

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, 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 Jeff Ervin were absent.

Others present included: Stacey Briney, City Clerk; Rick Wright, Chief of Police; David Haney of *The Rushville Times*; Amanda Schieferdecker & Rikki Bridgewater representing Big Buddy Youth Program, Schuyler Isley, Schuyler County Economic Development Director; Evan Harrison and Bryan Matteson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Carson Klitz.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Amanda Schieferdecker, representing Big Buddy Youth Program introduced herself and reported they would like to have an event in Central Park on Saturday, April 22nd. Schieferdecker said this would be an art day for the area youth. **Consensus of the council was to allow the Big Buddy Youth Program to use Central Park on April 22nd.**

Amanda Schieferdecker and Rikki Bridgewater left the meeting at 7:02 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 March 20, 2023
- b. Approve the Minutes of the Union Negotiating Committee Meeting held March 21, 2023
- c. Approve "Claims for Council Approval Dated 04/03/23" & Accept Monthly Reports
- d. Approve the Purchase of a Computer and Software for the SCADA System
- e. Reject All Bids for the Surplus Golf Carts

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

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

All items were approved on the Consent Agenda.

6. DISCUSS & CONSIDER ACCEPTING BIDS FOR REPLACING THE ROOF & CEILING ON THE MAINTENANCE SHED

Public Buildings Committee Member, Terry Dodds reported the committee met but did not have a quorum. Dodds stated those that were in attendance opened the bids for replacing the roof and installing the ceiling at the maintenance shed and suggesting approving the bids from Veterans Construction in the amount of Thirty Thousand One Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars and Eighteen Cents (\$30,154.18) for the roof and Fourteen Thousand One Hundred Dollars (\$14,100) for the ceiling.

Dodds MOVED TO APPROVE ACCEPTING THE BID FOR REPLACING THE ROOF ON THE MAINTENANCE SHED FROM VETERANS CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FOUR DOLLARS AND EIGHTEEN CENTS (\$30,154.18), AND THE BID FOR THE CEILING FROM VETERAN CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF FOURTEEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$14,100). Acker SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” ROLL CALL VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Dodds, Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, & Acker; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Ervin.

7. DISCUSS & CONSIDER FUNDS TO SCHUY-RUSH PARK FOR NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM

Parks & Recreation Committee Chairman, Barry Rebman reported that Schuy-Rush Park needs a new septic system. Rebman stated the board got a bid from Chad Forman to replace it and it came in at Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$17,590), which the board approved. Rebman noted if the park was to pay for it, they would not have any funds left to operate on. Rebman said after the city pays for the Silverleaf & Wilson Street projects, there will be approximately Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000) left in the ARPA Funds.

Rebman MOVED TO APPROVE PAYING FOR A NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM FOR SCHUY-RUSH PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$17,590) WITH THE FUNDS TO COME FROM THE REMAINING ARPA FUNDS. Trimble SECONDED, AND THE MOTION CARRIED WITH AN ALL “YEA” VOICE VOTE AS FOLLOWS: 6 YEAS – Lambert, Rebman, Ryan, Trimble, Acker, & Dodds; 0 NAYS; 2 ABSENT – Davis & Ervin.

8. COUNCIL MEMBER & OFFICIALS’ REPORTS

Street Committee Chairman, Mike Ryan reported he has received several complaints of speeding down Cathy Lane. Ryan said he is going to have a committee meeting to talk about speed signs.

Cemetery Committee Member, Barry Rebman reported he has had a lot of complaints of people walking their dogs in the cemetery and not picking up after them. Mayor Klitz said the city will address this and see what happens.

Mayor Carson Klitz read from last week’s *Rushville Times* regarding the Farmers Market and having the vendors sit on the grass. Mayor Kitz stressed that the city council has had this conversation before and voted to not fix something that was not broken. Mayor Klitz stated he is going to have Chief of Police, Rick Wright go to the Chamber of Commerce office and tell them to keep their hands off the Farmers Market. Mayor Klitz said that Kala Peacock does not dictate how the council conducts business. Mayor Klitz noted he feels the Chamber is making it hard for someone to sell their items. Ryan said he thought the change was for the safety of the people coming on the highway. Mayor Klitz stated that the way it is right now, people can still access the vendors from the sidewalk. Mayor Klitz stated Superintendent of Operations, Nathan Campbell said he also objected to this change.

9. ADJOURN

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

Minutes submitted by,

Stacey L. Briney, City Clerk/CMC

Date Minutes Approved