 R Park improvements that include CMBR Hill's traffic garden objective as well as the new play structures. Gravel sidewalks in the park will also be replaced with concrete.

Ms. Savidge said they are still two years away from Nall Park renovations and the committee is researching possible grants for the project. The City's 2024 budget has allotted them \$80,000 which will not cover all the updates. She also noted there is a lack of citizen involvement in the park and would like to see Ward 1 resident input.

Jamie Davis from the committee has spearheaded a project to add a wildflower meadow at the north end of R Park, a spot that is currently weeds and a drainage area.

The Parks Committee continues to work to support Public Works Department with park maintenance as the City was unable to fill the part-time positions. She urged the City to continue to work to fill those positions for next year.

Ms. Savidge concluded her report saying the pavilion and shelter rentals remain popular.

CMBR Poppa noted that the Parks Committee has been working with the Arts Committee to place the heart they won from the Parade of Hearts auction in front of the Boulevard Apartments.

CMBR Rebne asked how much revenue has been generated from the rental of the pavilion. Ms. Savidge she recently contacted Mr. Marshall and asked him to research that. She will provide those numbers to the Governing Body when she receives them. Currently the fees are based on neighboring cities, and it was agreed to revisit that a year later which is now. She believes they need to reword some language in the rental agreements and also to collect a cleaning deposit as they have been having issues with people not leaving the pavilion clean like they found it or just not picking up after themselves at all.

CMBR Rebne also stated that he had emailed Mr. Marshall about the discrepancy in soccer rental fees. He noted that Roesland did not sign up with R Park. CMBR Rebne said that Mr. Marshall is working on that and that it would be nice to have the Roesland team be in Roeland Park at R Park.

## **VI. Unfinished Business**

*There was no Unfinished Business discussed.*

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Approve Change Order to Complete Storm Sewer Repairs in Pipe Running Through Bishop Miege Campus**

City Administrator Moody said the staff recommends Kansas Heavy Construction for the change order. The area affected is in the baseball diamond and surrounding area that have two public storm sewer pipes below it that have holes in them causing the dirt to be carried away. Kansas Heavy has crews that can complete the project quickly before school starts. Phillips Construction also bid the project and is working on Elledge. They would be available to do the sewer repairs after Elledge is complete.

CMBR Hill asked where the issue and why if it is on Miege property how it is a public drainage pipe. City Administrator Moody said the Miege campus is large, and the natural drainage way goes through the property. He provided schematics showing where the issues are, a sink hole adjacent to the batting cages and around the corner south and west of the western dugout is another sink hole. Excavation work will need to be completed to see exactly what the issue is. The pipes are in the drainage easement and function as public stormwater conveyors. As an example, he noted that north of 57<sup>th</sup> street there is an easement through the back yards of private residences. CMBR Hill asked when the easements went into effect and City Administrator Moody said it was more than 15 years ago.

Mayor Kelly stated because this is a public storm system, they have the duty of an easement. City Administrator Moody also added it changed when the City accepted those easements from Bishop Miege.

CMBR Rebne asked if they ever look at their contractors to see if they have the participation of a union. City Administrator Moody said they do not check for unions during the bid process. CMBR Rebne said as a union teacher it seems like that would be an important question to ask. City Administrator Moody stated if that is a requirement to bid, then that would be an action by the Council. CMBR Rebne said it is just a piece of information he would like to know.

City Attorney Felzien said that Kansas is a Right-to-Work state, and the state would not let that be a requirement. CMBR Rebne reiterated he was not asking for it to be a requirement but only for the information. City Administrator Moody said they could say whether a contractor they are recommending is union or not. CMBR Rebne said he would like to know if a contractor allowed its employees to organize. City Administrator Moody said employers cannot prevent employees from organizing as that is a federal law.

CMBR Hill expressed concerns about the level of professionalism from the crew working on Elledge. She would like to see a clause added to the agreement for debris cleanup each night during the Miego contract. She said the Elledge crews are leaving corrugated pipe laying around and is concerned it will become the responsibility of the City if someone is hurt.

Some comments were made away from the microphone by City Engineer Dan Miller regarding a stockpile of material on Elledge.

**MOTION:** CMBR DICKENS MOVED AND CMBR MADIGAN SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDER TO ADD SPOT STORM SEWER REPAIR WORK TO THE CONTRACT CURRENTLY IN PLACE WITH KANSAS HEAVY AT A BID COST OF \$16,300. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**B. Approve Dedication of St. Luke's 1% Public Art Donation for the Gateway Sculpture**

Mayor Kelly stated in lieu of art the City has approved acceptance of the 1 percent project donation from Embree. The Arts Advisory Committee is asking that the monies be utilized for a gateway sculpture with final design and placing coming before the Governing Body for final approval.

**MOTION:** CMBR POPPA MOVED AND CMBR FAIDLEY SECONDED TO APPROVE THE ALLOCATION OF THE \$76,161 FOR THE EMBREE PUBLIC ART DONATION BE PUT TOWARDS THE GATEWAY SCULPTURE. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

**C. Discuss August 1, 2022, City Council Meeting**

Mayor Kelly stated that CMBR Madigan made the request cancel the August 1<sup>st</sup> meeting and forgo any items to the August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting.

CMBR Hill asked if the request is because there is only one item. CMBR Madigan said it is vacation time and parents are getting children ready to return to school and he did not see a reason to bring everyone out for one item.

CMBR Faidley said it would be beneficial for the record to say what the item is. Mayor Kelly said it is the glass recycling agreement with Ripple for the curbside service.

CMBR Hill asked if other items would have been added if they did not cancel the meeting. Mayor Kelly said there were no other items of note nor was there anything time sensitive.

City Administrator Moody said the meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> will largely be related to the budget and require action from the Governing Body. First, there will be a public hearing related to amending the 2022 budget followed by the Governing Body approving that amendment, adopting the 2023 budget, setting the mill rate for 2023, adopting the resolution to exceed the revenue neutral rate. Also, on the agenda will be to approve the 2023 solid waste assessment, and the Ripple Glass recycling agreement.

**MOTION:** CMBR MADIGAN MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CANCELLATION OF THE AUGUST 1, 2022, CITY MEETING. (THE MOTION CARRIED 8-0.)

### VIII. Ordinances and Resolutions

*There were no ordinances or resolutions presented.*

### IX. Reports of City Officials

#### A. COVID Report

Ms. Winn attached the latest COVID report to the agenda packet.


#### B. City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Moody said he has been working with Midtown Signs on graphics for the two electric vehicles. Graphics will reflect they are speedy with their inspections and code enforcement. They want to make the car look fast, being a clean machine with no dirty driving. The goal is to be cool and unique.

### Adjourn:

**MOTION:** CMBR RAGLOW MOVED AND CMBR DICKENS SECONDED TO ADJOURN. (MOTION CARRIED 8-0)

(Roeland Park City Council Meeting Adjourned at 6:39 p.m.)



Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk



Mike Kelly, Mayor