

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 City Clerk, Stacey Briney to call the roll. Upon ROLL CALL, the following answered present: Council Members: Susan Acker, Jeff Ervin, Bob Lambert, Barry Rebman, Mike Ryan, and Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Members, Richard Davis and Terry Dodds were absent.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright; Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Schuyler Isley, Economic Development Director; and Sydney DeWeese, Peace Corp Fellow.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Economic Development Director, Schuyler Isley introduced Sydney DeWeese and said DeWeese will be helping her with economic development for the next ten (10) months through the Peace Corp Fellow program.

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 September 6, 2022
- b. Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 09/19/22" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c. Approve the Appointment of Ted Eifert to the Scripps Park Board
- d. Approve Transferring \$40,000 from the Scripps Trust Fund to the Scripps Park Fund
- e. Pass & Adopt Resolution No. 1135, A Resolution Supporting ITEP & the West LaFayette Street Restoration Project

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Acker, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Dodds.

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER PURCHASING NEW MOWER(S)

Cemetery Committee Chairman, Bob Lambert reported the committee met with the water and sewer committee and looked at bids for mowers for all the departments. Lambert noted they got the bids separated out so they are more comparable with Birkey's still being the better bid. Lambert said he talked with Cemetery Sexton, George Vincent about looking into the possibility of a cheaper mower and Vincent told him that he has used a Skag mower in the past and they have a longer wheel base and use more gas.

Lambert MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASING TWO (2) NEW MOWERS FROM BIRKEY'S FOR THE CEMETERY AND THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT AT A COST OF ELEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$11,599) FOR THE CEMETERY MOWER AND TWELVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE DOLLARS (\$12,599) FOR THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT WITH THAT MOWER TO BE PAID FROM THE WATER FUND. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Dodds.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER AWARDING THE SIDEWALK PROJECT BID(S)

Council Member, Jeff Ervin reported the committee met to open the bids for the sidewalk projects on South Congress, South Liberty, and East LaFayette Streets. Ervin stated the committee recommended going with the low bidder, G M Sipes Construction at One Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Dollars (\$194,000). Ervin noted this bid was for all three (3) sidewalks.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE AWARDING THE SIDEWALK PROJECT TO G M SIPES CONSTRUCTION AT A COST NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$194,000), WITH THE PROJECT TO BE PAID WITH EXCESS TIF FUNDS. Lambert SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH A ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 5 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Acker, & Ervin; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Dodds; 1 ABSTAIN – Trimble.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ADVERTISING FOR BIDS FOR BUILDING TO HOUSE THE GRAVE DIGGER & SEWER MACHINE

Lambert reported the committee again met with the water and sewer committees to discuss specifications for a building to house the grave digger and sewer machine. Ervin said the committees decided to advertise for a metal 24Wx20D building with two (2) twelve foot (12') garage doors with a side entrance door. Mayor Klitz asked if the old building would be taken down, and Ervin stated it would stay and the new building would go beside it.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR BIDS TO CONSTRUCT A BUILDING TO HOUSE THE GRAVE DIGGER AND SEWER MACHINE TO BE SPLIT BETWEEN THE CEMETERY, WATER, AND SEWER FUNDS. Rebman SECONDED.

Council Member, Mike Ryan said he would like to fix up the old building at the same time and add onto it if possible. Mayor Klitz stated he thinks the old building should be torn down because it is just an old wood building. Lambert noted Vincent keeps supplies in that building. Ervin said the new building will be on its own and the old one should not affect the new building

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Ervin, & Lambert; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Dodds.

9. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS

TIF Committee Chairman, Bob Lambert reported the committee met to discuss what Zach Fletcher of Fletcher Construction needs to do on his application to get approved because some stuff that is on the current application disqualifies him.

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman reported the golf course raised about Eight Thousand Dollars (\$8,000) on the tournament that was held Sunday to help with the cost of the irrigation system. Rebman stressed that the city and park need to figure out something with the irrigation system. Rebman said Groundskeeper, Andy Ebey has about fifty (50) leaks right now. Rebman noted he is going to explore some options.

Mayor Carson Klitz reported the Scripps Trust money has been received in the amount of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000)

Mayor Klitz stated Debbie Hester of The Lipsticked Pig neglected to get approval to close the alley (McAllister Street) on Friday, September 23rd and Saturday, September 24th for the bands on Smiles Day weekend. Mayor Klitz noted this is more of a safety issue. **Consensus was to approve closing McAllister Street from South Liberty to Bessie Street.**

Mayor Klitz said the High School needs approval to use the gazebo for their coronation on Saturday, September 24th. **Consensus was to approve allowing the High School to use the gazebo for coronation.**

10. ADJOURN

Ervin MOVED TO ADJOURN. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Ryan, Trimble, Acker, Ervin, Lambert, & Rebman; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Dodds. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:12 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved