

RUSHVILLE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

1. ROLL CALL & CALL TO ORDER

The Rushville City Council met in the meeting room of the City Hall building. Upon convening, Mayor Carson Klitz directed Judy Caputo to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Terry Dodds, Jeff Ervin, Bob Lambert, Barry Rebman, and Mike Ryan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Members, Richard Davis and Paul Trimble were absent.

Others present included: Judy Caputo; City Attorney, Charlie Burton; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Schuyler Isley, representing Schuyler County Economic Development Commission (SCEDC); Kent Paisley, representing the Late Knight Cruisers; Erin Eveland, representing The HUB; and Eric Stauffer.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

Paul Trimble arrived at 7:01 p.m.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Erin Eveland, representing The HUB, was present to request an extension on the TIF grant they have been approved for because they have run into construction delays. **Consensus of the council was to grant a six (6) month extension to The HUB.**

Eveland also reported that The HUB will be hosting the Smithsonian exhibit in October & November 2023.

Kent Paisley, representing the Late Knight Cruisers, reported Sunday's car show was the biggest yet. Paisley said he heard so many positive comments about the downtown area. Paisley thanked the city workers for their hard work in getting the park cleaned up after the storm. Paisley stated that if the car show continues to grow, they may need to expand off the square down some side roads.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

All items on the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted in one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.

- a. Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held June 6, 2022
- b. Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 06/20/22" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c. Approve Adopting Resolution No. 1133, Smiles Day Resolution
- d. Consider 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1349, Prevailing Wage Ordinance

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Davis.

5. ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – IF APPLICABLE

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

6. PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1348, AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS FOR THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE

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7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ACCEPTING DONATION OF TOMLINSON LAND

After a brief discussion, the council agreed to accept the donation of the fifteen (15) acres with the provisions outlined in their proposal, including a committal of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) to Schuy-Rush Park over a three (3) year period.

Ervin MOVED TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF THE TOMLINSON LAND, WITH THE PROVISIONS OUTLINED IN THE PROPOSAL. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 1-ABSENT – Davis.

8. DISCUS & CONSIDER REBUILDING PUMP ON WELL #9

Water Committee Chairman, Jeff Ervin reported the pump from Well #9 was sent to St. Louis and needs rebuilt. Ervin stated the cost for the rebuild is Thirty-One Thousand Two Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (\$31,271).

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE REBUILDING THE PUMP ON WELL #9. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Dodds, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Davis.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER HIRING PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Grievance & Personnel Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble, reported they interviewed three (3) candidates for the part-time city maintenance job. Trimble said the committee recommended hiring two (2), Xander Allen and Aiden Davis.

Trimble MOVED TO APPROVE HIRING XANDER ALLEN AND AIDEN DAVIS AS PART-TIME EMPLOYEES. Lambert SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Rebman, Ryan, Acker, Dodds, Ervin, & Lambert; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Davis.

10. DISCUSS & CONSIDER FINALIZING PLANS FOR JACKSON STREET & MONROE STREET FOR HUTCHINSON ENGINEERING TO COME IN AND ENGINEER & QUOTE FOR JACKSON STREET TO FRANKLIN STREET

Ervin reported there is an 80/20 grant available for the Monroe Street to Jackson Street resurfacing, but only if we use brick. Ervin stated the grant deadline is October 1, 2022. A discussion followed.

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11. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Council Member, Susan Acker asked City Attorney, Charlie Burton about a letter to IDOT about the traffic study since we have not heard anything back from them as of today. Attorney Burton said he did send out another letter.

Acker also asked about the Gordley property on East LaFayette Street, and Attorney Burton said that the police are looking for her, but have been unable to find her to serve her.

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported money has been appropriated money for a snow push for the loader. Ryan stated Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell has a quote of Five Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$5,100) with a quick attach. **Consensus of the council was to purchase the snow push.**

Park & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman reported he received a call from Chase Worthington at Worthington Funeral Home with a request from the classmates of Ramon Escapa’s children who would like to purchase and plant a tree in Central Park with placement of a plaque in his memory. Mayor Klitz said he had received a call from Boehm’s Garden Center about this as well. Mayor Klitz noted his only request is that it be a shade tree. **Consensus of the council was to allow a memorial in to be planted in Central Park in memory of Ramon Escapa.**

Mayor Carson Klitz reported he had fired Greenskeeper, Tom Cook, at Scripps Park. Mayor Klitz stated Cook had failed to perform the duties he had been hired to do. Mayor Klitz said outside help has been working on the irrigation system, which was not purged before winter, Chad Edwards will be consulting on the greens, and Mark Coil and Andy Ebey are working on the pumps.

12. ADJOURN

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Trimble, Acker, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Davis . THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:30 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Judy Caputo

Date Minutes Approved