

## 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, Richard Davis, Terry Dodds, Jeff Ervin, Bob Lambert, Barry Rebman, Mike Ryan, and Paul Trimble. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; 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); and Kent Paisley.

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

### **3. SCHUYLER ISLEY TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL RE: SCEDC**

Schuyler Isley introduced herself as the Executive Director of the Schuyler County Economic Development Commission (SCEDC). Isley noted she will be attending the council meetings as an observer and answer any questions that may come up.

Isley reported there was going to be a meeting Tuesday at noon with an USDA director at the Schuyler Penney building. Isley said she would like everyone that can attend to please do so. Isley stated this will be more of a roundtable discussion to see what the needs are in the community. Isley noted Rushville is one (1) out of ten (10) communities in Illinois that the USDA wants to work with, and they will take those ideas that come from the discussion back to their delegates in the state and federal levels.

Isley stated what has been going on in Rushville and Schuyler County, in her opinion, has been more like community development which makes this a great place to live but she feels we need a very strong economic engine to bring wealth into the community. Isley stressed that the wealth will have to come from outside of the community. A discussion followed.

Isley reported there had been some discussion at one point when dialoguing how to get the economic development going again, the intergovernmental agreement was mentioned that was in place in the past. Isley stated at that time, the Economic Development Director was an employee of the city and now SCEDC is their own entity under the umbrella of the Schuyler County Foundation so an intergovernmental agreement would not be needed. Isley said SCEDC would need a resolution from both the city and county stating that the city was giving Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) and the county was going to put in Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000). Isley noted her salary was Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) and her assistant's salary was Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000).

Isley stated SCEDC's other source of income would be memberships which would be One Hundred Dollars (\$100) per year for anyone wanting to join. Isley said she is asking for the council to consider solidifying the Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). Mayor Klitz recommended Isley get with City Attorney, Charlie Burton to come up with a resolution on what is needed. Isley said she will draft the resolution and get it to Attorney Burton. **City Clerk, Stacey Briney was directed to place *Discuss & Consider Adopting Resolution with SCEDC on the next council agenda.***

Council Member, Terry Dodds asked Isley when SCEDC's meetings were, and Isley stated they are held the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Isley noted, right now, the meetings are being held at the Rushville State Bank Annex because they will not be in the old city hall building for awhile.

Isley reported the grant for renovations to the old city hall building has been submitted and the grant is for Eighty-Nine Thousand Dollars (\$89,000). Isley said there will be a conference room in there that can be utilized by others for different things, i.e., resumes, applications, etc.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kent Paisley, representing the Late Night Cruisers Car Club reported he spoke with the owner of the Rocket Café about the car show and it went okay. Paisley noted he invited him to the meeting tonight, but he obviously did not show up. Paisley stated the owner got a little unpleasant when he told him that it would probably benefit his business if he would stay open.

**5. 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 March 7, 2022
- b) Approve the Minutes of the Street Committee Meeting held March 15, 2022
- c) Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 03/21/22" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d) Consider Reserving Central Park on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, for Sunrise Services
- e) Consider Closing the South Side of the Square & Reserve Central Park on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, for Ag Day on the Square
- f) Consider Reserving Central Park & Approve Closing the North, South, & East Sides of the Square on Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, for the Father's Day Car Show
- g) Consider 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 1342, Ordinance Renewing an Existing Franchise & Granting for a Period of 5 Years to Ameren Illinois, a Corporation, Its Successors and Assigns, The Franchise Right Permission & Authority to Construct, Reconstruct, Excavate for, Places, Remove, Extend, Maintain, & Operate a Gas Utility System in the City of Rushville, County of Schuyler and State of Illinois
- h) Consider 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance No. 1343, Ordinance Renewing an Existing Franchise & Granting for a Period of 5 Years to Ameren Illinois, a Corporation, Its Successors and Assigns, The Franchise Right Permission & Authority to Construct, Reconstruct, Excavate for, Places, Remove, Extend, Maintain, & Operate an Electric Utility System in the City of Rushville, County of Schuyler and State of Illinois

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

**6. ITEMS TO BE REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA – IF APPLICABLE**

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

**7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE ATV, UTV, & GOLF CART ORDINANCE**

Street Committee Member, Paul Trimble reported he got some bad information before the meeting about the ATV, UTV, & golf carts that he was not pleased about so he would like to table this until he can get more information. **No action was taken at this time.**

**8. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Public Buildings Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported he got some quotes for security cameras for all of the city buildings. Trimble noted he will call a committee meeting to discuss it.

Sidewalk & Lighting Committee Chairman, Paul Trimble reported he will also be calling for a committee meeting to discuss the three (3) sidewalks on the square. Trimble said he would like to have the meeting onsite if possible.

Council Member, Susan Acker asked Attorney Burton if he had heard back from the state, and Attorney Burton stated they have secured a new meeting date since the original one was canceled but he cannot remember off-hand when it is.

Council Member, Bob Lambert reported the DAR event that originally scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> had to be changed to May 11<sup>th</sup> due to a conflict. **Consensus of the council was okay with the change of dates.**

Council Member, Richard Davis reported he has received complaints regarding speeding on Cathy Lane. Davis said one of the landowners stopped the owner that lives on the end of the street to ask them to not speed, but that one owner decided to not listen and detoured through the ditch. Davis wondered if some speed limits signs or speed bumps could be put in down there. Mayor Klitz directed Davis to get with Chief of Police, Rick Wright on that matter.

Davis also reported there is a tree on South Jackson Street & Clinton Street that has the sidewalk heaved up. Davis noted he has talked with Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell about it. Davis stated the north side of West Clinton Street has some sidewalk missing, and Mayor Klitz said he had

spoken to the homeowner there at one time and she was okay with taking it out. Mayor Klitz thought someone should talk to her again to make sure she is still on board with it.

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman reported he spoke with Campbell about the trees on the square and there are actually four (4) ash trees that need to come down. Rebman stated Todd Zeisler said he would cut them down for One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500) and Boehm's would charge Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) to do the stumps. Rebman noted the city would take care of the little ones.

Rebman also reported that the Scripps Park Board would like permission to transfer Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) from the Trust Fund to the Scripps Park Fund to cover their expenses.

**9. ADJOURN**

**Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Ervin SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:20 P.M.**

Minutes submitted by,

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Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

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Date Minutes Approved