

## 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, and Mike Ryan. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Council Member, Paul Trimble was absent.

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*; Karrie Bright & Amy Wiley, representing the Rushville Little League; Bill Roberts & John Goddard, representing Schuyler County Veterans Homes; Schuyler Isley, SCEDC Director (*arrived at 7:01 a.m.*); and Bryan Matteson & Pierce Langford.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

### 3. LITTLE LEAGUE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL

Karrie Bright, representing Rushville Little League (RLL) introduced herself and said they had attended the Scripps Park Board meeting last month and were advised that before they do any improvements to the field or dispose of any items, that they need to come to the council. Council Member, Jeff Ervin noted RLL has always done their own thing and the city only provided an employee to mow the grass. Mayor Klitz stated the RLL has been autonomous for the past fifty (50) years and never asked the city for any money. Mayor Klitz reported the RLL has a lot to do and as far as he is concerned, he feels comfortable having them answer directly to the city council. Mayor Klitz stressed that he does not see a reason to fix something that is not broken. Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman said if something needs to be done, then he feels the RLL should just do it.

Bright reported RLL is trying to raise money to replace the scoreboards on their own but they were told that they would need the city's okay to dispose of the old ones. Mayor Klitz said he understands the city owns the property but the RLL did not do anything to usurp or embarrass the city council. Parks & Recreation Committee Member, Susan Acker noted if the scoreboards were municipally owned then we would have to dispose of them correctly but they are not so she feels the RLL can do whatever they want with the. **Consensus of the council was to allow the Rushville Little League to answer to the city council and not the Scripps Park Board.**

*Karrie Bright and Amy Wiley left the meeting at 7:06 p.m.*

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Goddard, representing the Schuyler County Veteran's Homes reported the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) house is just about complete and they are starting on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) house. Goddard stated the group got away from the 2x4's For Hope and have now gone in with the Schuyler County Community Foundation. Goddard said the group needs money and he is hoping the city can help. Goddard noted he is here asking for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000). Mayor Klitz wanted to make sure the houses were located in the city limits and Goddard said the second (2<sup>nd</sup>) and third (3<sup>rd</sup>) houses are right behind the first (1<sup>st</sup>) house.

Goddard stated it cost approximately One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) to build and furnish each house, but that means that the only thing the veteran has to do is walk in the door. Goddard noted the new owner does have to pay for utilities, property taxes, and insurance but lives there rent free. Council Member, Terry Dodds questioned if this donation could come from the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund, and City Clerk, Stacey Briney said that is only for advertisement. Goddard noted they do need to make up some fliers since they changed from 2x4's so they could use the money for that. Ervin recommended that the city pay up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) for the pamphlets. Mayor Klitz stated that money can come out of the General Fund. **Consensus was to pay One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) from the General Fund to pay for fliers for the Schuyler County Veteran's Home.**

Goddard also reported he is planning on having an Armed Forces Day run, which would be the Saturday before Memorial Day weekend, from the Beardstown Memorial to the Rushville Memorial. Goddard noted he is trying to get the roads closed for that time so he might have more information next month. Mayor Klitz directed Goddard to get with Clerk Briney to have something put on the agenda.

*John Goddard and Bill Roberts left the meeting at 7:13 p.m.*

**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 held January 17, 2023
- b. Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 02/06/23" & Accept Monthly Reports
- c. Consider Suspending Rules RE: Ordinance No. 1357, Sale of Surplus Property (Golf Carts)
- d. Pass & Adopt Ordinance No. 1357, Sale of Surplus Property (Golf Carts)
- e. Approve Reserving Central Park on Saturday, April 29, 2023, for Prom Preview at 6:00 P.M.
- f. Consider Appointment of John Sutor to the Scripps Park Board

Mayor Klitz reported he has had several local people interested in the golf carts and he is afraid that someone will come in and buy all of them. Mayor Klitz thought there could be a stipulation that a person could only bid on one (1) cart. Ervin asked City Attorney, Charlie Burton if the city had to take the high bid, and Attorney Burton said we do not. Clerk Briney noted the ad says that the city has the right to reject any and all bids.

**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, Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, & Ryan; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.**

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

**7. CONSIDER SUSPENDING THE RULES RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1356, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 625, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MOTOR VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE SAME) – SMART RURAL COMMUNITY SIGNS**

**Rebman MOVED TO SUSPENDING THE RULES RE: ORDINANCE NO. 1356, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 625, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MOTOR VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE SAME) – SMART RURAL COMMUNITY SIGNS. Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL "YEA" ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 7 YEAS – Davis, Dodds, Ervin, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 1 ABSENT – Trimble.**

**8. PASS & ADOPT ORDINANCE NO. 1356, AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 625, (AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF MOTOR VEHICULAR AND PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE SAME) – SMART RURAL COMMUNITY SIGNS**

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

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported the city crew has been busy taking down problem trees. Ryan noted Zeisler Tree Service has been helping out as well.

Police Committee Member, Jeff Ervin reported the city is going to be losing a full-time police officer by the end of the month. Ervin said Chief of Police, Rick Wright was hoping the council would agree to advertise for both full and part-time officers. **Consensus of the council was to advertise for full and part-time police officers.**

**10. ADJOURN**

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