

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

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Charlie Burton, City Attorney (*arrived at 7:07 p.m.*); Nathan Campbell, Superintendent of Operations; Rick Wright; Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Deanna Zeisler, Kyle Morse, and Jessica Fox.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deanna Zeisler reported the house that she currently lives in needs a lot of work but with her health conditions, she is not able to do it. Zeisler noted her son and his children are living with her right now and he is planning on staying in the house. Zeisler stated she would like to purchase a 1981 trailer and put it on the back side of her lot, which would be on Penny Lane. Zeisler said the trailer has new siding, windows, and metal roof. Mayor Klitz stated the trailer is forty (40) years old and that goes against the city's ordinance so it would take a variance with council approval to go through.

Council Member, Terry Dodds asked about the availability of water and sewer, and Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell said he is not sure if there is anything on that side of the lot. Mayor Klitz asked Zeisler what the size of the lot was, and she was not sure and stated she would have to check her paperwork when she got it back from the bank. Council Member, Mike Ryan noted he thinks the lot is about one hundred twenty feet (120') wide, north to south. Ryan asked if the standards of having the concrete blocks, etc. would still exist. Council Member, Jeff Ervin recommended Zeisler pick up the rules and regulations at City Hall. **Consensus of the council was to approve a variance for Deanna Zeisler on the age of a trailer with Dodds voicing a NAY vote.** Dodds stated that he disagrees only because it goes against our ordinance.

Deanna Zeisler, Kyle Morse, and Jessica Fox left the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

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 21, 2022
- b. Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 12/05/22" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c. Approve "Claims for Schuy-Rush Approval Dated 11/28/22" (*due to no quorum*)
- d. Consider Appointment of Tanya Tomlinson & Cody Ingles to the Schuy-Rush Park Board
- e. Consider \$500 Donation to The HUB (*as per past practice*)
- f. Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1353, Annual Tax Levy

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA. Dodds 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. DISCUSS & CONSIDER PURCHASING NEW COMPUTER FOR SCADA SYSTEM

Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, Jeff Ervin reported this is the last computer that needs updated. Ervin stated TimbukTech quoted a new computer at One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Four Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$1,224.50).

Ervin MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASING A NEW COMPUTER FOR THE SCADA SYSTEM FROM TIMBUKTECH AT A COST OF ONE THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$1,224.50), WITH FUNDS TO COME OUT OF WATER AND SEWER. Rebman SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Davis.

7. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Council Member, Bob Lambert reported the Jail Museum is getting new carpet on January 16th and their board is hoping the city workers can help move furniture, filing cabinets, etc. since this is a city-owned building. Campbell said he will work it in.

Water & Sewer Committee Chairman, Jeff Ervin called a **Combined Committee Meeting for Friday, December 16th, at 1:00 p.m. to Discuss Water Projects.** Ervin stated Jamie Headen of Benton & Associates will be in town that day at 2:00 p.m. for a bid opening for the Silverleaf and Wilson Street projects and he would like to meet with the committees to finalize the projects that will be covered with the LaHood grant money. Ervin said Headen also has a couple ideas for the Rogers Bakery storm sewer.

Mayor Klitz reported city employee, Vernon Boker had been disciplined for three (3) different acts. Mayor Klitz noted they held a meeting last week with Attorney Chris Walters and the union, but the union left after five (5) minutes. Mayor Klitz said the union is now filing grievances on several things.

Mayor Klitz stated the letters were sent to him, but the union knows the city is represented by counsel. Mayor Klitz reported Boker had swerved at Council Member, Paul Trimble while driving a city vehicle, spun donuts on city property, and failed to refill the chemicals at the water plant. Mayor Klitz said Boker told Campbell that he put in the chemicals but Campbell got an alarm in the middle of the night, so he went to the water plant and took pictures of what was not done when Boker said he did it.

Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell reported the sidewalk on South Liberty Street is finished and Luke Stolp is fabricating the handrail. Campbell said the sidewalk on South Congress Street was finished today and they have replaced the bricks as well.

Campbell stated there were a couple things that were found in the engineering plan that he has been working with Petie Hamm of G M Sipes Construction. Campbell noted the engineer only put wire mesh in the ramps and not in the entire sidewalk. Campbell said both him and Hamm thought it should be in all of it so they went ahead and did it. A discussion followed.

Ryan said he was approached by the owner of Subway and she was concerned because the ramp that her delivery drivers used was now gone. Campbell stated it had to be taken out because it did not go anywhere.

Campbell reported that he got the prices back on the planters to match what was already on the square and they are Six Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$6,400) per planters. Campbell noted he can order them if that is what the council wants, or he can look around for something cheaper.

8. ADJOURN

Dodds MOVED TO ADJOURN. Ervin 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. THE MEETING STOOD ADJOURNED ACCORDINGLY AT 7:24 P.M.

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk

Date Minutes Approved

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