

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

Others present included: Judy Caputo, City Clerk's Office; Charlie Burton, City Attorney; Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright; Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; and Schuyler Isley, Economic Development Director.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

Council Member, Paul Trimble arrived at 7:03 PM.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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 November 7, 2022
- b. Approve the Minutes of the Street Committee Meeting held November 16, 2022
- c. Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 11/07/22" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d. Consider 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 1353, Annual Tax Levy

Mayor Klitz REQUESTED TO HAVE ITEM "D" REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA.

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

Mayor Klitz asked to remove "Item D" from consent agenda for discussion. Mayor Klitz reported that he has performed the duties of Mayor for the last seven (7) plus years without accepting a salary and wants the salary to be available to his successor, if they chose to accept it. City Attorney, Charlie Burton, stated both the Annual Tax Levy and the appropriations will have to be amended.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS – Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPROVING A VARIANCE FOR DEANNA ZEISLER

There was no action taken on this item as the council would like Deanna Zeisler present to answer comes questions regarding the variance request.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER US CELLULAR CONTRACT

Council Member, Jeff Ervin reported he received the US Cellular contract which is up for renewal. After a brief discussion, it was decided to go with a thirty (30) year contract, which is actually six (6), five (5) year contracts. Ervin stated the city will receive a Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollar (\$2,500) payment which gives US Cellular the right to first refusal should the land go up for sale. Ervin said the contract is for Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) a year with a three percent (3%) yearly increase. Ervin also suggested that all of this income go directly to the Scripps Park Fund.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE US CELLULAR CONTRACT WITH US CELLULAR PAYING TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$2,500) UP FRONT GIVING THEM THE RIGHT TO FIRST REFUSAL SHOULD THE LAND GO UP FOR SALE. Dodds SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS –Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin; Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble, 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

8. DISCUSS & CONSIDER TRANSFER OF LEASED PROPERTY

Ervin reported that the Meyer property in the bottoms is going up for auction the 29th of this month and the city has an old delapidated building on this property, where pumps used to be and old wells. Ervin noted the city has no use for the building as it is in disrepair. City Attorney, Burton suggested the city do a Quit Claim Deed to the appropriate grantee.

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH A QUIT CLAIM DEED TO APPROPRIATE GRANTEE. Ryan SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS –Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

9. DISCUSS & CONSIDER APPLYING FOR USDA GRANT FOR NEW DUMP TRUCK

Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell, reported he has been searching for a dump truck for the city. Campbell stated a two-ton (2T) dump truck will have to be ordered and delivery is about two (2) years out. Campbell said he found a one-ton (1T) F550 4-wheel drive dump truck that Koenig in Peoria has in their possession that the city could obtain the first of next year. Campbell noted both trucks are basically the same price and have an eleven-foot (11') bed.

Campbell said the two-ton (2T) truck price was One Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$130,000) six (6) months ago, and the one-ton (1T) truck is One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Two Dollars (\$136,292). Campbell stated the one-ton (1T) truck has zero weight rating for hauling but will push more snow. Campbell reported he talked to Gary Hamilton from the City of Beardstown and they use a one-ton (1T) trucks for snow removal.

Campbell stated he was informed of a USDA Rural Development Grant available which would cover up to thirty-five percent (35%) of the cost of the truck, leaving the City to come up with approximately Eighty-Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$88,500). Campbell said he is asking for approval to change to a one-ton (1T) truck rather than a two-ton (2T) truck.

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE MOVING FORWARD WITH USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT TO PURCHASE A (ONE TON (1T) TRUCK. Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS –Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT.

10. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Economic Development Chair, Susan Acker reported Schuyler County Economic Development Commission (SCEDC) has requested the city pay one-third (1/3) of the salary for Peace Corp Fellow, Syndey DeWeese. Acker stated the County Board and SCEDC will each provide one-third (1/3) as well. **Consensus of the council was to pay one-third (1/3) of the Peace Corp Fellow salary.**

Street Committee Member, Terry Dodds reported the street committee met regarding the intersection of East Jefferson and North Liberty Streets after receiving complaints of parked vehicles causing obscured vision of oncoming traffic. Dodds stated the committee went on site and parked vehicles in the four (4) spots to see the issues. Dodds said the committee is recommending angled parking, which cannot be done until spring.

Claims & Insurance Committee Chairman, Richard Davis reported cyber security has been added to the City's insurance package.

Mayor Klitz reported he was contacted by Schuy-Rush Park Board President, Ted Fowler, requesting a bill be paid for what he deemed an “emergency tree removal” of a tree hanging over a campsite. Mayor Klitz said Alan Williams performed the job and submitted a bill for Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$370). Mayor Klitz informed Fowler that all bills must be approved by council, and payment would not be made until such approval. Mayor Klitz noted Fowler became upset and quit the board. Mayor Klitz stated Tanya Tomlinson would like a seat on the Schuy-Rush Board and he is asking for consensus to appoint Tomlinson to the board. **Consensus agreed.** Mayor Klitz said there is still one (1) seat to fill to make a full board and he will be working on this.

11. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Ervin SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 8 YEAS –Acker, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Trimble; 0 NAYS; 0 ABSENT. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:40 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Judy Caputo

Date Minutes Approved